

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into between NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., a non-profit corporation, who owns and operates the EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER, and the WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT in Chipley, Florida.

NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., who owns and operates the EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER, and WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT agree to develop an instructional partnership that will maximize the use of area natural resources and community expertise while providing a redesigned science curriculum based upon relevant and real-world instruction.

An expressed goal of this partnership will be to develop in our students, at an early age, an understanding and appreciation of our natural resources so as to encourage them to be good stewards of our environment as they assume their adult lives.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT.

As a principal party in this partnership, the WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. Agrees to provide students to support the Biophilia Center educational Programs, to include grade 4 and grade 7. Support state and federal grant opportunities that will enhance the experience of Washington County students. Transportation costs will be assumed by the Washington County School District.
2. Will provide its teachers with professional development training opportunities so they will be prepared to both take advantage of and assist the Biophilia Center staff with its educational programs.
3. Will assist the Biophilia Center in enhancing the educational qualifications of its staff by providing access to Board professional development opportunities and assistance

in obtaining professional certification.

4. Provide central staff and teacher release time, as necessary, to assist in the development and planning of Biophilia Center educational programs.

5. To the extent permitted by law, and without waiving any exemptions under SS31, Art X of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 768, Florida Statutes to indemnify and hold harmless NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., who owns and operates the EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER, its employee and representatives from and against any and all liability or claims for damages of any kind whatsoever resulting from negligent acts, intentional acts, or failure to act on its part or on the part of its officers, agents and employees in carrying out the provisions of this agreement.

6. Will continue to pursue grant opportunities that will support and accelerate full implementation of Biophilia Center Education Program.

NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER'S COMMITMENT:

As a principal party in this partnership, NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., who owns and operates the EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER.

1. Will develop and provide detailed, coordinated learning experiences that are fully aligned with Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in partnership with the SCHOOL BOARD OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

2. Will design learning experiences that:

- (a) Are hands on and project based
- (b) Focus upon real-world conditions and concerns
- (c) Maximize the use of small-group instruction

- (d) Require interactive communication between participants
- (e) Emphasize problem solving and critical thinking
- (f) Require students to operate at a higher depth of knowledge
- (g) Highlight curricular connections to multiple academic disciplines

3. Will feature educational programs that provide four (4) days of interaction for students at selected elementary grades and middle school grades, including pre and post program activities that will substitute for appropriate portions of the grade-level curriculum. Support state and federal grant opportunities that will enhance the experience of Washington County students. All curriculum shall be approved by the District.

4. Will develop and support smaller, single day activities and nature trail experiences (available through request) to be utilized by students in the non target grade levels.

5. Will provide qualified and motivated student internship opportunities to participate in Nokuse conservation efforts.

6. Will provide professional development opportunities to teachers to maximize their support of Biophilia Center educational programs.

7. Join the WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT to explore the use of Biophilia center staff and facilities in support of an environmental science/natural resource management career academy.

8. Will have all of its employees who will be in contact with Washington County School District students, or who will be on Washington County School District campus, fingerprinted and level 2 screening conducted on them in accordance with Section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, commonly known as the “Jessica Lunsford Act”. If any employee has previously been fingerprinted in another county in the State of Florida and cleared a level 2

screening, that employee will need to show proof of such and not need to be rescreened in the District.

9. To indemnify and hold harmless the WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability or claims for damages of any kind whatsoever resulting from negligent acts, intentional acts, or failure to act on its part or on the part of its officers, agents and employees in carrying out the provisions of this agreement.

10. **TERMINATION.**

This agreement may be terminated at the end of any WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT year by either party, without cause, providing the terminating party gives the other party thirty (30) days written notice.

THIS AGREEMENT shall become effective on the date the last party hereto executes this Agreement.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

BY: Wayne Saunders

WAYNE SAUNDERS – Chairman

BY: Dr. Sandra M Cook

DR. SANDRA M. COOK – Superintendent

DATE EXECUTED: 3.23.11

NOKUSE EDUCATION, INC., who owns and operates EDWARD O. WILSON BIOPHILIA CENTER

BY: M C Davis

Printed Name: M.C. DAVIS

Its: CEO

ATTEST: Christy Scally

Printed Name: Christy Scally

Its: Director