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Ms. Pam Stewart (Commissioner@fldoe.org) Commissioner of Education Florida Department of Education Turlington Building, Suite 1514 325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Florida Statute 1002.345 Notice of Deteriorating Financial Condition

Dear Ms. Alford and Ms. Stewart:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1002.345, the St. Johns County School Board as sponsor of First Coast Technical Center ("FCTC"), a charter technical career center organized under Florida 1002.34, gives notice that a deteriorating financial condition is occurring at FCTC.

More particularly, the FCTC's financial statement for the month of March 2016 reflects that its fund balance declined by \$832,960 during that month, leaving a cash balance of \$488,779 as of March 31. We have also been informed that FCTC has another \$639,446 in outstanding and unpaid accounts payable. Furthermore, FCTC has failed to transfer to the School Board funds in a total of \$484,896 for the last two FCTC payrolls paid by the District. It appears that FCTC is unable to generate the revenue necessary to pay future payrolls and its other obligations.

We call upon the governing board of FCTC to join with the School Board to develop a corrective action plan in accordance with Florida Statute 1002.345.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D. Superintendent of School

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cc's (via email delivery)

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