Memorandum of Understanding

This document represents a Memorandum of Understanding among Central Georgia Technical College, the Baldwin County School System, Milledgeville-Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the Baldwin County Industrial Development Authority, the City of Milledgeville, and the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the BCCA Partnership.

The undersigned representatives of these organizations commit to follow through on the design and implementation of the Baldwin County Career Academy (BCCA) as defined by the attached application for the 2010 Georgia Career Academies Project grant and Charter School Petition. If the BCCA Partnership receives the \$3.16 million in grant funds requested by Central Georgia Technical College and the Baldwin County School System on our behalf, we commit to combining those funds with local funds necessary for the construction, operation, and success of BCCA, including funds from the Baldwin County School System, Central Georgia Technical College, and from other public and private sources for at least ten years, with an initial commitment of \$10,217,331. The Partnership will support the BCCA Board of Directors and the Director and will entertain their requests for additional funds and resources necessary for the design, construction, equipping, implementation, evaluation, and improvement of Baldwin College and Career Academy.

The Partnership further commits to the following areas of support and involvement in BCCA:

- Providing representatives from the Partnership to serve on the Board of Directors, the General CTAE Advisory Committee, and the CTAE Advisory Committees established for each of the Academy's program areas.
- Participating in Curriculum Design Committees to help ensure that the curriculum and instructional programs at BCCA will provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students to be successful in postsecondary education and the workforce.
- Providing assistance to BCCA staff in marketing the Academy and in recruiting, retaining, and supporting its students through such activities as career guidance, career-related education activities, career fairs, the CTAE Showcase, awards programs, CTSO competitive events preparation, and other student involved activities.
- Providing increased opportunities for work-based learning for students, including job shadowing, apprenticeships, and internships.

 Providing increased opportunities for students to earn postsecondary credits prior to high school graduation through dual/joint enrollment and articulation agreements.

Our community began looking earnestly at the establishment of a Career Academy in early 2006. The Baldwin County Career Academy Charter Petition was unanimously approved by the Baldwin County Board of Education on July 28, 2010, and submitted to the Georgia Board of Education for final approval on July 29, 2010. We are committed to working together to achieve the Baldwin County Career Academy's mission: to increase student achievement by encouraging students to achieve their highest potential through the creation of new paths of student learning to post-secondary education and/or careers; thereby, ensuring a viable 21st Century workforce to meet the employment needs of our county and surrounding areas.

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