

**Partnership Agreement**

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**The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of**

**Valdosta State University**

And

**Gilmer County Charter Schools**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Valdosta State University through its Dewar College of Education and Human Services (hereinafter "Dewar College of Education and Human Services") and Gilmer County Charter Schools located in Ellijay, Georgia agree to enter into this Partnership Agreement for the establishment and maintenance of a mutually beneficial partnership. The parties agree that while we recognize that each partnership is unique, the following common principles are intended to facilitate all work associated with this agreement:

**Shared purpose** in collaborating for improved learning for all stakeholders; focusing on continuous school/system/agency improvement and student achievement.

**Reciprocity** whereby the school/system/agency and program provider equally benefit from having candidates and program faculty participate in the school/system/agency environment through mutually valuable opportunities such as preparation of candidates, ongoing professional development for all educators, research and inquiry into improving practice, and other functions as agreed upon by the school/agency and program provider.

This agreement will be reviewed five years from the signature year. Amendments or revisions of this partnership agreement must be approved in writing by the designated school administrator and the dean of the college. Either party (the school or Dewar College of Education and Human Services) may request a review of or withdraw from participation in this agreement at any time.

Any approved and signed addenda to this partnership agreement are attached.

The undersigned accept the terms of this agreement as presented herein:

Stuart Shuck Gilmer County Schools Asst Superintendent  
Administrator, School/System/Agency Title

Date: 11-2-17

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Administrator, School/System/Agency Title

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

Lynn C. Minor  
Dr. Lynn C. Minor  
Interim Dean, Dewar College of Education and Human Services

Date: 12/12/17

Robert T. Smith  
Dr. Robert T. Smith  
Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Valdosta State University

Date: 1/10/18

Please mail the signed agreement to:  
Dewar College of Education and Human Services, Office of the Dean  
1500 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA 31698-0085

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