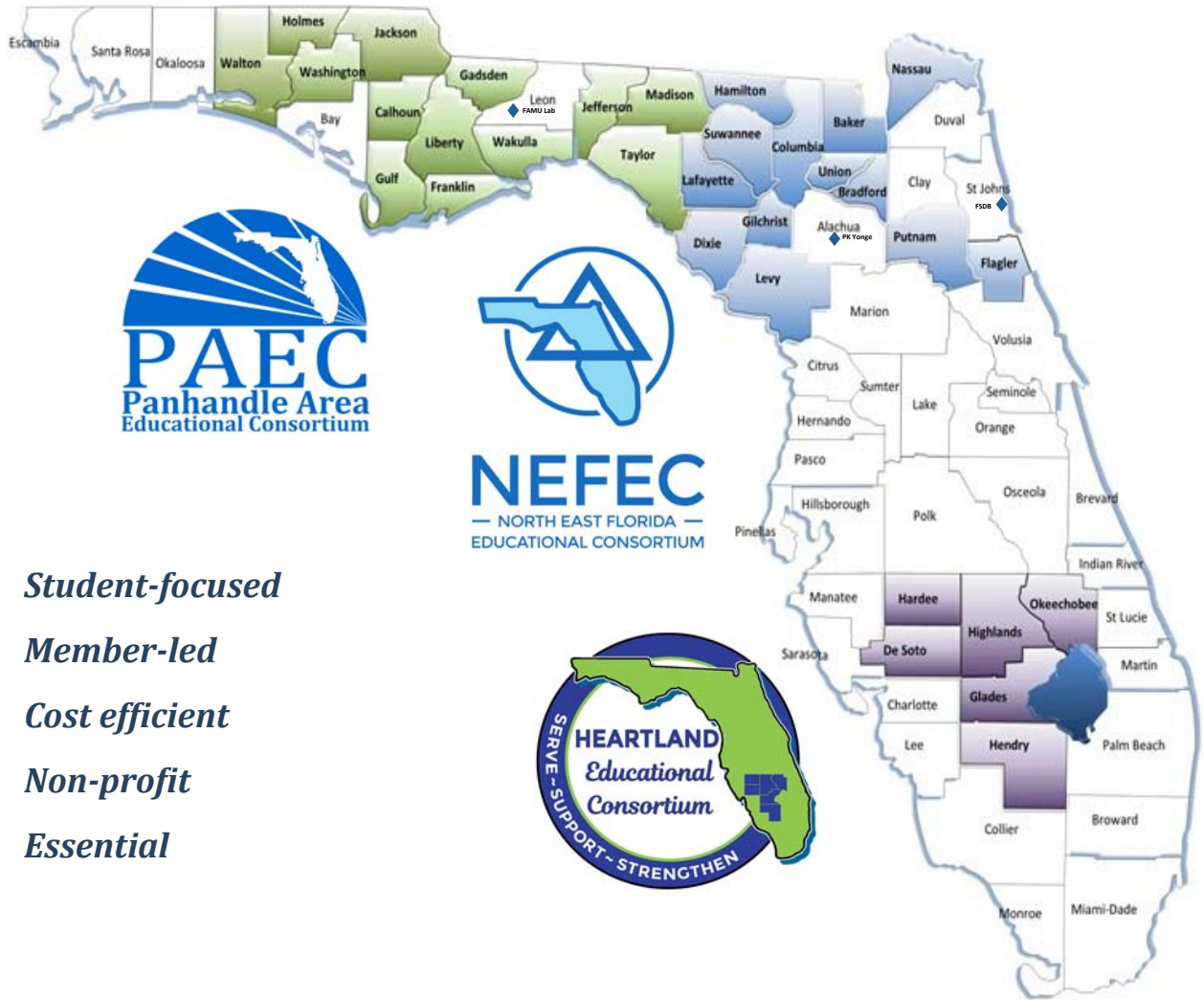


FLORIDA'S EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIA

PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS



- Student-focused*
- Member-led*
- Cost efficient*
- Non-profit*
- Essential*

Florida Standards Support ♦ Professional Learning ♦ Student Assessment Support ♦ STEM Math and Science Support ♦ HCMS Initiatives ♦ Reading Intervention and Remediation ♦ AVID Instructional Material Review ♦ College and Career Readiness ♦ Teacher Recruitment/Selection Mentoring Programs ♦ Teacher/Principal Evaluation Systems ♦ Rural Economic Development Exceptional Student Education FDLRS & ISRD ♦ Student Data Systems ♦ Teacher Development Leadership Development ♦ Wellness Programs ♦ Alcohol Abuse Initiative ♦ Board Policy Development Data Analysis ♦ Early Learning Professional Development ♦ Professional Development Certification Master In-Service Plan Development ♦ Cooperative Purchasing ♦ Information Technology Support Budget Finance Systems ♦ Personnel and Payroll Systems ♦ Building Code Inspections Health Services for Students & Families ♦ Property/Casualty Insurance & Workers Compensation Virtual Education Program Support ♦ Safety and Workplace Education ♦ Fire and Safety Inspections Federal and State Grant Procurement and Coordination ♦ Professional Development Tracking

Serving 35 School Districts, 430 schools, 12,000 teachers, and 160,000 students

Nearly 50% of all Florida school districts are members of a regional educational consortium

FLORIDA'S EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIA

PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

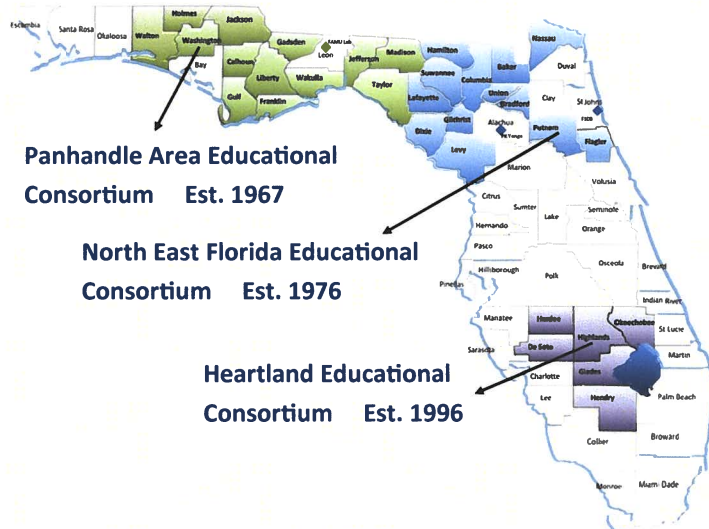
100% of Florida school districts receive services or programs from a regional educational consortium

A 50-year History of Service

