Florida Department of Education Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Dispute Resolution

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

Date of Mediation:

Case #: _____

Name of Student: _____ Student:

School District:

1. The parties agree to participate voluntarily in mediation in an effort to resolve the dispute regarding

(Student's Name)

- 2. The parties, including all participants at the meeting, agree that as stated in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, all "Discussions that occur during the mediation process hearing or civil proceeding of any Federal court or State court of a State receiving assistance under this part." Confidentiality will not extend to threats of imminent physical harm or incidents of actual violence that occur during the mediation.
- 3. The parties agree that mediation sessions will not be video recorded, tape recorded, or transcribed by the mediator or any of the participants.
- 4. The parties agree that communications between the mediator and the parties will be kept confidential.
- 5. The parties agree not to subpoen the mediator or compel the mediator to produce any documents provided by a party in any pending or future administrative or judicial proceeding. The mediator will not voluntarily testify on behalf of a party in any pending or future administrative or judicial proceeding. The parties further agree that the mediator will be held harmless for any claim arising from the mediation process.
- 6. The parties, including all participants at the meeting, agree that stated in 34CFRs300.506 (b)(6) If the parties resolve a dispute through the mediation process, the parties must execute a legally binding agreement that sets forth that resolution and that (i) States that all discussions that occurred during the mediation process will remain confidential and may not be used as evidence in any subsequent due process hearing or civil proceeding; and (ii) is signed by both the parent and a representative of the agency who has the authority to bind such agency. (7) A written, signed mediation agreement under this paragraph is enforceable in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States."

| Parent Guardian | Date | School District Agency Representative | Date |
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| Other Participants (Please include relationsh | nip to student) | | |
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