

BOARD PROPOSAL #1
Memorandum of Understanding
Differentiated Accountability Schools Training
October 30, 2018

Florida Statute 1001.42(21) provides that school districts shall negotiate special provisions [in their] contract with the appropriate bargaining units to free schools with a school grade of "D" or "F" from contract restrictions that limit the school's ability to implement programs and strategies needed to improve student performance. The negotiations shall result in a memorandum of understanding that addresses the selection, placement, and expectations of instructional personnel and provides principals with the autonomy described in s. 1012.28(8).

Staff at Differentiated Accountability (DA) schools will be provided additional professional development supports ongoing throughout the year. Planning days will be utilized for professional development, not to exceed more than half of the workday. All teachers are expected to participate in offered professional development, as all staff members are held responsible for student outcomes. If additional professional development is scheduled outside of the school day, staff will receive the staff development stipend.

As required by the Florida Department of Education, teachers with a VAM score that is less than effective at a single D school will be placed on an Achievement Improvement Support Plan and receive coaching and support around their student data. Prior to the end of the school year, if school data indicates the likelihood of a consecutive D or F grade, those teachers previously identified as having a VAM score that is less than effective will be subject to involuntary transfer at the end of the school year.

Any school that receives two consecutive grades of D or a single grade of F may not employ any teacher identified by the Florida Department of Education as having a VAM score that is less than effective.

Any additional requirements imposed on DA schools by the Florida Department of Education will be implemented.

Transfer Rights

Pursuant to 1012.34 F.S., the District will monitor summative evaluation and VAM scores of the teachers in these schools. Teachers who are not rated at Effective or higher are not eligible for continued employment at these schools and may be subject to involuntary transfer. Additionally, as defined in 1012.2315(2)(a), the District must also ensure that the percentage of temporarily certified teachers, teachers in need of improvement, or out-of-field teachers assigned to these schools, does not exceed that of the District average. Teachers falling into these categories at a Differentiated Accountability School may be subject to involuntary transfer to the degree needed to bring the school into compliance with Florida law. Nothing contained in this MOU is intended to in any way limit or alter the statutory rights of the Board, Superintendent, and teachers under Florida Statutes 1012.33 and 1012.335.

For the Board

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For the Union

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