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TBEP RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

Between January 2007 and June 2008 (18 month period), the Tampa Bay Educational Partnership (TBEP) has garnered approximately $71.9 million in external funding (see attachment A).

The TBEP is in the process of developing a TBEP Fellows Program that will allow students, teachers, school administrators and university faculty to engage in research with the school district and university on issues that concern schooling and quality of life.

TBEP NATIONAL CONFERENCES

TBEP participants (i.e., teachers, administrators, faculty and staff) have been invited to present papers at four conferences over the past year:


(2) The Council of Great City Schools Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 30, 2007 (Gwen Luney, Donna Elam, Bruce Jones and Mary Ellen Elia).


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Site Visits to Washington for Grant Development

Washington, D.C.    December 5 –  8, 2006

Mary Ellen Elia, Donna Elam and Bruce Jones visited the U.S. Department of Education; the National Science Foundation; the National Alliance of State Science and Mathematics Coalitions; and the Education Trust.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Donna Elam; Henry L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Mary Ellen Elia and Bruce Jones

Steve Brockhouse, Office of Innovation and Improvement; Mary Ellen Elia; Donna Elam; Michelle Armstrong, Management Analyst, Parental Options & Information; Iris Lane, Senior Program Officer, Voluntary Public School Choice

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Mary Ellen Elia; Thomas Windham, Office of the Director, Senior Advisor for Science and Engineering; Donna Elam and Bruce Jones

MATH & SCIENCE LITERACY,
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Paola Sztajn, Program Director, Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education;
Robert Gibbs, Program Director, Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education;
Donna Elam; Mary Ellen Elia; Michael Haney, Program Director; Angelicque Blackmon, Program Director, Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education; Bruce Jones
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Cynthia Ryan, Division Director, Office of Language Acquisition, Discretionary Grants Division; Bruce Jones; Mary Ellen Elia, Donna Elam

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SCHOOLING

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
ADDITIONAL TAMPA BAY EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP (TBEP) MEETINGS
DATA SCHOOLS
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
JANUARY 6, 2007
The PROMiSE (MATH/SCIENCE) PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE ($21.9 MILLION)
FEBRUARY 1, 2007
Florida PROMiSE, a partnership of universities, school districts, and educational consortia, addresses the need to improve the mathematics and science achievement of Florida's students through professional development.

Florida recently adopted new mathematics and science standards that represent a substantive change from the standards that were previously in place. Florida PROMiSE will assist teachers and school leaders to implement these new standards. In addition, parents and the community in general will need information to understand the implication of the new standards.

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Florida adopts new mathematics and science standards:

- Are written for individual grade levels (in grades K–8)
- Include fewer topics taught each year in grades K-8 to allow in-depth instruction to increase understanding of concepts
- Include Access Points for students with significant cognitive disabilities that will allow them to access the general education curriculum
- Will help teachers adopt inquiry-based, concept focused strategies

Additional information about the standards are available at: http://floridastandards.org

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The College of Education is pleased to announce the establishment of a new and unique partnership with the Hillsborough County School District. The Tampa Bay Educational Partnership (TBEP) will serve as the institutional vehicle for the communication and coordination of all research grant and contract activity between the University of South Florida and the Hillsborough County School District.

With the establishment of the TBEP, our interest is in encouraging and advancing USF faculty research grant and contract goals in a way that is coordinated and maximal in the usage of faculty and Hillsborough County School District staff expertise.

We share the same beliefs in the benefits of the partnership that are featured in the attached letter (Attachment A) from the Superintendent of Hillsborough County School District. These benefits are:

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FACULTY/STAFF GRANT/CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY REQUEST WITH HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1. Faculty and staff in collaboration with Hillsborough County School District staff can identify mutual research and training needs that are consistent with institutional education missions and engage in the joint action that is necessary to meet these needs.
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3. The partnership increases the potential for interdisciplinary research between USF and Hillsborough County School District with the College of Education serving in a leading role.
4. The partnership serves to improve coordinated strategies for interfacing with federal and state agencies to support mutual educational interests.

DIRECTIONS

✓ Please complete the attached Grant/Contract Development Request
✓ You will be notified by a representative of the CDEDU David C. Anchin Center within 14 days regarding your research interest with the Hillsborough County School District.
GRANT/CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

Date of Submission: ______________________

Name and Title: ____________________________

Faculty: ___ Staff: ___

Department/Center or Institute/College: _______________

Please Provide a Brief Description of the Request for Proposal or Research Idea

Brief Description Here

Sponsor Name (If Applicable): ______________________ (i.e., National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, National Institutes of Health, Florida Department of Education)

Title of Sponsor Program (If Applicable): ______________________

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