

July 24, 2012

Scott Smith, Executive Director
Arkansas Public School Resource Center
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Scott:

Enclosed is a signed copy of the MOU between APSRC and SAU. We are looking forward to a productive relationship. Please be looking at your schedule for a time to visit the campus and to meet our other vice presidents, deans, and individuals from our College of Education.

Also could you tell me when your conference is scheduled? We have some options for presentations that we like to have considered. Thanks again for this opportunity to work together.

Sincerely,

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Roger W. Giles
Vice President for Administration
and General Counsel

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU” or “Agreement”) is entered into among Southern Arkansas University (“SAU”), the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc., an Arkansas non-profit corporation (“APSRC”), and Southern Arkansas University Foundation, Inc. (the “SAU Foundation”).

1. Background and Purpose

1.01 SAU was established for the purposes of providing education opportunities at the university level on a regional and state wide basis and more adequately fulfilling its changing role as a multi-purpose, comprehensive institution of higher learning. See Ark. Code Ann. §6-65-401 et seq. Furthermore the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (“ADHE”) and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (“AHECB”) set forth the role and scope for SAU to include serving “regional and state employees, both public and private – including school districts seeking technical assistance” and supporting public schools through various outreach programs such as APSRC.

1.02 To further these purposes, it is important that students entering universities receive a high quality education at the K-12 levels through well supported and adequate open-enrollment charter schools and public schools.

1.03 The SAU Foundation, a private non-profit corporation existing solely to benefit SAU, has received a grant to support the operational costs for APSRC in affiliation with SAU.

1.04 Consistent with the role of SAU set forth in Section 1.01 above, APSRC was formed as an Arkansas non-profit corporation and as a public charity in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to do the following on behalf of the public schools in the state of Arkansas: (a) to provide comprehensive services and assistance to open enrollment public charter schools and also to rural school districts in the state of Arkansas (collectively the “public schools”); (b) to provide all forms of technical assistance to the public schools in areas such as school law, school finance, school technology, teaching, learning, accountability and testing, tracking and measuring student achievement, financial management and best practices, and other issues of importance to the public schools; (c) to provide forums, seminars, and other professional and educational and career opportunities for educators, administrators and parents with children attending the public schools, to provide professional development programs for the public schools; and (d) to engage in such other educational programs and activities as the board of directors of APSRC may from time to time determine is consistent with the overall mission of APSRC in supporting the public schools.