

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater 56-005E – Virtual Instruction Program, Grades 6-12

For the past 15 school years, Broward Virtual School has provided full-time and part-time virtual instruction programs for students in grades 6-12. The proposed renewal agreement allows Broward Virtual School to continue to license courses from Florida Virtual School. Further, the proposed agreement keeps the District in compliance with Florida Statute 1002.45.

Broward Virtual School is the primary resource utilized by the District's middle and high school students to satisfy the online learning graduation requirement. As of June 8, 2015, Broward County students successfully completed 20,153 courses in the 2014-15 school year; resulting in ninety-six (96) percent of the BCPS 2015 graduating cohort having satisfied the online learning requirement. Prior to the District's expansion of Broward Virtual School's program in August 2013, only twenty (20) percent of the 2015 graduating cohort had satisfied the online learning requirement.

Broward Virtual School staff is responsible for the review and payment of all invoices submitted for Florida Virtual School services. Teachers are employed by Broward County Public Schools and meet state certification requirements. Course licensing fees are calculated by the number of students served. Due to the full implementation of the statutory online learning graduation requirement, Broward Virtual School course enrollments are expected to increase significantly. As such, the financial impact of the Florida Virtual School agreement is estimated to be \$1,600,000 for FY 2016. This investment benefits SBBC by retaining FTE funding within the District.