

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
(hereinafter referred to as “SBBC”),
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,
whose principal place of business is
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

WELLNESS IN THE SCHOOLS, INC.
(hereinafter referred to as “WITS”),
whose principal place of business is
31 W 125th Street, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10027

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, WITS is a duly organized and registered non-profit corporation of the State of New York and charitable organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code dedicated to children's environmental health, nutrition, and fitness in schools;

WHEREAS, WITS has agreed to provide its Cook for Kids and related wellness programs, as more fully described below (collectively, the “**Program**”), at the ten designated schools during the 2019–2020 academic school year, subject to the conditions set forth below;

WHEREAS, the School has agreed to authorize the WITS’s volunteers, chefs, and trainers (collectively, the “**WITS Personnel**”) to operate the Program at the School during the 2019–2020 academic school year; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to express to each other their mutual support and commitment in respect of the Program on the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence on upon the execution of all parties and and shall conclude on June 30, 2020.

2.02 **Scope of Program.** The parties shall undertake the actions set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

2.03 **Location and Hours.** WITS shall implement the Program only on School grounds, during or after school hours, and during the 2019–2020 academic school year, in each case as mutually agreed to by the parties. For purposes of this Agreement, the 2019–2020 academic school year does not include days or weeks when the school is not operating or operating with limited hours because of scheduled holiday breaks, Teacher Work Days, or Half-Days.

2.04 **SBBC Disclosure of Education Records and Employee Information:** Although no student education records shall be disclosed pursuant to this Agreement, should WITS come into contact with education records during the course of contracted responsibilities, these records are confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state laws and may not be used or re-disclosed. Any use or re-disclosure may violate applicable federal and state laws. Likewise, no employee information shall be disclosed by SBBC to WITS. Should WITS come into contact with employee information, it may not be re-disclosed except as required or permitted by law.

2.05 **No Financial Arrangements.** This Agreement does not provide for any payment or exchange of money or financial obligations.

2.06 **Inspection of WITS Records by SBBC.** WITS shall establish and maintain books, records and documents (including electronic storage media) related to this Agreement. All of WITS Records, regardless of the form in which they are kept, shall be open to inspection and subject to audit, inspection, examination, evaluation and/or reproduction, during normal working hours, by SBBC agent or its authorized representative. For the purpose of such audits, inspections, examinations, evaluations and/or reproductions, SBBC’s agent or authorized representative shall have access to WITS Records from the effective date of this Agreement, for the duration of the term of the Agreement, and until the later of five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement or five (5) years after the date of final payment by SBBC to WITS pursuant to this Agreement. SBBC’s agent or its authorized representative shall provide WITS with reasonable advance notice (not to exceed two (2) weeks) of any intended audit, inspection, examination, evaluation and or reproduction. SBBC’s agent or its authorized representative shall have access to WITS facilities and to any and all records related to the Agreement, and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to exercise the rights permitted under this section. WITS shall comply and cooperate immediately with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Florida Office of the Inspector General or by any other state or federal officials.

2.07 **Notice.** When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools
The School Board of Broward County, Florida
600 Southeast Third Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

With a Copy to: Director of Food and Nutrition Services
The School Board of Broward County, Florida
7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 204
Sunrise, FL 33351

To WITS: Wellness in the Schools, Inc.
31 W 125th Street, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10027

With a Copy to: nancy@wellnessintheschools.org
marty@wellnessintheschools.org

2.08 **Background Screening.** WITS shall comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of WITS or its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. WITS shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to WITS and its personnel. The parties agree that the failure of WITS to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. WITS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting from WITS failure to comply with the requirements of this section or with Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

2.11 **Public Records.** The following provisions are required by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, and may not be amended. WITS shall keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under this Agreement. Upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, WITS shall provide SBBC with a copy of any requested public records or to allow the requested public records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. WITS shall ensure that public records that are exempt or

confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement's term and following completion of the Agreement if WITS does not transfer the public records to SBBC. Upon completion of the Agreement, WITS shall transfer, at no cost, to SBBC all public records in possession of WITS or keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under the Agreement. If WITS transfers all public records to SBBC upon completion of the Agreement, WITS shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If WITS keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, WITS shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to SBBC, upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with SBBC's information technology systems.

