

BRADFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Title I Colleague:

Bradford County will be serving three private schools during the 2014-2015 school year: Hope Christian Academy, Northside Christian Academy, and Starke Christian School.

At the direction of the Florida Department of Education, this letter reports the current procedure that the School District of Bradford County and Clay County School District use to serve private school Title I students who attend a private school in one district while residing in the other. The current practice to serve a student residing in Clay County who attend a private school in Bradford County is to email the address of the student to the Title I office in Clay County. The Clay County Title I Office responds to the email either confirming or negating that the student lives in a Title I attendance zone, then the Bradford County Title I Office serves that student in the private school in Bradford County.

If a student resides in Bradford County and attends private school in Clay County, the Clay County Title I Office emails the address of the student to the Bradford County Title I Office, who will respond either confirming or negating that the student lives in a Title I attendance zone. If said student lives in a Title I attendance zone in Bradford County, the Clay County Title I Office will serve that student in the private school in that district.

This is a reciprocal informal agreement in that the School District of Bradford County and the Clay County School District agree to serve Title I students residing or attending private schools in the same manner as same district private school students.

If this is not agreed upon by the School District of Bradford County and the Clay County School District, then a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be developed between the districts. Per the Florida Department of Education, this informal agreement will suffice in lieu of the MOU.

The informal agreement is a required supporting document in the monitoring work papers for Compliance Item DIA-2: The Local Educational Agency (LEA) shall make expenditures for educational services and other benefits to eligible private school children equal to the proportion of funds allocated to participating school attendance areas based on the number of children aged 5-17 from low-income families who attend participating private schools using the allowable methods described in section 1120(c)(1).

Thank you,

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