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EE-2: Approve the Agreement Between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Florida Atlantic University. The Agreement begins upon Board approval and concludes on June 30, 2020.

Staff Follow Up: Staff to indicate how the 75 teachers are selected for this program. Staff to also indicate whether participants are required to work for BCPS for a period of time in exchange for the District funding this opportunity. If not, is there a possibility to include such caveat for future cohorts. (D. Korn) SBOM-050719-08

Response:

The Broward Educator Certification Program (BEC) is one of three alternative certification program options: BEC FAU, BEC Broward College, and the Alternative Certification for Educators Programs (ACE), that the District offers to teachers on a temporary certificate. Teachers are selected into the FAU BEC Program who have a valid teaching certificate that expires within the last two years of their temporary certificate and need to complete college course work as required by the Florida Department of Education. All teachers who meet these criteria are eligible to apply through Applitrack.

Currently, individuals enrolled in this program are not required to fulfill any length of service with the District in exchange for participation in this certification pathway. We will explore the feasibility of such requirements with our legal office and provide feedback to the Board.