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County, area educational leaders will discuss collaboration opportunities

Sarasota County Government and its educational partners – area public schools, colleges and universities – will participate in a roundtable discussion 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday, June 15, to share partnership success stories and consider opportunities for future collaboration. Debra Jacobs, president and chief executive officer of The Patterson Foundation, will facilitate the discussion.

County Administrator Jim Ley, along with Sarasota County Commissioners Jon Thaxton, Shannon Staub, Carolyn Mason, Nora Patterson and Joe Barbetta will join in the discussion on strategies for enhancing the community's economic base and sustainability efforts.

The event will be held at the Sarasota County School Board headquarters, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota.

Among educational partners expected to participate:

- Lori White, superintendent of Sarasota County School System
- Lars Hafner, president of Manatee Community College (State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota)
- Mike Michalson, president of New College of Florida
- Larry Thompson, president of Ringling College of Art and Design
- Arthur Guilford, vice president and CEO of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.

Also on hand will be representatives of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County.

The meeting, which will be broadcast on Access Sarasota, is open to the public. There will be a 15-minute period for public comments at the end of the meeting.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net and click on Economic Stimulus.