

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Reciprocal Use Agreement between the School Board of Broward County, Florida and the City of Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale had a Partnership Agreement with The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) for many years which was later converted to a Reciprocal Use Agreement (RUA).

This RUA provides a mechanism for the City and the SBBC to use each other's facilities at minimal cost when the facilities are available. Charges may be levied if additional costs, such as custodial, consumable items, utility (only during summer program usage) and personnel costs are incurred as a result of the use during non-operational hours. Approvals for use of the school facilities have been delegated to the Superintendent or designee for the SBBC; and for the City, the Director of Parks & Recreation or designee.

However, solutions (or highlights in the Agreement) to issues raised by certain municipalities a few years ago and recently by the City are contained in the RUA and include the following:

1. No personnel costs will be assessed by the SBBC for providing access to its facilities during non-operational hours when an authorized SBBC employee volunteers to provide such access. Authorized SBBC employee volunteers will be determined by each school's Principal.
2. Energy costs will only be assessed for the municipality's use of SBBC facilities for their summer programs, with each energy bill charged to the municipality being reduced by twenty percent (20%); therefore, the municipality will only be responsible to pay eighty percent (80%) of the total assessed energy bill during summer program use. The municipality will not be charged energy costs outside the summer program timeframe.
3. An appeal process to address denial of use of each party's facilities via revisions to the "Notice of Facility Use" Form.
4. Recently, the City of Fort Lauderdale expressed desire to use the pool at Fort Lauderdale High School. The School District also uses the City's Bass Park pool for Dillard High School. The District has continuously been charged by the City for the use of Bass Park pool. The RUA has been modified to incorporate the terms to enable the City and the School District to utilize each other's pools. The following highlighted terms and conditions are contained in this RUA:
 - a) The City/SBBC shall be responsible for all maintenance and custodial duties regarding the use of each other's pool(s), however the City will handle custodial duties during any summer programs at Fort Lauderdale High School pool.
 - b) The City/SBBC will allow a total of 150 hours of pool usage a year before charging a pool usage fee. Once the 150 hours of pool usage have been met, the continued use of City/SBBC pool(s) will require the initiation of the fee based usage at fifty dollars (\$50.00) an hour for use of each other's pool facility.
 - c) During City/SBBC use of the pool(s), the City/SBBC shall employ a supervisor who shall be in charge of and supervise all pool activities.