

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
The Government of Belize, Ministry of Education
AND
The University of Texas at Tyler**

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made for the purpose of promoting cooperation and further development of a friendly relationship between the Government of Belize, Ministry of Education, acting through the Teacher Education Development Services (TEDS), and The University of Texas at Tyler's (UT Tyler) College of Education and Psychology to help advance teacher preparation, and based on the principle of mutual benefit and reciprocity.

Collaboration Opportunities

The Parties, in furtherance of the aforementioned objectives, will cooperate and collaborate as follows:

- A) Both Parties will collaborate in the evaluation of the Associate of Arts in Primary Education teacher preparation program.
- B) Both parties will collaborate in discussions on creative methods of offering teacher preparation programs, including those that are hybrid or online.
- C) The TEDS and UT Tyler will exchange data and other relevant information in support of increasing the effectiveness of teacher preparation.
- D) Both Parties will endeavor to create opportunities for the TEDS' personnel, as well as for personnel and students of UT Tyler, to participate in research, professional development and other matters of interest to either Party.
- E) Both Parties will promote and enhance public awareness of issues of mutual interest.
- F) Both Parties will undertake to develop, where appropriate, joint project proposals for presentation at conferences and institutions.
- G) Both Parties will pursue joint publications in subject areas of mutual interest.
- H) Both Parties will cooperate, to secure the resources necessary for the implementation of the activities described herein from either internal or external sources.
- I) Both Parties will endeavor to secure the resources necessary for the implementation of this MOU from either internal or external sources.
- J) Unless otherwise agreed, each Party, within the limitations imposed by its objectives and operational capacities, will seek to promote the services and activities of the other Party, especially in relation to activities contemplated in this MOU.
- K) Nothing in this MOU will affect the individual rights of ownership, including intellectual property rights of either Party in relation to any work of value of whatever kind created by that Party. Where work or items of value, including intellectual property, is created jointly by the Parties through their collaboration under this MOU, ownership of such work or items of value shall reside jointly and equally with the two Parties unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties. In all cases of joint ownership of property where no special agreement governing the use of such joint property exists, each Party agrees to share use of and to allow the other Party to utilize such joint property for all purposes that are legal and generally acceptable, unless the other Party objects in writing to such utilization, giving reasons (which shall not be trivial) for such objection. The other Party must receive written notification of the information or document to be published two weeks prior to the intended date of publication. Both parties undertake to use their best efforts to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of any dispute or disagreement between them that may arise as a result of their collaboration under this MOU.

- L) Both Parties agree that, with the consent of the other Party (which will not be unreasonably withheld), either Party may publish the results of projects carried out in the course of performing work under the scope of this MOU. Any document that either Party prepares and publishes as a result of collaboration under this MOU will express in writing the collaboration and consent of the other Party involved. Every joint publication shall be so authorized prior to such publication by a written joint publication agreement between the Parties, otherwise it will be deemed to be the sole publication of the Party undertaking such publication.

Limitations of the MOU

This MOU is a statement of understanding and is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. The MOU will remain in force for three years from the date of signing and be subject to revision or modification by mutual consent. Both parties shall discuss and decide on the continuation or revision of the MOU six months prior to its expiration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF each of the Parties hereto has hereunto by its duly authorized and designated officer(s) set its hand and seals the date first aforementioned.

**Government of Belize, Ministry
of Education**

Carol Babb

December 5, 2019

Date

University of Texas at Tyler

Amir Mirmiran

12/13/19
Date

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