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E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent
St. Lucie County School Board
4204 Okeechobee Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Dear Supt. Gent:

I welcome the opportunity to propose continuing the strong working relationship relative to legislative affairs that we have enjoyed among the Treasure Coast districts during the past 13 years. As you know, my intent for FY19 is to maintain our mutual efforts with Martin and Okeechobee County School Districts, collaborating with Palm Beach, as the informal Treasure Coast workgroup. In addition, proposed is assistance to you and the Board in developing both a school board program and providing written points and assistance to the St. Lucie County government team in mutual advocacy at the local level and in Tallahassee.

At this point, I will be in Tallahassee for the session and pre-session committee weeks.

Services to be provided by SCGI:

- Coordination with the Treasure Coast Workgroup Board representatives, superintendents and designated staff in the development, preparation and pursuit of mutual legislative issues for 2018, both federal and state, for School Board approval and dissemination;
- Coordination as agreed to in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the School Board and County Commission if renewed for FY19;
- Assistance with Treasure Coast district representatives on joint legislative issues prior to and/or after the regular Florida Legislative session in 2019. Such meetings can include pertinent federal issues for Congressional Delegation;
- Copies of the "Know Your Legislator" booklet for Board Members, Superintendent and designated staff;
- Regularly submitted written and verbal reports to Board Members and Superintendents including a tracking chart of all bills potentially affecting PreK-12 education updated bi-weekly before the session and weekly during the session with a wrap-up upon adjournment;
- Distribution of "FYI's" from sources available to SCGI concerning state and federal issues to Board Members and the Superintendent on a routine basis;
- Assistance as requested by Board Members and staff with individual legislators locally and in Tallahassee during the session and pre-session committee meetings;
- Wrap-up session on results of the regular Florida and Congressional sessions;
- "24/7" availability for questions/input on issues during 2019 Florida Legislative session;
- Attendance, upon request and as scheduling allows, at various meetings involving collective Treasure Coast school district interests; and
- Monitoring and reporting as warranted on activities of the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC) including any preparation of position statements as the district may request.

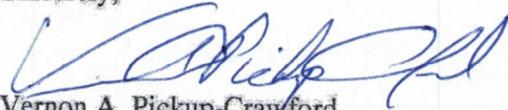
Support Needed from St. Lucie Schools and Treasure Coast School Districts:

- An overall primary contact plus a main contact for each district to receive and disseminate documents, FYI's (E-mailed);
- Directory of key representatives of participating districts and after-hours contact numbers for possible use during the session; and
- Ability to analyze and provide feedback (immediate during the session) on impact to the district of specific bills and appropriations proposals.

Based on the continuation of a joint legislative agenda with the other districts, the fee would be \$19,800, with payment of 50% upon agreement and the remaining 50% in January, 2019. The fee is all inclusive of contractual costs.

Meanwhile, please let me know if you have any questions or any suggested changes to this proposal. I look very much forward to working with you in the coming school year.

Sincerely,



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Approved: _____

Deborah A Hawley
Vice Chairman

Date: _____

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