



## Media Release

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### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: MOBILE LEARNING LAB DEBUTS AT MANATEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**(Bradenton, FL - June 16, 2020)** The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County (ELC-Manatee) is rolling out educational opportunities with a new mobile learning center for students in our community. Superintendent Cynthia Saunders and public school principals will be the first to tour ELC-Manatee's Mobile Learning Lab **between Noon-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Manatee Technical College**, located at 6305 State Road 70 East.

According to ELC-Manatee, the converted school bus underwent a \$50,000 transformation and is the first of its kind in Florida. The Mobile Learning Lab is a classroom on wheels equipped with magnetic walls, a 60-inch Smart TV, Wi-Fi and mobile hotspot capabilities, air conditioning and customized seating which includes wheelchair access for children with disabilities.

Starting June 29, 2020, the Mobile Learning Lab will travel to childcare providers throughout Manatee County offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) lessons and other educational opportunities. ELC-Manatee is following CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of students and their staff. Modified STEAM activities will likely take place under tents outside the Mobile Learning Lab with social distancing in effect.

The new learning lab joins two others in ELC-Manatee's mobile educational fleet, a Book Bus and a STEAM Machine. For more information, visit <http://www.elc-manatee.org/>.



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