IF A PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 754-321-1900, RECORDREQUESTS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM, RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION, 600 SOUTHEAST THIRD AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.

2.12 **Liability.** This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

(a) By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible up to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.

(b) By WITS: WITS agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by WITS, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of WITS, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of WITS or the negligence of WITS agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by WITS, SBBC or otherwise.

2.13 **Insurance Requirements.** WITS shall comply with the following insurance requirements throughout the term of this Agreement:

(a) **General Liability.** WITS shall maintain General Liability insurance during the term of this Agreement with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury/Property Damage; \$1,000,000 General Aggregate; and limits not less than \$1,000,000 for Products/Completed Operations Aggregate.

(b) **Workers' Compensation.** WITS shall maintain Workers' Compensation insurance during the term of this Agreement in compliance with the limits specified in Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and Employer's Liability limits shall not be less than \$100,000/\$100,000/\$500,000 (each accident/disease-each employee/disease-policy limit).

(c) **Auto Liability.** WITS shall maintain Owned, Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability insurance with Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of not less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit.

(d) **Acceptability of Insurance Carriers.** The insurance policies required under this Agreement shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida and having a rating of at least A- VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service.

(e) **Verification of Coverage.** Proof of the required insurance must be furnished by WITS to SBBC's Risk Management Department by Certificate of Insurance within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Agreement. To streamline this process, SBBC has partnered with EXIGIS Risk Management Services to collect and verify insurance documentation. All certificates (and any required documents) must be received and approved by SBBC's Risk Management Department before any work commences to permit WITS to remedy any deficiencies. WITS must verify its account information and provide contact details for its Insurance Agent via the link provided to it by email.

(f) **Required Conditions.** Liability policies must include the following terms on the Certificate of Insurance:

- 1) The School Board of Broward County, Florida, its members, officers, employees and agents are added as additional insured.
- 2) All liability policies are primary of all other valid and collectable coverage maintained by The School Board of Broward County, Florida.
- 3) Certificate Holder: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, c/o EXIGIS Risk Management Services, P.O. Box 4668-ECM, New York, New York 10163-4668.

(h) **Cancellation of Insurance.** WITS is prohibited from providing services under this Agreement with SBBC without the minimum required insurance coverage and must notify SBBC within two (2) business days if required insurance is cancelled.

(i) SBBC reserves the right to review, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverage or endorsements, herein throughout the term of this Agreement.

2.14 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

2.15 **Annual Appropriation.** The performance and obligations of SBBC under this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body. If SBBC does not allocate funds for the payment of services or products to be provided under this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by SBBC at the end of the period for which funds have been allocated. SBBC shall notify the other party at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to SBBC in the event this provision is exercised, and SBBC shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section.

2.16 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by SBBC under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify SBBC of any funds erroneously received from SBBC upon the discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to SBBC.

2.17 **Incorporation by Reference.** **Exhibit A** attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any Agreement.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this Agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized

in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party (30) days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. In the event of such termination, SBBC shall be entitled to a *pro rata* refund of any pre-paid amounts for any services scheduled to be delivered after the effective date of such termination. SBBC shall have no liability for any property left on SBBC's property by any party to this Agreement after the termination of this Agreement. Any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement agrees that any of its property placed upon SBBC's facilities pursuant to this Agreement shall be removed within ten (10) business days following the termination, conclusion or cancellation of this Agreement and that any such property remaining upon SBBC's facilities after that time shall be deemed to be abandoned, title to such property shall pass to SBBC, and SBBC may use or dispose of such property as SBBC deems fit and appropriate.

