
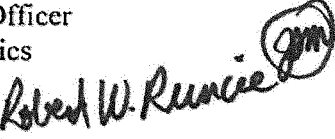


**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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May 3, 2018

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Daniel Gohl   
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VIA: Robert W. Runcie   
Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REVISION TO ITEM FF-2., COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FL (SBBC) AND  
SHARE-A-PET, INC., FOR THE MAY 8, 2018 SCHOOL BOARD  
OPERATIONAL MEETING**

Attached is a revision for FF-2., Cooperative Agreement Between The School Board of Broward County, FL (SBBC) and Share-A-Pet, Inc., for the May 8, 2018 School Board Operational Meeting.

RWR/DG/MVP/DW:od  
Attachments

c: Senior Leadership Team

**REVISED**

Continuation Summary for Item FF-2.

SAP provides an animal assisted therapy program for students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and additional District schools by request and coordinated through the Equity & Academic Attainment (EAA) and Diversity, Prevention and Intervention (DPI) Departments via the District's partnership with the Humane Society of Broward County and Miles for Smiles, Inc. Schools work with EAA, DPI and SAP in the identification and selection of students to participate in the program which targets students who are experiencing stress, anxiety or crisis situations and can benefit from interaction with the therapy dogs. Prior to serving Broward County, SAP delivered programs in Palm Beach County schools and hospitals.

Volunteers representing the organization provide all services free of charge, resulting in no financial impact to the District. Up to 100 certified therapy dogs and trained volunteers are available to deliver pet assisted therapy to Broward County Public School students and staff.

Research on the benefits of animal assisted therapy indicates that children experiencing trauma and low self-esteem are often more willing to interact with an animal than another person and documented physical benefits include lowering of blood pressure and heart rates as well as increased relaxation.

District staff has monitored Share-A-Pet programs to confirm that SAP standards for animal health and training are aligned with the District's requirements for using animals in the classroom.