

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date 6/9/14	Open Agenda ___X___ Yes ___ ___ No	Special Order Request ___ ___ Yes ___X___ No	Agenda Item Number II-1
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TITLE:
First Move Chess Curriculum Implementation

REQUESTED ACTION:
 Approve the participation of all District 2nd & 3rd grade classes in the First Move Chess Curriculum, provided through America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C).

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:
 AF4C developed First Move for 2nd & 3rd grade students to develop their critical thinking, analytical, and STEM skills as well as other intellectual and social benefits through learning to play the game of chess. Three BCPS elementary schools piloted the program this year with outstanding results. Expanding the program to all elementary schools will allow all 2nd & 3rd students access to the well-researched, long term benefits of chess. It will also help promote the benefits of chess to all BCPS students and to the community at large. AF4C has pledged to fund \$1,096,350 over the two years. They will fund \$912,600 in 2014-15 and \$183,750 in 2015-16. Additionally, the District is seeking additional partnerships and funding opportunities from external sources to offset the local funding gap.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:
 •Goal 1: High Quality Instruction
 •Goal 2: Continuous Improvement
 •Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
 Not to exceed \$499,450 District funding over a two-year time period.
 2014 – 15 BCPS cost not to exceed \$308,800.
 2015 – 16 BCPS cost not to exceed \$190,650.
 Source of funds: Additional State Funds for Schools allocated for next year.

EXHIBITS: (List)
 Powerpoint presentation from May 13, 2014 School Board Workshop with updated financial and participation data.

APPROVED	SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	
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 Approved in Open Board Meeting on: _____

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