

## TRAILBLAZER CAREER ACADEMY INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement deem it mutually advantageous to provide services, programs, and facilities to the residents of their respective school districts including but not limited to those provided through a Regional Career Academy; and

WHEREAS, a Regional Career Academy is defined as an all-day learning environment established in partnership with multiple school districts, a locally operated career and technical center, postsecondary partners and business and industry partners where students participate in a combination of academic and career and technical education classes in order to expand career pathway studies available to students in the partnering school districts; and

WHEREAS, these services can best be provided through joint effort pursuant to an inter-local cooperation agreement;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The parties to this Agreement are the Anderson County Public Schools, the Burgin Independent Public Schools, the Danville Independent Public Schools, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and the Mercer County Public Schools (hereinafter "the Schools").
2. This Agreement is entered into by the parties pursuant to the provisions of KRS 65.210 through KRS 65.300 and the parties, pursuant to this Agreement, may jointly exercise any or all of the powers and privileges conferred upon inter-local cooperative agreement participants by those statutes.
3. This Agreement shall be administered by a Board composed of the one (1) representative of each party, who shall be its superintendent; one (1) representative from Hughes-Jones Harrodsburg Area Technology Center, who shall be the principal; one (1) representative from Bluegrass Community and Technical College, who shall be the vice president, advancement and organizational development; and seven (7) business and industry representatives, who shall be from each high-demand sector related to the pathways of Trailblazer Career Academy and at least three (3) from the local workforce development boards in Anderson, Boyle and Mercer Counties. The Board shall be known as the Trailblazer Career Academy Steering Committee. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Board shall act pursuant to a favorable vote of a majority of its members present at a meeting consisting of a quorum, and a quorum shall be defined as having nine (9) members present.
4. The Board shall be responsible for the general control and management of the Academy and such other programs or activities as it may from time to time undertake, all to be consistent with the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the regulations of the State Board of Education, and the mission of the Academy. The Academy is an all-day learning environment established with multiple school districts, the locally operated career and technical center, postsecondary partners, and business and industry partners designed to graduate students with the academic and employability skills needed to have a competitive advantage in the global economy and for regional high-demand, high-wage occupations.
5. The Board may from time to time enter contracts with other persons or entities for assistance in managing and operating the Academy and such other programs as it may from time to time undertake.

6. The Board shall have general responsibility for the receipt, disbursement, and accountability for any funds it receives for execution of this Agreement.
7. Unless otherwise determined by subsequent agreement of their Boards of Education, the parties shall share the costs and expenses incurred by the Board on a pro rata basis determined by dividing the costs and expenses by the number of participating parties. During its first year of operation, the parties shall contribute Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) toward the operation of the Academy, but shall be obligated to contribute no more than that sum in the first year. This obligation shall continue for the second through fifth years unless a party notifies the other parties of its intent to withdraw in accordance with paragraph 9.
8. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and shall thereafter renew automatically for one year terms until terminated by the Board of Education of each respective school district being a party hereto.
9. A party to this Agreement may withdraw as of June 30 of any year if it has provided written notice of its intent to do so to each other party by June 30 of the year prior to the year in which it intends to withdraw. A withdrawing member shall remain responsible for any debts or obligations incurred by the Board prior to the June 30 effective date of its withdrawal.
10. The Board may enter and terminate leases and make any and all such other contracts and agreements as it is allowed by law to enter.
11. Any property, real, personal, or mixed acquired by the Board shall be held in trust for the parties, which fact shall be declared and explained in any instruments relating to the ownership of the property interest.
12. Upon expiration or dissolution of this Agreement, any property held by the Board shall be conveyed to the parties in proportion to the amount of the money contributed by them for its acquisition, improvement, and maintenance, all as reflected in the financial records of the Board.
13. Upon the withdrawal of a party pursuant to paragraph 9. of this Agreement, that party may dispose of its interest in the property of the Board in any manner consistent with applicable law and approved by the remaining parties in writing. If no such approval is given, the withdrawing member's property interest shall continue to be held by the Board in trust for the party and it shall receive its portion of the Board's property upon expiration or dissolution of the Agreement as provided in paragraph 12.
14. Additional Kentucky public school districts may become parties to this Agreement upon unanimous approval by the Board of an amendment to this Agreement accepting the new district as a party to this Agreement.
15. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the members and approval by the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties by their authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**ANDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approving resolution approved by Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**BURGIN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approving resolution approved by Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**DANVILLE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approving resolution approved by Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approving resolution approved by Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**MERCER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approving resolution approved by Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:**

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Lewis Jr., Ph.D.  
Interim Commissioner of Education

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Andy Beshear  
Attorney General, Commonwealth of Kentucky