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Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) System* Application

DISTRICT NAME

The Lee County School System

DISTRICT ADDRESS

126 Starksville Avenue/PO BOX 399
Leesburg, GA 31763

Richard Woods
State School Superintendent

MAY 2015

*Please note that if HB 502 goes into effect on July 1, 2015, districts that chose the IE² flexibility option will henceforth be known as Strategic Waivers School Systems.

IE² SYSTEM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Please enter the requested information in the gray boxes following each question. Thank you!

Proposed IE2 System Information			
1. Full Name of Proposed IE2 System The Lee County School System			
2. Please indicate whether this is a: New Petition X or a Renewal Petition		3. How many schools in total are you proposing to include in your IE2 system? 8	
4. How many of each of the following schools are you proposing to include in your IE2 system?			
Primary School(s)	2	Middle School(s)	2
Elementary School(s)	2	High school(s)	2-one of these is a 9 th grade campus
5. On July 1 of what year do you want your IE2 contract to be effective? 2015			
6. IE2 System Street Address 126 Starksville Avenue	7. City Leesburg	8. State GA	9. Zip 31763
10. Contact Person Susan Manry		11. Title Curriculum Director	
12. Contact Street Address 126 Starksville Avenue	13. City Leesburg	14. State GA	15. Zip 31763
16. Contact's telephone number 229-903-2148	17. Contact's fax number 229-903-2130	18. Contact's E-mail Address manrysu@lee.k12.ga.us	

ASSURANCES FORM AND SIGNATURE SHEET

The law requires your school district to provide assurances that it will do certain things and comply with certain laws. This Assurance Form enumerates all of these requirements and, when you submit this signed Signature Sheet with this Assurance Form as part of your IE2 System Application Package, you are providing the legal assurance that your IE2 system understands and will do these things. This form must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the school system.

As the authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the information submitted in this application for an IE² contract for Lee County School System (*name of school system*) located in Lee County is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; I also certify that if awarded an IE² the school system:

1. Shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations;
2. Shall not discriminate against any student or employee on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, national origin, gender, disability or age;
3. Shall be subject to all federal, state, and local rules, regulations, court orders, and statutes relating to civil rights; insurance; the protection of the physical health and safety of school students, employees, and visitors; conflicting interest transactions; and the prevention of unlawful conduct;
4. Shall be subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A § 20-2-1050 requiring a brief period of quiet reflection;
5. Shall ensure that the IE² system is subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. and O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.;
6. Shall ensure that all teachers will be certified or highly qualified in compliance with No Child Left Behind;
7. Shall comply with the accountability provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20-14-30 through § 20-14-41 and federal accountability requirements, and participate in statewide assessments;
8. Shall adhere to all provisions of federal law relating to students with disabilities, including the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applicable;
9. Shall provide state and federally mandated services for English Language Learners, as applicable;



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10. Shall provide for supplemental educational services as required by federal law and pursuant to SBOE Rule 160-4-5-.03, and for remediation in required cases pursuant to SBOE Rule 160-4-5-.01;
11. Shall notify the state of any intent to contract with a for-profit entity for education management services;
12. Shall be subject to the requirement that it shall not charge tuition or fees to its students except as may be authorized by local boards by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-133;
13. Shall comply with federal due process procedures regarding student discipline and dismissal;
14. Shall be subject to all laws relating to unlawful conduct in or near a public school;
15. Shall have a written grievance procedure to resolve student, parent, and teacher complaints;
16. Shall comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 20 -2-211.1 relating to fingerprinting and criminal background checks;
17. Shall ensure that if transportation is provided for its students, the system shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws;
18. Shall ensure that if the IE² system participates in federal school meals programs, then each participating system IE² school shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws;
19. Shall prepare a safety plan in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1185 and submit and obtain approval from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency;
20. Shall comply with the state facility requirements regarding site codes, facility codes, the submission of architectural plans for any new facility that the system may build or occupy during the IE² term and all other facility requirements as established by the Department;
21. Shall be subject to all reporting requirements of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160, subsection (e) of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-320, and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-740;
22. Shall be subject to an annual financial audit conducted by the state auditor or, if specified in the IE² contract , by an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state;
23. Shall acknowledge that all criteria used to calculate QBE funding may not be waived;
24. Shall follow any and all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations that pertain to the applicant or the operation of the IE² system; and
25. Shall ensure that all new principals and other school leaders, central office staff, superintendents, and Board of Education members receive a detailed orientation session on their IE² system commitments as part of their "on-boarding" process.



Georgia Department of Education

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This IE² System Application, Assurance Form, and attached Exhibits were approved by the Lee Board of Education on the 27th day of July, 2015.

James R. Miller
Superintendent

7.27.2015
Date

Sylvia S. Vann
Chair, Local Board of Education

7-27-2015
Date

If an IE² contract is granted, all Petitioners assure that the proposed IE² system programs, services, and activities will operate in accordance with the terms of the IE² contract and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

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