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ATTN: Rhea Goff, Chair/Seacoast Collegiate High School Board  
Patrick McCarthy, Chair/Seaside School Foundation

Seacoast Collegiate High School Community:

As the President of Northwest Florida State College, I am thrilled to express my full support for the joint partnership between our institutions to expand educational opportunities, especially in the fields of Hospitality and Culinary, Nursing, Health Sciences, as well as university transfer.

This partnership represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Northwest Florida State College and Seacoast Collegiate High School to collaborate and create significant economic, community, and workforce development assets for Walton, Okaloosa, and Bay counties. By working together, we can provide students with access to high-quality educational programs that will prepare them for in-demand, high-wage careers.

Our partnership will provide students with opportunities to learn from expert faculty, utilize state-of-the-art facilities, and gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields. This will not only benefit our students but also our communities by creating a skilled workforce that will help meet the needs of the local economy. Our partnership will be characterized by excellence, and I predict the outcomes will be among the strongest returns on investment in the surrounding area.

Additionally, this partnership will create a platform for collaboration between our institutions and the wider community. By working together, we can develop innovative approaches to address the challenges facing our region, such as workforce development and economic growth.

I am confident that our expanded partnership will be a model for successful alliances between educational institutions and will provide significant benefits to our communities. I look forward to working closely with Seacoast Collegiate High School to make this partnership a reality and to furthering our institutions' shared goals of providing high-quality, relevant education to our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Devin Stephenson

President

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