

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lease Agreement with the Early Learning Coalition 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.

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida (Early Learning Coalition) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the implementation of an integrated, high quality, seamless early care and education service delivery system for children. The Coalition is accountable for assessing the early care and educational resources available in Broward County as well as developing local plans to address identified needs. As described in the Local School Readiness Coalition Plan as approved by the Office of Early Learning, the Coalition develops and administers a comprehensive school readiness program that prepares children to succeed in school and in life. This ongoing process involves building on existing services, working in cooperation with other programs for young children, and coordinating and integrating program funding and services to achieve efficiency, accountability and full effectiveness. The Coalition touches the lives of thousands of Broward County children and families.

In an effort to collaborate with The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), the Early Learning Coalition 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, the Early Learning Coalition desires to lease one (1) room at the GELC to provide training and quality support to public and private providers, support accreditation throughout Broward County, and provide resources and referrals to Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) and School Readiness programs.

As stated herein, the Early Learning Coalition will have access to the GELC between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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, the Early Learning Coalition will provide In-Kind Services equivalent to the going market rate for similar size spaces. As proof of its In-Kind Service provided, the Early Learning Coalition 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, the Early Learning Coalition 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 the Early Learning Coalition to renew for an additional three (3) years under the same term and conditions as stated in this Agreement.