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Panhandle Area Educational Consortium 2012 Legislative Platform

To reach the goals of highest student achievement and best financial practices, the 2012 PAEC Legislative Platform was adopted by the PAEC Board of Directors and focuses on issues of mutual need. These issues are:

1 *Regional Consortium Service Organizations*

Fully fund Regional Consortium Services as established in F.S. 1001.451. The Department of Education should continue its efforts to build regional capacity by utilizing educational consortia as regional service agencies.

2 *Distance Learning Teacher Training*

The FloridaLearns Academy provides professional development for Florida educators and parents in a user friendly, easily accessible format. The Academy is a coordinated system that combines the Florida Education Channel web-based delivery and instruction, as well as face-to-face instruction. Data on courses and participants is collected and managed by the consortium's electronic Professional Development Connections software. PAEC requests continued funding (at FY 2008-2009 level) for this state-of-the-art professional development delivery system.

The Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) Board of Directors endorses the 2012 Legislative Platform of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) and adopts its priorities as an integral part of the 2012 PAEC Legislative Platform.

As a member organization, the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) endorses the 2012 Legislative Platform of the Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC). Among these issues are **funding for Sparsity and Special Facility Construction Account Program** for the small and rural school districts.

PAEC supports juvenile justice staff training, school safety, Florida Association of Partners in Education (FAPE) and Florida DOE reading initiatives.