

APPENDIX IV
Joint Collaboration of Governing Boards

Collaboration Resolution
Owens Community College Board of Trustees
Toledo Public Schools Board of Education
The University of Toledo Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, education can provide a transformational experience that can dramatically change the standard of living of a family for generations; and

WHEREAS, education is the single largest predictor of professional and financial success; and

WHEREAS, Toledo Public Schools are dedicated to preparing students for success and the pursuit of higher education by engaging students and parents as early as kindergarten to highlight the value and the ability to obtain a college degree in northwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the mission and core values of Owens Community College – Service, Learning, Innovation, Collaboration and Excellence – speak directly to facilitating the success of students and our community through outstanding educational opportunities and outreach initiatives such as the Owens Success Program; and

WHEREAS, The University of Toledo has invested in the success of Toledo Public Schools and Owens Community College graduates – and students across the state through programs like the UT Guarantee due to its belief that education is a transformative force for the world and a key component to Improving the Human Condition; and

WHEREAS, Owens Community College, The University of Toledo and Toledo Public Schools are already engaged in additional collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the future of a revitalized city and region is dependent upon innovative college graduates with the flexibility and vision to succeed in the high-tech, knowledge economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that Toledo Public Schools, The University of Toledo and Owens Community College will commit to creating an environment for success for students in northwest Ohio to ensure they possess the skills and education needed to navigate the challenges of a fulfilling life increasingly dependent and interconnected with national and global social, cultural and economic forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that Toledo Public Schools, Owens Community College and The University of Toledo are committed to increasing the population of high school graduates who enter college and earn higher education degrees.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

that this resolution, jointly agreed to in principle on the 24th day of February 2009, be formally adopted by the individual governing boards of Toledo Public Schools, Owens Community College and The University of Toledo.