

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lease Agreement with Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.

Additional Background Information:

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has partnered with Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc., (Hispanic Unity) for 23 years. Hispanic Unity is a non-profit organization that offers and provides over 30 services to the community in three languages – Creole, Spanish, and English.

Hispanic Unity's main focus is economic development and civic engagement. Other services are immigration referrals and services, housing, finance, income tax preparation, employment, dental clinic, healthcare services, lifelong learning classes, early childhood literacy development for 3 to 5-year olds, mental health counseling and referral, HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and linkages, afterschool tutorials for elementary and middle school aged students and community services for citizenship, and child care. More than 10,000 families and students benefit from these services each year.

In 2007-2008, Hispanic Unity purchased the building in which the District currently leases 2,417 square feet. Hispanic Unity indicated it spent over \$500,000 to renovate the building. Included in this cost was \$33,158 it obtained as Community Development Block Grant funds from the City of Hollywood to help defray the cost of making the restrooms utilized by the School District compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The District contributed an additional \$19,000 towards this endeavor.

The District through Community School South (CSS) offers day and evening ESOL classes and assists in the recruitment of students to take advantage of the services provided by Hispanic Unity. The District's day classes are Monday through Friday and evening classes are offered Monday through Thursday for two semesters and a summer term. The day program runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The evening program runs from 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The District receives FTE funding for up to 245 students per day. Broward Community Schools also provide family literacy services through SBBC's, Family Literacy Program to all enrolled ESOL students and their families. The District currently services over 200 families.

The monthly rental cost is \$4,060.26. The yearly cost is \$48,723.12. It should be noted, the monthly and annual cost increased three percent (3%) from last year's agreement. This increase amounts to an additional \$118.26 monthly and \$1,419.12 yearly. For the 2016-17 fiscal year CSS paid \$18,418.50 annually for part-time custodial support, \$1,514.00 annually for custodial supplies, and \$2,236.00 annually for instructional materials and supplies. It is estimated that \$5,170.80 is spent annually for electrical costs and \$3,156.00 for annual telephone and internet costs. Total student enrollment was 719 students (unduplicated) for the 2016-2017 year, up

139 students from the previous year. The partnership with Hispanic Unity is imperative due to the fact that the students are comfortable utilizing the services, enrolling in local/neighborhood classes, and are familiar with the program services available in their neighborhood.

As earlier stated, Hispanic Unity is a full service center whereby Broward County Public Schools through CSS provides the educational component to adults and their children through ESOL and Family Literacy services. The partnership with Hispanic Unity coupled with CSS's ESOL and Family Literacy Services makes it a strong and efficient full service center. Feedback received by the Program staff indicates to remove the educational component from the Hispanic Unity site would impact the center functionality as a one-stop facility.

If approved by SBBC this Agreement would be for one (1) year, commencing on June 1, 2018 and expiring on May 31, 2019, and allow for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods. Per the Agreement, every June 1st the monthly rental fee would increase by three percent (3%) for the term of this Agreement and upon a ninety (90) day written notice either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause.