Principal's Assurance Form
Georgia Southern University's
M.Ed. with Tier I Certification
Performance-Based Leadership Program

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Leadership M.Ed. Candidate's Name (Print)   Candidate's Signature   Date

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Candidate's Position   District Position   Building Position
                                                  CHECK ONLY ONE POSITION

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Date of Employment in Current Position   Mentor's Name, if identified at this time

As School Principal, I commit to the following:

I understand the above listed Beginning Leader Candidate is participating in the Georgia Southern University M.Ed. Degree and Tier I Educational Leadership Programs for Initial Certification in the field of Educational Leadership and have ascertained that the District Superintendent and/or his/her designee has entered into a formal agreement with Georgia Southern University regarding the requirements of the clinical experiences required of the candidate. Specifically, I agree to commit to the following:

o   collaborate with Georgia Southern University faculty to develop and implement a performance-based clinical experience program tailored for the Tier I Leader Candidate listed above;
o   offer the Tier I Leader Candidate opportunities to carry out performance-based assignments and program requirements while enrolled in the Georgia Southern University program;
o   combine and share resources with Georgia Southern University to assure the Tier I Leader Candidates' support during the leadership program. These resources may include, but are not limited to, providing mentors/coaches and/or learning materials, as needed, to complete the **250 hours of clinical practice**;
o   encourage and support the Tier I Leader Candidate's participation in collaborative research utilizing school/ school system P-12 student achievement data, faculty data, needs assessment data, and other pertinent school/school system data with confidentiality and within the constraints of Institutional policy, Georgia law, and federal law, and for research purposes only;
o   encourage school/ school system personnel who exemplify leadership excellence to serve as mentors/coaches for the Leader Candidate at the system and school level;

- collaborate with the Tier I Leader Candidate and Georgia Southern University personnel to assure the Leader Candidates are prepared to positively impact student achievement as a result of their preparation and experiences in the program;
- collaborate with Georgia Southern University to provide customized support and activities to address the changing needs of the School System; and
- collaborate with Georgia Southern University to continually assess the screening and admission process for potential Leader Candidates.
- identify and encourage potential leaders to enroll in leadership preparation programs;
- collaborate with Georgia Southern University to strengthen and improve educational leadership programs; and,
- continually evaluate the leadership program and work with Georgia Southern University personnel to suggest opportunities for program improvement.

I understand the Beginning Leader Candidate who participates in the Georgia Southern University M.Ed. Degree and Tier I Educational Leadership Programs for Initial Certification in the field of Educational Leadership shall apply the knowledge and practice and develop the skills identified in the 2015 Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) Educational Leadership Standards/Elements 1-7 and the GA Leader Keys System (LKES) through substantial, sustained, standards-based work in real settings, planned and guided cooperatively by Georgia Southern University and school/ district personnel for graduate credit. In addition, I understand the details outlined in the University/School System/Regional Educational Service Agency *Agreement Between Agencies for the Development of Educational Leaders* and I support the local school system commitments. The signing of this Agreement in no way guarantees Leader Candidates employment upon program completion.

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                (School System Name)   (Date)

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            (Principal's Name – Printed)   (Principal' Signature)

Contact Information (email and phone):_____