

## HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Business Associate Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "**Effective Date**"), by and between

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
(hereinafter referred to as "**SBBC**" or "**Covered Entity**"),  
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,  
whose principal place of business is  
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

*INSERT NAME OF OTHER PARTY*  
(hereinafter referred to as "Business Associate"),  
whose principal place of business is  
[insert their address here] .

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of some of the services that Business Associate performs for SBBC, Business Associate may be a "business associate," as that term is defined at 45 C.F.R. §160.103; and

**WHEREAS**, SBBC and Business Associate may share Protected Health Information ("PHI") (as defined below) in the course of their relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, SBBC and Business Associate understand that, with respect to coverages subject to regulation under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), they are subject to the requirements governing business associates, including but not limited to the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (both defined below) of ~~the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996~~ ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 ("HITECH"), the Omnibus Rule of 2013, and applicable Florida ~~law Statute 817.5681~~, any of which may be amended from time to time or supplemented by new legislation or guidance (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Business Associate Requirements"); and

**WHEREAS**, SBBC and Business Associate intend to fully comply with current and future Business Associate requirements and mutually desire to outline their individual responsibilities with respect to Protected Health Information ("**PHI**") as mandated by the "Privacy Rule", the "Security Rule", and the HITECH Act; and

**WHEREAS**, SBBC and Business Associate understand and agree that the Business Associate requirements require SBBC and Business Associate to enter into a Business Associate Agreement which shall govern the use and/or disclosure of PHI and the security of ePHI.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 – RECITALS

- 1. Definitions.** When used in this Agreement and capitalized, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) “**Breach**” has the same meaning as that term is defined in §13400 of the HITECH Act and shall include the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI that compromises the security or privacy of such information.
- (b) “**Business Associate**” shall mean Business Associate named above and shall include all successors and assigns, affiliates, subsidiaries, and related companies.
- (c) “**Designated Record Set**” has the same meaning as the term “designated record set” in 45 CFR §164.501, which includes enrollment, payment, billing, claims adjudication and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan, or other information used in whole or part by or for the Plan to make decisions about individuals.
- (d) “**EDI Rule**” shall mean the Standards for Electronic Transactions as set forth at 45 CFR Parts 160, Subpart A and 162, Subpart A and I through R.
- (e) “**HIPAA**” means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.
- (f) “**HITECH Act**” means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009.
- (g) “**Individual**” shall have the same meaning as the term “Individual” in 45 C.F.R. §160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.502(g).
- (h) “**Minimum Necessary**” means the least amount of PHI needed to accomplish the intended purpose of the use or disclosure.
- (i) “**Omnibus Rule**” means the HIPAA Omnibus Rule of 2013.
- (j) “**Privacy Rule**” shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information as set forth at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E.
- (k) “**Protected Health Information**” or “**PHI**” shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in 45 C.F.R. §160.103 (as amended by the HITECH Act) limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of SBBC.
- (l) “**Required by Law**” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in 45 C.F.R. §164.103.
- (m) “**Secretary**” shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- (n) “**Security Rule**” shall mean the Standards for Security of ePHI as set forth at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 Subpart C.
- (o) “**Unsecured PHI**” shall mean PHI that is not secured through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in guidance or as otherwise defined in §13402(h) of the HITECH Act.

Terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.103 and 164.501 and the HITECH Act.

## **ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate Regarding PHI.**

- (a) Business Associate agrees to not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law.
- (b) Business Associate agrees to comply with the “Minimum Necessary” rule when using, disclosing, or requesting PHI, except when a specific exception applies under HIPAA or the HITECH Act.
- (c) Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards and comply, where applicable, with the HIPAA Security Rule to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement.
- (d) Business Associate agrees to report to SBBC, as soon as reasonably practicable, any impermissible use or disclosure of PHI it becomes aware of, and any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Agreement. Any report of breach should be in substantially the same form as Exhibit A hereto.
- ~~(e) Business associate shall promptly inform SBBC of a Breach of Unsecured PHI following the first day on which Business Associate knows of such Breach or following the first day on which Business Associate should have known of such Breach. In addition, where the Unsecured PHI is “personal information” as defined under §817.5681(5), Florida Statutes, Business Associate shall provide written notification to SBBC hereunder which notification shall:
  - ~~1. Be made in the time frame required by Florida Statute §817.5681(2)(a), if the personal information was or is reasonably believed to be acquired by an unauthorized person, except where a law enforcement official determines that a notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security;~~
  - ~~2. Include each individual whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, the subject of a Breach. The notification to individuals shall be made in the time frame required by Florida Statute §817.5681(1)(a); and~~~~
- ~~3.(c) Be in substantially the same form as Exhibit A hereto.~~
- (f) For the Breach of Unsecured PHI in its possession:
  - 1. Business Associate will perform a Risk Assessment to determine if there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised. Business Associate will provide SBBC with documentation showing the results of the Risk Assessment. The Risk Assessment will consider at minimum the following factors :
    - a. The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;

- b. The unauthorized person who used the PHI or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - c. Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and
  - d. The extent to which the risk to the PHI has been mitigated.
- 2. Business Associate will prepare and distribute, at its own cost, any and all required notifications under Federal ~~and/or~~ Florida law, or reimburse SBBC any direct costs incurred by SBBC for doing so.
  - 3. Business Associate shall be responsible for all fines or penalties incurred for failure to meet Breach notice requirements ~~pursuant to imposed~~ by Federal ~~and/or~~ Florida law.
- (g) Business Associate agrees to ensure that, and obtain assurance from, any and all agents, including sub-contractors (excluding entities that are merely conduits), to whom it provides PHI agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information. All agents and subcontractors engaged by the Business Associate that create, maintain, receive or transmit PHI must comply with the HIPAA Rules, including the rules to extend the requirements to the agent's or subcontractor's subcontractors.
  - (h) Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of SBBC, and in the time and manner designated by SBBC, to PHI in a Designated Record Set that is not also in SBBC's possession, to SBBC in order for SBBC to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
  - (i) Business Associate agrees to make PHI available for amendment and incorporate all amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that SBBC directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 at the request of SBBC or an Individual in the time and manner designated by SBBC. Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, policies, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI available to SBBC, or at a request of SBBC to the Secretary, in a time and manner as designated by SBBC or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining SBBC's compliance with the Privacy Rule. Business Associate shall immediately notify SBBC upon receipt or notice of any and all requests by the Secretary to conduct an investigation with respect to PHI received from SBBC.
  - (j) Business Associate agrees to document any and all disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures that are not excepted under 45 C.F.R. § 164.528(a)(1) as would be reasonably required for SBBC to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
  - (k) Business Associate agrees to provide to SBBC or an Individual, in a time and manner designated by SBBC, information collected in accordance with paragraph (j) above, to permit SBBC to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
  - (l) Business Associate agrees to use or disclose PHI pursuant to the request of SBBC; provided, however, that SBBC shall not request Business Associate to

use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by SBBC.

- (m) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any and all harmful effects that are known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI, or a Breach of Unsecured PHI, by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, the HITECH Act or HIPAA generally.
- (n) Business Associate shall provide SBBC with a copy of any notice of privacy practices it produces in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, as well as any and all changes to such notice.
- (o) Business Associate, if performing a function that applies to Covered Entity, agrees to comply with the requirements that apply to the Covered Entity.

### **3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI by “Business Associate”.**

- (a) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities or services for, or on behalf of, SBBC as previously agreed to by the parties (the “Service Agreement”) provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by SBBC.
- (b) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate and to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate.
- (c) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate and to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate if: (i) such disclosure is Required by Law, or (ii) Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that such information will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person agrees to notify Business Associate of any and all instances of which it is aware that the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- (d) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI to provide Data Aggregation services to SBBC as permitted by 42 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

### **4. Obligations of SBBC Regarding PHI.**

- (a) SBBC shall provide Business Associate with the notice of privacy practices that SBBC produces in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.
- (b) SBBC shall provide Business Associate with any and all changes in, or revocation of, authorization by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, if such changes affect Business Associate permitted or required uses and disclosures.