The Educational Consortia are recognized in the Florida Legislature

"It is the intent of the Legislature that the delivery of education programs and services in the state be improved through the creation of regional consortium service organizations designed to stimulate cooperation between school districts in order that resources of one school district may be available to other school districts. It is further the legislative intent that such organizations provide a full range of programs to larger numbers of students, minimize duplication of services, and encourage the development of new programs and services."

Chapter 1001.451 F.S.



A Commitment to High Student Achievement:

Celebrating Success...Focused on Improvement

- ◆ 60% of Consortia member districts increased a letter grade or maintained an "A" or "B" for 2018-2019
- ◆ 6 of the top 15 school districts in the State for English Language Arts Achievement
- ◆ The top 5 school districts in the State for Reading Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%
- ◆ 5 of the top 10 school districts in the State for Mathematics Achievement
- ◆ 5 of the top 10 school districts in the State for Mathematics Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%
- ◆ 4 of the top 10 school districts in the State for Science Achievement
- ◆ 5 of the top 10 school districts in the State for Graduation Rate
- ◆ 6 of the top 10 school districts in the State for College and Career Acceleration

By partnering with the FLDOE to implement state educational priorities and mandates, the consortia provide essential support to districts, assist with planning, enact each mandate with fidelity, and provide guidance on assessment and evaluation. Consortia assist districts with making effective use of data and facilitate intervention with proven instructional strategies.



