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TOP-2



Turnaround Option Plan—Step 2(TOP-2) External Operator/Outside Entity (EO)

[District]
[School Name]

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External Operator/ Outside Entity

Due: October 1 for Cycle 1 or January 31 for Cycle 2-4

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guide districts to develop a plan for implementation of the turnaround option External Operator/Outside Entity (EO). The district shall provide the Department with this plan for approval by the State Board of Education (SBE).

Directions

Districts shall complete this Step 2 form for each school for which the district is selecting EO. This completed form must be signed by the superintendent or authorized representative and emailed to BSI@fldoe.org no later than October 1 if Cycle 1 or January 31 if Cycle 2-4. The subject line of the email must include district name, school name and TOP-2(EO).

School

In the box below, identify the name and MSID number of the school that will be supported through EO.

School Name/ MSID Number

EO Assurances

The district must agree to ALL of the following assurances by checking the boxes below.

Assurance 1: Selecting a Successful EO

- The district shall select an EO that has a record of school improvement in turning around schools that are high-poverty and low-performing with students of similar demographics.

Description of how the district will address Assurance 1: Selecting a Successful EO

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Assurance 2: Selecting Leadership

- The district and the EO shall ensure the incoming principal and school leadership team have a successful record in leading turnaround schools and the qualifications to support the population being served.

Description of how the district will address Assurance 2: Selecting Leadership

Assurance 3: Selecting Instructional Staff

- The district and the EO shall ensure that teachers rated as Unsatisfactory and Needs Improvement based on the three-year aggregated state Value-added Model (VAM) rating and on the district’s approved evaluation system, pursuant to section 1012.34, F.S., shall not be staffed at the school.
- If the district establishes a district-managed charter school, the district shall ensure all instructional personnel are not employees of the school district, but are employees of an independent governing board composed of members who did not participate in the review or approval of the charter.

Description of how the district will address Assurance 3: Selecting Instructional Staff

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Assurance 4: Contracting with the EO

The district shall enter into a contract with an EO to operate the school following established district policies and procedures. To ensure the district is well positioned in contract negotiations with an EO the following must be addressed in the contract:

1. Services and responsibilities for leadership and instructional staffing, curriculum and instruction, assessments and progress monitoring, professional development and any other identified school improvement areas.
2. The EO has a record of school improvement in turning around schools that are high-poverty and low-performing with students of similar demographics.
3. The role of the EO in the recruitment, selection and placement of instructional personnel with proven experience and capacity to serve students who may need intensive remediation and instruction.
4. The role of the EO in the recruitment, selection, placement, training and oversight of the school leadership team, including specific information about the EO's authority in these areas.
5. A detailed provision outlining the new or modified services to be provided by the EO if the district had an existing contract with the EO.
6. A detailed budget.

Description of how the district will address Assurance 4: Contracting with the EO

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Acknowledgement

Check the box that applies to the district selection of EO.

- For Cycle 1, the district acknowledges that the plan and the final EO contract is due to the Department by October 1.

- For Cycle 2-4, the district acknowledges that the plan and proposed EO contract are due to the Department by January 31 and the final EO contract is due to the Department by May 1.

Name and title of person responsible for completing and submission of the TOP-2
Contact information: email, phone number
Date submitted to the Bureau of School Improvement
Superintendent Signature (or authorized representative)