

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2019 High School Graduation Facility Rental Agreement with BB&T Center

The graduation schedule at BB&T Center is as follows:

- Sunday, June 2 – 10:00am - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
- Sunday, June 2 – 3:00pm – Cypress Bay High School

Additional Background Information:

Cypress Bay High School (CBHS) is the largest high school in Broward County. The only venue in the area that can accommodate the size of their graduating class is the BB&T Center. In the past, the BB&T Center was not available to us for commencements. Due to the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSDHS), the BB&T Center partnered with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) to host the 2018 MSDHS commencement. This created relationships and a genuine partnership which allowed us to pursue this venue this year for not only MSDHS, but also for Cypress Bay. Cypress Bay has been traveling to the Watsco Center on the University of Miami’s campus for their commencements since 2009. Over this period of time, the Watsco Center was the closest viable location that fit our capacity and budgetary needs. The average CBHS graduation cost to the District over this period of time has been at \$32,000 per year. In the past, we paid \$20,000 for rent and an additional \$12,000 to transport all of the graduates and staff by busses. The 2019 total cost factor for this commencement at the BB&T Center is \$45,000. This includes rent, police, EMT, security checkpoints, staffing, parking and any other additional miscellaneous costs. Compared to 2018, SBBC would be paying an additional \$13,000. The potential cost savings to all of the CBHS guests is estimated at over \$14,400 since the parking fees at the Watsco Center this year are at a rate of \$8 per vehicle.

| SCHOOL | 2017-2018 VENUE | 2017-2018 COSTS | 2018-2019 BUDGET ALLOCATION | 2018-2019 BB&T CONTRACTED COSTS | 2018-2019 REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FUNDING |
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| Cypress Bay | Watsco Center | \$20,000 - Rental <u>\$12,000 - Busses</u> \$32,000 – Total | \$20,000 – Rental <u>\$12,000 - Busses</u> \$32,000 – Total | \$45,000 | \$13,000 |

Due to the recent tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the request for additional commencement tickets per graduate and lack of options with regards to overall venue seating capacity has presented a real and viable challenge. The only venues in Broward County that can accommodate MSDHS and their community is the BB&T Center and Nova Southeastern University respectfully. By choosing the

BB&T Center, the school is given an additional 2,500 seating capacity and allows them to organize all of their graduates on the main floor. The 2019 total cost factor for this commencement at the BB&T Center is \$45,000. This includes rent, police, EMT, security checkpoints, staffing, parking and any other additional miscellaneous costs. Compared to 2018, the School Board of Broward County would be paying an additional \$31,941.27. The potential cost savings to all of the MSDHS guests is estimated at over \$12,000 since the parking fees traditionally paid in the past (\$7.00 per vehicle) would be waived.

The use of the BB&T Center is only recommended for the MSD cohort of grades that were enrolled at the school during the tragedy on February 14, 2018. Renting the BB&T Center for these three graduation cohorts (2019, 2020 and 2021) will provide more seats for the families and their guests; furthermore, better supporting the students that were directly impacted by the tragic event. It is recommended, depending upon the graduation cohort numbers, that MSD return to the NSU Rick Case Arena for their 2022 commencement ceremony.

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| Marjory Stoneman Douglas | BB&T Center | \$20,843.66 - \$9,000 <u>Donations</u> \$11,843.66 - Total | \$13,058.73 | \$45,000 | \$31,941.27 |

When researching and analyzing the surrounding School Districts, Palm Beach County graduation ceremonies now have an extra layer of security. The Palm Beach County School Board agreed to provide additional funds for more security at all graduation ceremonies this Spring. They will be inspecting all bags that enter the fairgrounds and for the first time, people will have to walk through metal detectors for each of the ceremonies. It's going to cost the district an additional \$100,000 and cannot exceed \$400,000.

Dade County graduation ceremonies have had this extra layer of security for years. They have been checking bags and having their guests walk through metal detectors at each of their ceremonies since 2015. On an average, their commencements run \$17,000 per school.

The School District continues efforts to manage overall graduation venue costs. The projected cost for 2019 graduation venues listed below is \$423,795.14. A breakdown of the projected 2019 graduation listed venue rental costs with wandong/metal detectors is as follows:

- Nova Southeastern University - \$13,058.73 per graduation x 18 schools = \$235,057.14
- Broward Center for the Performing Arts - \$8,355 per graduation x 10 schools = \$83,550
- Lauderhill Performing Arts Center - 3 schools = \$7,885
- Broward College-Omni - \$4,803 per graduation x 1 school = \$4,803
- Pompano Beach High - \$2,500 per graduation x 1 school = \$2,500
- **BB&T Center** – 45,000 per graduation = \$90,000