"Rural consortia are essential to our district's continued success. Consortia are able to provide our district with top-level professional development that has a positive effect on teacher effectiveness and student achievement."

Joseph Taylor, Superintendent, Washington County Schools

Consortia Leadership & Partnerships

Regional Consortia provide critical leadership and partner connections to member districts. Consortia play an essential role in linking FLDOE priorities to school and district initiatives, building leadership, connecting with partners via public-private partnerships, facilitating grant applications, and filling leadership roles in state and national professional organizations.



Title IV-A Liaisons Target Rural Support

The Title IV-A Consortium Liaisons work to better their rural areas through the lenses of well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy schools, and effective use of technology. As each consortium has different needs, these Liaisons have learned about their districts, supported them in implementing individual district Title IV-A grants and provided consortium monies to assist their member districts.

Well Rounded Educational Opportunities	Safe and Healthy Schools	Effective Technology Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections with Civics/ US History contacts throughout the state • Attended AP Conference & Middle School Colloquium to strengthen knowledge of what College Board can do for rural areas. • AVID PD for Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at 1st Florida Human Trafficking Summit • Networking regarding LGBT student safety • Bringing in programs related to health and nutrition through the Rural District Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium pricing established with Nearpod • Professional Development focused on instructional technology • Technology Vendor Showcase • EdCamp Heartland Tech

Focused On Florida's Future

- Student Achievement
- Teacher Quality
- Cutting-edge Technology
- Leadership Development

"Our strategic partnership with Florida's rural educational consortia has strengthened and broadened the pipeline of future-ready students in rural schools around the state."

Brian Barnes
Senior Director
Florida Partnership
College Board

Focused On Florida's Future

- College & Career Readiness
- Improved Graduation Rate
- Equity of Resources
- Economic Development

Collaboration and Efficiency through Shared Services

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Consortia provide coordination of student assessment, professional development, virtual education, IT support, STEM, teacher and principal quality, and instructional and administrative leadership development. These programs allow for more district resources to be spent on direct instruction.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Over the past 21 years, the consortia have leveraged federal, state, and local funds in order to maximize services to districts. Every dollar invested in consortia is returned ten-fold to rural districts through reduced costs, shared services, and staff augmentation.

The operation of a small district is restricted by staff limitations and resources. Yet the requirements that these districts must meet are identical to the largest school district in the state. Consortia provide the power of collaboration—identifying and developing essential services that all school districts can use at a greatly reduced cost.

Florida's Educational Consortia:

- ◆ Reduce workload and the duplication of tasks among the districts
- ◆ Foster new and innovative ways of educating students through the sharing of best practices and advanced technologies
- ◆ Increase teacher and principal effectiveness by providing opportunities for high quality professional development
- ◆ Create greater equity among larger and smaller districts by giving small districts access to resources and expertise they could not provide individually

Without the Consortium, small and rural districts would face each challenge on their own. Pooling resources and efforts not only makes sense financially, but allows a genuine collaboration of the best ideas, access to grants of regional opportunity, and a convening of talent that may be shared among thousands of teachers and students.

- Ken Kenworthy, Superintendent, Okeechobee County Schools



Contact

Heartland Educational Consortium
www.heartlanded.org

North East Florida Educational Consortium
www.nefec.org

Panhandle Area Educational Consortium
www.paec.org

Donna Garcia, Executive Director (Donna.Garcia@heartlanded.org)
1096 US Hwy 27 N Lake Placid, FL 33852
863-531-0444

Dr. Patrick J. Wnek, Executive Director (Wnekp@nefec.org)
3841 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177
386-329-3800

John T. Selover, Executive Director (john.selover@paec.org)
753 West Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428
850-638-6131