

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation of \$500,000 or Less FY20-028 - STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the recommendation to award the agreement FY20-028 – STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program with the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, Inc. for a period of three (3) years, five (5) months from May 8, 2019 through September 30, 2021. The Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, Inc. (SHP) trains students and adults to know the signs of gun violence to prevent future tragedies.

Good/Services Description

Responsible: Exceptional Student Learning Support Services (ESLS)

SHP, trains students and adults to know the signs of gun violence to prevent future tragedies. Two (2) of the SHP programs will be made available to schools to select from and implement, particularly the "Start with Hello" and "Say Program Description Something" programs. These programs align with the District's Social/Emotional Learning, Re-Imagining Middle Grades, and Mental Health Plan initiatives by providing research-supported curriculum, materials, and assistance to meet the multi-tiered needs of all students.

Say Something™ teaches students how to look for warning signs, signals, and threats, especially in social media, from individuals who may want to hurt themselves or others and to Say Something to a trusted adult or report it through the Fortify app anonymous reporting system to get them help.

Start with Hello™ ("SWH") teaches youth how to be more inclusive and connected to one another. SWH works to create connectedness and sustain an inclusive culture/ community, by minimizing social isolation, marginalization, and rejection BEFORE an individual chooses to hurt themselves or others.

Participating schools will be required to embed the selected SHP programs into existing or new "pro-social" clubs to maintain the implementation of the initiative after the initial launch. SHP will provide all necessary resources, materials, training, and if necessary, staff (except pro-social club leaders) to implement the programs with fidelity in District and charter schools.

Procurement Method

Responsible: PWS

SHP is a vendor who has developed a unique program to train students and adults regarding the signs of gun violence and develops and delivers mental health and awareness programs in order to keep an environment safe and secure. This vendor has the knowledge and expertise to support The School Board of Broward County, Florida, through this training. Approximately one hundred and forty (140) District schools have already expressed interest in these programs and schools without similar, existing programs at their schools have been encouraged to participate with the same support and resources.

Pursuant to the Department of Education, Rule 6A-1.012, 11(b), Florida Administrative Code as authorized by Section 1010.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Purchasing Policy 3320, Section II, H, the requirement for requesting competitive solicitation for commodities or contractual services from three (3) or more sources is waived for the purchase of professional services.

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Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS and ESLS

The financial impact to the District will be \$45,000. The funding source will come from the Department of Justice Grant Award 2018-YS-BX-0081. All research-based curriculum, resources, and materials will be provided by Sandy Hook Promise Foundation, Inc. The financial impact represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.