3.06 **Compliance with Laws.** Each party shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, SBBC policies, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.07 **Place of Performance.** All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

3.08 **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted exclusively to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida or to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Each party agrees and admits that the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward

County, Florida or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida shall have jurisdiction over it for any dispute arising under this Agreement.

3.09 **Entirety of Agreement.** This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.10 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.11 **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

3.12 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.13 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.14 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.15 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.16 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.17 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense (“Force Majeure”). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.18 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein, indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.19 **Agreement Administration.** SBBC has delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to take any actions necessary to implement and administer this Agreement.

3.20 **Counterparts and Multiple Originals.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, and may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

3.21 **Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

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FOR SBBC:

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By _____
Heather P. Brinkworth, Chair

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

Office of the General Counsel

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FOR WITS:

(Corporate Seal)


WELLNESS IN THE SCHOOLS, INC.

ATTEST:

By 

_____, Secretary

-or-



Witness

Ricardo Diaz
Witness

The Following Notarization is Required for Every Agreement Without Regard to Whether the Party Chose to Use a Secretary's Attestation or Two (2) Witnesses.

STATE OF New York

COUNTY OF New York

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of August, 2019 by Martin Hillis of Wellness In the Schools, Inc. on behalf of the corporation/agency.

Name of Corporation or Agency
He/She is personally known to me or produced New York State Driver License as identification and did/did not first take an oath. Type of Identification

My Commission Expires:

JIMMY MA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01MA6116017
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires Sept. 20, 2020

(SEAL)


Signature - Notary Public

Jimmy Ma
Printed Name of Notary

01MA6116017
Notary's Commission No.

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF PROGRAM

1. **Agreement of WITS.** Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, WITS agrees that, for the duration of this Agreement, it shall:

a. Implement the Program at the School and work with the School's Wellness Committee (as defined below) in an attempt to improve the School's lunch experience in both food and physical activity;

b. In implementing the Program, provide two (2) chef/wellness professionals who are employees of WITS (a "WITS Professional") who shall cover ten (10) Broward County Schools. After approval from the schools and confirmation of specific weekly schedules, the WITS Professional will focus on providing culinary and/or nutrition classes to increase consumptions of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and plant proteins.

c. Through a WITS Professional, facilitate the following initiatives, using WITS' s best efforts:

i. Obtain the support of the School's Wellness Committee;

ii. Offer nutrition and wellness education at the School, in an attempt to connect students with healthy food choices offered in the cafeteria in the School;

iii. Partner with a local restaurant/chef to support the Program with tastings, cooking classes and events on mutually acceptable terms with the Wellness Committee;

iv. WITS may provide additional wellness activities to the School, which may include, without limitation, a WITS Cafe Day with a local chef, WITS culinary and/or nutrition classes, and WITS FIT BITS (fitness breaks), each on mutually acceptable terms with the Wellness Committee; and

v. Liaise with and provide support to parents, students, and staff of the School, in an attempt to help the School obtain an optimal experience in WITS's implementation of the Program.

2. **Agreement of the School.** Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, the School agrees that, for the duration of this Agreement, it shall:

a. Create and maintain a school-based wellness committee, consisting of parents of current students, school staff and administration, and current students, that will meet each month during the academic school year, to undertake appropriate actions and provide School personel advice and suggestions to advance the interests of, and implement the Program (the "**Wellness Committee**");

b. Designate a liaison on the Wellness Committee who shall be responsible for working closely with the WITS Professional and for scheduling, organizing and presiding

over monthly Wellness Committee meetings with parents, students, and other interested members of the School community; and

c. Use its best efforts to commit to, and to make, the School a healthier place for its students to nourish their minds and bodies, including without limitation, provide WITS with the resources, such as sufficient facilities and School personnel, if available, that WITS requests in order to successfully implement the Program.

d. Provide Lab Bins and Ingredients for the WITS culinary and/or nutrition education.