

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **Cooperative Agreement with Cloud9World**

Cloud 9 World Corp. has developed an innovative model in character education which includes 30 traits that impacts the Social and Emotional growth of Elementary students in addressing topics such as student behavior, student academics, school climate, social emotional issues, bullying, stress and diversity. Each month, all students will receive an individual book aligned to a specific character trait. These books are for students to take home and share with families and includes a home learning activity. Cloud 9 World Corp. will provide fifteen selected schools with the Cloud 9 World Character Strength-Building Program, as well as professional development and ongoing support for teachers to implement the program with fidelity.

During the 2016-17 School Year 18 schools used Cloud 9 World program. Schools that implemented the program with fidelity showed a reduction in behavior referrals during that school year (see attached data).

Schools in the Cloud 9 World program will be provided professional development for all staff members before launching the program. The professional development will include training on all online resources that Cloud9World provides. All select schools will be trained in November 2017 upon school board approval.

Cloud 9 World provides teachers and counselors with learning activities and discussion prompts for students to share with their parents at home to reinforce character traits, promote positive family interactions, and to provide ways to keep parents connected to the classroom. All students will go home with a book for each of the character traits that they can share with the family.

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