- (c) SBBC shall notify Business Associate of any and all restrictions to the use or disclosure of PHI that SBBC has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522.
- (d) SBBC and its representatives shall be entitled with ten (10) business days prior written notice to Business Associate to audit Business Associate from time-to-time to verify Business Associate compliance with the terms of this Agreement. SBBC shall be entitled and enabled to inspect the records and other information relevant to Business Associate compliance with the terms of this Agreement. SBBC shall conduct its review during the normal business hours of Business Associate, as the case may be, and to the extent feasible without unreasonably interfering with Business Associate normal operations.

## **5. Security of Electronic Protected Health Information.**

- (a) Business Associate has implemented policies and procedures to ensure that its receipt, maintenance, or transmission of “electronic protected health information” (as defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103) (“ePHI”) on behalf of SBBC complies with the applicable administrative, physical, and technical safeguards required for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of ePHI under the Security Standards 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 164 subpart C.
- (b) Business Associate agrees that it will ensure that agents or subcontractors agree to implement the applicable administrative, physical, and technical safeguards required to protect the confidentiality and integrity of ePHI under the Security Standards 45 C.F.R. Part 164.
- (c) Business Associate agrees to report to SBBC all Security Incidents (as defined 45 C.F.R. Part 164.304 and in accordance with ~~applicable §817.5681-(2)(a); Florida law~~ Statutes) of which it becomes aware. Business Associate agrees to report the Security Incident to SBBC as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 10 business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of the incident.
- (d) SBBC agrees and understands that SBBC is independently responsible for the security of ePHI in its possession or for ePHI that it receives from outside sources including “Business Associate”.

## **6. Compliance with EDI Rule.**

Business Associate agrees that, on behalf of SBBC, it will perform all transactions for which a standard has been developed under the EDI Rule that Business Associate could reasonably be expected to perform in the ordinary course of its functions on behalf of SBBC.

Business Associate agrees that it will comply with all applicable EDI standards. Business Associate further agrees that it will use its best efforts to comply with all applicable regulatory provisions in addition to the EDI Rule and the Privacy Rule that are promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Simplification Subtitle of HIPAA.

## **7. Subsequent Legislative or Regulatory Changes.**

Any and all amendments to the laws or regulations affecting the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, the HITECH Act, Omnibus Rule, or HIPAA in general shall be deemed to amend this Agreement to incorporate said changes without further action.

## **8. Amendment.**

The parties agree to take any and all actions necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time so that SBBC is in compliance with the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, the HITECH Act and HIPAA in general. The parties may agree to amend this Agreement from time to time in any other respect that they deem appropriate. This Agreement shall not be amended except by written instrument executed by the parties.

## **9. Term and Termination.**

- (a) ***Term.*** This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until such time as SBBC exercises its rights of termination under section 9(b) or 9(c) and until the requirements of Section 9(d) below are satisfied. The rights and obligations of Business Associate under Section 9(d) shall survive termination of this Agreement.
- (b) ***Termination for Convenience.*** This Agreement may be terminated without cause and for convenience by SBBC during the term thereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to Business Associate.
- (c) ***Termination for Cause by SBBC.*** Upon SBBC's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, SBBC shall provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach. If Business Associate does not cure the breach within thirty (30) days from the date that SBBC provides notice of such breach to Business Associate, SBBC shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, the Service Agreement, or both, by providing thirty (30) days advance written notice of such termination to Business Associate.

SBBC may terminate this Agreement without penalty or recourse to SBBC if SBBC determines that Business Associate has violated a material term of this Agreement.

Upon Business Associate knowledge of a material breach by SBBC, for example, if SBBC makes illegal demands on Business Associate, Business Associate shall provide an opportunity for SBBC to cure the breach. If SBBC does not cure the breach within thirty (30) days of the date that Business Associate provides notice of such breach to SBBC, Business Associate shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, the Service Agreement, or both, by providing thirty (30) days advance written notice of such termination to Covered Entity.

