

Executive Summary
Board Item LL-2

Continuation Agreement with Summit Montessori Teacher Training Institute, L.L.C.

Renewal of Contract between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Summit Montessori Teacher Training Institute, L.L.C.

Additional Background Information:

Summit Montessori Teacher Training Institute prepares teachers for working in age 3-6 classrooms (Early Childhood), as well as the age 6-9 classrooms (Elementary I). Upon completion of all program requirements, the teacher will receive an American Montessori Society certificate. Summit Montessori offers practical application skills in Montessori education. The program includes hands-on experiences with certified trainers and provides opportunities for the teachers to interact with the Montessori materials through classroom experiences.

The Summit agreement is for three identified schools including: Beachside Montessori Village, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy and Virginia Shuman Young Elementary Schools. The agreement is for \$54,200 maximum. The allocated funding to support the cost for this agreement was approved on March 8, 2016 as a part of the Boundary SSOS Public Hearing for 2016-2017, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy, and the 2016-2017 Magnet budget allocations for Beachside and Virginia Shuman Young Elementary Schools.

The benefits to Broward teachers to attend Summit Montessori training are the classes are held on Summit-Questa Montessori campus in Davie, Florida during the summer and weekends. The courses are Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) Accredited. Summit is an American Montessori Society Affiliate. Summit's flexible schedule affords the teacher 1 – 3 years to complete the whole program depending on teacher's schedule.