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## **HR OPEN STANDARDS AND PESC SIGN HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO ADVANCE INTEROPERABILITY ACROSS EDUCATION AND HR SECTORS**

**PARTNERSHIP TO FOCUS ON CROSS-COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ALIGNMENT OF COMPETENCIES AND CREDENTIALS**

HR OPEN STANDARDS and PESC *are* pleased to announce an historic partnership between the two organizations and their communities of interest.

“PESC and HR Open Standards have been collaborating for years now,” stated Michael D. Sessa, PESC President & CEO. “This formal agreement advances our ability to learn from each other, solve common problems together, and creates a solid communication channel between the communities and resources supporting both PESC and HR Open Standards.”

“The alliance between HR Open Standards and PESC allows us to coordinate standards development efforts, advance interoperability, exchange knowledge, and educate the community regarding standards, all of which benefit our members and the industry”, noted Kim Bartkus, Executive Director of HR Open Standards Consortium.

Members of both organizations will benefit from the agreement through joint webinars, networking, and shared knowledge. Currently, both groups are working with Connecting Credentials to map the competency data and will continue with additional collaboration.

### **ABOUT HR OPEN STANDARDS CONSORTIUM**

Founded in 1999 as the HR-XML Consortium, [HR Open Standards](#) is dedicated to the development and promotion of common specifications that simplify human resources-related data exchanges.

By championing collaboration and innovation, HR Open Standards leads standards development projects to save HR professionals time and money by providing employers, government, software and service providers with free, flexible, and comprehensive global HR interoperability standards. Visit the HR Open Standards website for more information and to download their free suite of [HR-XML and HR-JSON data exchange standards](#).

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**LEADING THE ESTABLISHMENT & ADOPTION OF OPEN DATA STANDARDS ACROSS THE EDUCATION DOMAIN.**

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