- (d) ***Effect of Termination.*** Except as set forth in this Section 9(d), upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, at the request of SBBC, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from SBBC, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of SBBC. Business Associate shall not retain any copies of the PHI. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, such as in the use of data aggregation, Business Associate shall provide to SBBC written notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. If the return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to

such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

**10. Indemnification.**

- (a) By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence or its agent's acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.
- (b) By Business Associate: Business Associate agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery cost, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees must pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods, or services furnished by Business Associate, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of Business Associate, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of Business Associate agents when acting within the scope of their employment or agency, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including Business Associate property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by Business Associate, SBBC or otherwise.

**ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**11. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.**

Nothing contained herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or as a waiver of limits to liability or rights existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

**12. No Third Party Beneficiaries.**

The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

**13. Non-Discrimination.**

The parties shall not discriminate against any employee or participant in the performance of the duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement because of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

**14. Records.**



Each party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with any public documents request served upon it pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law.

**15. Preparation of Agreement.**

The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

**16. Waiver.**

The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.

**17. Compliance with Laws.**

Each party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

**18. Binding Effect.**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

**19. Assignment.**

Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

**20. Force Majeure.**

Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

**21. Place of Performance.**

All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

**22. Notices.**

When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

With a Copy to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Name of Relevant Administrator)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Insert Name of Relevant Department)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

Privacy Officer  
Risk Management Department  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

To Business Associate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of Other Party)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

With a Copy to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name to be Provided by Other Party)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Address)*

### **23. Severability.**

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, unenforceability or unlawful or void nature of that provision shall not affect any other provision and this Agreement shall be considered as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void provision had never been included herein.

### **24. Captions.**

The captions, section numbers, title and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way effect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

### **25. Authority.**

Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement. The person signing on behalf of “Business Associate” has authority to bind “Business Associate” with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

### **26. No Waiver of Rights, Powers and Remedies.**

No failure or delay by a party hereto in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties hereto, will operate as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy of the party. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy under this Agreement by a party hereto, nor any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce any such right, power or remedy, will preclude such party from any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy hereunder. The election of any remedy by a party hereto will not constitute a waiver of the right of such party to pursue other available remedies. No notice to or demand on a party not expressly required under this Agreement will entitle the party receiving such notice or demand to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances or constitute a waiver of the right of the party giving such notice or demand to any other or further action in any circumstances without such notice or demand. The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be waived, or consent for the departure there from granted, only by written document executed by the party entitled to the benefits of such terms or provisions. No such waiver or consent will be deemed to be or will constitute a waiver or consent with respect to any other terms or provisions of this Agreement, whether or not similar. Each such waiver or consent will be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which it was given, and will not constitute a continuing waiver or consent.

### **27. Regulatory References.**

A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, the HITECH Act, or HIPAA in general means the referenced section or its successor, and for which compliance is required.

**28. Governing Law.**

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida.

**29. Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this Agreement. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

**30. Interpretation.**

Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner that permits SBBC to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, the HITECH Act, HIPAA in general and any subsequent legislation or regulations otherwise affecting Business Associates.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Business Associate Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**FOR SBBC**

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the General Counsel

**FOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did / did not first take an oath this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Commission No.

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTIFICATION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
ABOUT A BREACH OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

This notification is made pursuant to Section 2(d) of the Business Associate Agreement between THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA ("SBBC") and \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Associate).

Business Associate hereby notifies SBBC that there has been a breach of unsecured (unencrypted) protected health information (PHI) that Business Associate has used or has had access to under the terms of the Business Associate Agreement.

Description of the breach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date or date range of the breach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the discovery of the breach: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individuals affected by the breach: \_\_\_\_\_

The types of unsecured PHI that were involved in the breach (such as full name, Social Security number, date of birth, home address, account number, or disability code): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the breach, to mitigate losses, and to protect against any further breaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended steps the individuals whose information was breached should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the breach: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information to ask questions or learn additional information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_