

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lease Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Hispanic Unity of Florida

In November 2016, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) created Gulfstream Early Learning Center (GELC) with the goal of strengthening Early Childhood Education throughout Broward County at the site of the former Gulfstream Middle School (relocated to Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 in July 2016). Through collaboration and planning with multiple community partners and stakeholders, the concept developed into a Model High Quality Early Childhood and Community Center designed to provide resources and support to underserved early childhood populations, including families, children, and childcare professionals (BCPS and private/public community childcare providers). All programs, services, partners, and aligned initiatives at the site will support the three main pillars of Embedded Professional Learning, Family Strengthening and Community Services, and High Quality Early Childhood Education.

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.

In an effort to collaborate with The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), Hispanic Unity of Florida wishes to partner with SBBC to help further advance the GELC mission to provide resources to underserved early childhood and adult education. In doing so, Hispanic Unity desires to lease four (4) rooms at the GELC to provide parents/families with economic development financial stability workshops, support SBBC's Family Strengthening and Community Outreach programs, and cooperatively seek funding sources to provide onsite aftercare for PreK programs.

As stated herein, Hispanic Unity will have access to the GELC between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during days and hours that the GELC is open for SBBC's operation; and all other requests to use GELC during none SBBC's operational hours would require prior approval from SBBC's site administrator. In lieu of paying a monthly rental fees to the District, Hispanic Unity of Florida will provide In-Kind Services equivalent to the going market rate for similar size spaces. As proof of its In-Kind Service provided, Hispanic Unity of Florida per the Agreement will be required to provided annual documentation showing the dollar amount expended as In-Kind Services. If this dollar amount does not meet or exceed the market rate as stated in the Agreement, Hispanic Unity will be required to pay SBBC the difference between the market rate and the dollar amount provided as In-Kind Service.

If approved by SBBC, this Agreement would be for three (3) years and allow Hispanic Unity of Florida to renew for an additional three (3) years under the same terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement.