

WHEREAS, the School Board, the County, and the Cities enter into this agreement in fulfillment of that statutory requirement and in recognition of the benefits accruing to their citizens and students described above; and

WHEREAS, the School Board, the County and the Cities acknowledge the School's Board's constitutional and statutory obligations to provide a uniform system of free public schools on a districtwide basis; and

WHEREAS, the School Board, the County and the Cities acknowledge the land use authority of Local Government to approve or deny comprehensive plan amendments and development orders; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it mutually agreed among the School Board, the County, and the Cities that the following procedures will be followed in coordinating land use and public school facilities planning:

SECTION 1 JOINT MEETINGS

1.1 Staff Working Group

A staff working group of the County, School Board, and Cities will meet on a semi-annual basis to discuss issues and formulate recommendations regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning, including such issues as population and student projections, development trends, school needs, co-location and joint use opportunities, and ancillary infrastructure improvements needed to support the school and ensure safe student access. A staff representative from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) will also be invited to attend. A designee of the School Board shall be responsible for coordinating and convening the semi-annual meetings.

1.2 Annual Meetings of Elected Officials

One or more representatives of the County, each City, and the School Board will meet at least annually in joint workshop sessions. A representative of the NCFRPC will also be invited to attend. The joint workshop sessions will be opportunities for the County Commission, the City Commissions and Councils, and the School Board to hear reports, discuss policy, set direction, and reach understandings concerning issues of mutual concern regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning, including population and student growth, development trends, school needs, off-site improvements, and joint use opportunities. The Superintendent of Schools, or designee, shall be responsible for making meeting arrangements and providing notification to the general public of the annual meeting.

SECTION 2 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS

2.1 Annual Revision and Distribution

In fulfillment of their respective planning duties, the County, Cities, and School Board agree to coordinate and base their school facility planning upon consistent projections of the amount, type, and distribution of population growth and student enrollment. Countywide five-year population and student enrollment projections shall be revised annually and provided at the first staff working group meeting described at subsection 1.1.