

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Mental Health Provider	Continuation of Agreement with The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Alternate Education Systems, Inc.
Status	Renew Agreement that expires June 30, 2016
Funds	The funding to support this educational program comes from Full Time Equivalent (FTE) generated dollars supported by the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). This program is a community-based program that offers therapeutic, residential services and operates in partnership with the Department of Children and Families and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.
Financial Impact Statement	The financial impact is generated and funded through student Full Time Equivalents (FTE). There is no additional financial impact to the District beyond the FTE.
School(s) included	Whispering Pines
Managing Department/School	Exceptional Student Education and Support Services SEDNET is the contract manager.
Source of Additional Information	Antoine Hickman, ESE/SS Executive Director (754) 321-3436 Mary Claire Mucenic, Support Services Director (754) 321-3415 Charlene M. Grecsek, EdD, LMHC (754) 321-3421 SEDNET Coordinator
Project Description	<p>The funding to support these educational programs will come from Full Time Equivalent (FTE) generated dollars supported by the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). These programs are community-based programs that offer therapeutic, residential services and operate in partnership with the Department of Children and Families and The School Board of Broward County, Florida. These programs specifically serve significantly fragile students with mental health and or substance abuse needs. Students are referred to this site by parents, community providers or Department of Children and Families (DCF).</p> <p>Alternate Educational Systems, Inc. (AES) has had on average 35 students at any time during the academic year. There are 40 beds at the site available to students at some time during the academic year. Students can reside at the site between 3 days and 12 months depending on the student's needs. In the previous years there could be over 75 students who reside at the facility during the year. It is anticipated that there can be over 150 students at the facility during the academic year. The teacher(s) are provided by the facility and Whispering Pines oversees to ensure adherence to IEP and needs of the students.</p> <p>During the Academic Year, the SEDNET case manager will assist in monitoring the site for compliance to the agreement and the academic needs of the students. In addition, the ESE Department will assist the school during peak times in areas identified by the principal and staff at Whispering Pines.</p> <p>Broward County Public Schools has an obligation to educate these students as they are either: Broward County residents or are under the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families. FTE dollars are generated for students who reside at the site.</p>