

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater 56-110E - Virtual Instruction Program, Grades 6-12 – Florida Virtual School

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), through the Broward Virtual School has provided sixteen (16) years of full-time and part-time virtual instruction programs, for students in grades 6-12. This Agreement will allow Broward Virtual School to continue to provide approved license courses and allow SBBC to remain in compliance with Florida Statute 1002.45 requirements.

This request is to approve the Agreement for 56 -110E - Virtual Instruction Program, Grades 6-12, for the Broward Virtual School, with a spending amount of \$1,600,000 for a period of one (1) year. On July 28, 2015, the School Board approved, Agreement 56 - 005E -Virtual Instruction Program, Grades 6-12, with a spending authority of \$1,600,000 which provided a virtual program instruction for students in accordance with Florida Statute 1002.45. The funding source, for this project, came from Broward Virtual School's operating budget.

This direct negotiation will keep SBBC in compliance with Florida Statute 1002.45 – Virtual Instruction Programs and will provide K-12 virtual instruction programs to Florida students. Teachers who are employed by SBBC for the Broward Virtual School program must meet the state certification requirements. Broward Virtual School is the primary resource utilized by SBBC's middle and high school students to satisfy the online learning graduation requirement

Course licensing fees are calculated by the number of students served and are listed in Appendix A. The estimated financial impact of the Florida Virtual School Agreement is estimated to be \$1,600,000 for a period of one (1) year.

Florida Virtual School has been a vendor who has maintained an excellent relationship with staff and students. On May 2, 2016, SBBC students have successfully completed 15,799 course enrollments for the 2015-16, school year. Due to the full implementation of the statutory online learning graduation requirement, Broward Virtual School course enrollments are expected to increase by 10 percent.

Broward Virtual School has received a positive evaluation survey for their vendor performance from teachers and administrators.