

BY-LAWS OF THE COALITION OF LARGE AREA SCHOOL SYSTEMS

1. **Purpose.** The five largest public school systems in the State of Tennessee have formed a Coalition for the purpose of jointly exploring legislative options that will serve the unique interests of large school systems. The five (5) school systems are the Shelby County, Memphis City, Metro Nashville, Knox County, and Hamilton County school districts. The Coalition shall be referred to as the “Coalition of Large School Systems” or CLASS. *It is agreed among the five (5) school systems that CLASS will only pursue items approved by all five (5) school systems represented.*

2. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of CLASS shall commence on the 1st day of November and shall conclude on the 31st day of October.

3. **Designated Representatives.** Each of the school systems shall designate two (2) persons to serve as designated representatives: 1) The Director of Schools/Superintendent or his/her designee and; 2) As determined by each respective Board of Education, either the School Board Chairman or his/her designee or a School Board elected representative. All communications among the members and from any person/firm hired by CLASS to represent the Coalition shall also be directed to the representatives of each school system. Either of the representatives of each school system may cast votes on behalf of their school system; however, each school system shall be entitled to cast only one vote on any question.

4. **Offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** The offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall rotate each fiscal year on an alphabetical basis. The Vice-Chairman shall succeed the Chairman the following fiscal year. The rotation shall be as follows beginning with the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

Chairman – Davidson County (*i.e.*, Metro-Nashville)
Vice-Chairman – Hamilton County

Chairman – Hamilton County
Vice-Chairman – Knox County

Chairman – Knox County
Vice-Chairman – Memphis City

Chairman – Memphis City
Vice-Chairman – Shelby County

And so on and so on during the existence of CLASS unless these By-Laws are otherwise amended.

The school district that serves as the Chairman of CLASS shall provide clerical and legal support services on behalf of CLASS.

