



**Panhandle
Area
Educational
Consortium**

*Educational Solutions Today...
and Tomorrow*

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Executive Director



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to submit a letter of reference for the Performance Learning Systems, Inc. The Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) sought the assistance of the Performance Learning Systems (PLS) for an ambitious and comprehensive training program for school leadership and teachers across Florida's panhandle districts. Data gathered and analyzed by an external evaluator demonstrate impressive results in student performance, teacher skills and instructional leadership.

Working with PLS, we were able to offer professional development, graduate courses, online courses and research-based products and services focused to help students increase their reading proficiency through empowering teachers to teach reading better. The approach to improvement also strengthened school leadership simultaneously. Instructional leaders were steeped in curriculum, instruction, assessment and coaching in order to supervise a continuous improvement process that measures progress in raising student performance.

We found the PLS staff to be very accommodating as we tailored services to the needs of our various districts and schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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*The Mission of
PAEC is to enable
all member and
participating
districts to attain
their goals by
providing:
*leadership and
support services,
*maximizing the use
of resources,
*linking schools, and
*facilitating
communication
across the
consortium.*