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The School District of Palm Beach County has contracted with CheckCare as the third-party collection service for returned checks. By signing a check and delivering it to the school, the check maker is signifying their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the district's agreement with CheckCare.

All checks payable to the school must contain (either imprinted or handwritten) the following information:

- 1. The name of the check maker.
- 2. The street address of the check maker.
- 3. The telephone number of the check maker (either land line or cellular) with area code.

If a check is returned from the bank unpaid, the check maker authorizes CheckCare to:

- 1. <u>Re-deposit the returned check if possible.</u> CheckCare is authorized to convert the original check to an electronic transaction or a pre-authorized demand draft made out to CheckCare and to resubmit it to the bank for payment.
- 2. <u>Collect service charges and bank fees as authorized under Florida law.</u> In addition to the face value of the check, CheckCare will also add service charges and fees to each returned check including a bank fee and collection charge based on the laws of the State of Florida. The check maker will receive a breakdown of those charges and fees. When payment is made by check, the check maker is authorizing CheckCare to debit service charges, bank return fees, and collections charges from their account via an electronic transaction or a pre-authorized paper demand draft.
- 3. <u>Contact the check maker for repayment of the returned check.</u> They may use any telephone number that appears on the deposited returned check, including a cellular telephone number.

If the check maker is notified by their bank that a check written to the school has not been honored, please contact CheckCare immediately. By contacting CheckCare as soon as possible, they can work with the maker to make sure that non-payment of the check does not result in any additional financial burdens. The toll free telephone number for CheckCare is:

1-888-339-2439

CheckCare receives all returned checks when they are dishonored. Schools are not permitted to accept returned check repayments. This allows the school staff to focus on other duties that are more productive and beneficial to the students. It also allows the check maker the opportunity to pay for any inadvertent returned item without the potential embarrassment that may be associated with paying at the school.