

**SPENCER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Agenda Item**

Item # \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date 6/23/2014

Topic/Title ASBURY UNIVERSITY - Memorandum of Understanding

Presenter \_\_\_\_\_

**Origin**

\_\_\_\_\_ Topic presented for information only (*no board action required*).

\_\_\_\_\_ Action requested at this meeting.

X Item is on the consent agenda for approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ Action requested at future meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_ Board review required by –

\_\_\_\_\_ State or federal law or regulation

\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education policy

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Review, Discussion or Action**

\_\_\_\_\_ No previous Board review, discussion or action

\_\_\_\_\_ Previous review or action

**Background/Summary of Information**

Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Asbury University which is required now by the Education Professional Standards Board. This simply states that our teachers who participate in the principal certification program receive ongoing professional assistance and mentoring in a clinical based environment.

**Impact on Resources (REQUIRES FINANCE OFFICER'S INITIALS OF REVIEW)**

\_\_\_\_ Finance Officer

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

"Recommend approval of MOU with Asbury College."

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MEMORANDUM  
of  
UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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AND

SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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TAYLORSVILLE, KY 40071

1. PREAMBLE

This MOU is designed to foster a cooperative relationship through mutual collaboration in delivering an educational leadership preparation program. Through this cooperative arrangement Asbury University and the Spencer County School District seek to make possible a high level of authenticity in the preparation of leaders for the greater Spencer County area.

1.1 ASBURY UNIVERSITY (AU)

Founded in 1890, Asbury University is an independent liberal arts university, providing undergraduate and graduate educational programs guided by the classical tradition of orthodox Christian thought. The mission of Asbury University, as a Christian Liberal Arts University in the Wesleyan Holiness tradition, is to equip men and women through a commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the profession, society, the family and the Church, thereby preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world.

1.2 Spencer County SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Spencer County School District is located in Taylorsville, Kentucky and serves the greater Taylorsville area. There are six schools within the school system, ranging from pre-school to high school.

2. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (AU)

AU will deliver a program approved by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) and will culminate in a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership-School Principal, all grades.

**Principal Certification 30 HOURS CREDIT**

The newly designed principal preparation program, (approved by the Educational Professional Standards Board), is an authentic, contemporary approach to educational leadership preparation offered by Asbury University. The graduate education program in Educational Leadership qualifies credentialed teachers to complete requirements for Principal Licensure in developing skills to serve as leaders for today's schools striving for excellence. An exciting aspect of this new program is our partnership with P-12 educators who will assist in program delivery providing a high level of authenticity to our



preparation of highly qualified leaders. The goal of this new program in educational leadership is to produce leaders who exemplify moral excellence and are highly qualified in curriculum and assessment coupled with strong training in leadership to positively impact the learning of all P-12 students.

#### **Collaboration with Spencer County:**

Collaboration with the Spencer County School District will include the following:

- Pledge of support to: observe school and district leadership; participate in school and district leadership activities; participate in high quality field experience; flexibility to use planning time for leadership activities; utilize aggregated school and district information and data; community involvement.
- Provide High Quality Field Experiences: identify and provide successful mentors with 21<sup>st</sup> Century leadership skills; ensure that the candidate has a continuum of school-based experiences that range from observing to participating and leading; expose candidates to diverse student populations and school environments.

### **3. ADMISSIONS**

Students seeking to enroll in the graduate education program for a course of study in educational leadership must meet the program specific admission requirements of Asbury University Graduate Education Program. As part of the application process, all graduate students in the Principal Preparation program must:

- give evidence of ability to improve student success
- knowledge about curriculum, instruction and assessment
- leadership potential, letters of recommendation from applicant's principal, supervisor, and/or colleague
- a personal statement of career goals

All admissions standards and registration processes will be the same as those offered on the main campus in Wilmore, KY and will be handled by the appropriate offices on the main campus.

### **4. AMENDMENTS OF MOU**


This MOU is a product of good faith. Therefore, any conflicts that may occur should be resolved through mutual consultation. Any revision, amendment, or deletion of a part of, or any addition to, this agreement, will be subject to approval and signature of the presiding officers of both parties. The rescission and/or revision of any or all items of this MOU will be decided after consultation and agreement between both institutions.

### **5. DURATION**

This MOU will be in force for a period of one year from the initial date of signature and will be automatically renewed annually unless terminated by either party with 30 days notice in writing.

1     **6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2     This MOU will become effective upon its ratification by the heads of the two  
3     institutions/district and/or the other designated signatories.

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5     **ASBURY UNIVERSITY**  
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