

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Memo of Understanding

Feeding South Florida with Broward County Public Schools

School Year 2019-2020

The School Board of Broward County currently operates three Food Pantries across the District. A school-based food pantry is located at William Dandy Middle School. Two community-based food pantries are located at Lauderdale Manors Early Learning & Family Resource Center.

Schools operate the food pantries utilizing school-based staff and community volunteers. Food items are donated with support from multiple organizations. Staff and volunteers are responsible for community outreach to request donations, organize deliveries, and monitor distribution of fresh and non-perishable goods to hundreds of families several times each month.

Feeding South Florida is partnering with the Broward County School Board expand the food pantry program by providing food items and volunteers to schools that may be considered to be in a 'food desert.' A community identified as a food desert has limited access to affordable and nutritious food in contrast with an area that has higher access to supermarkets or vegetable shops with fresh foods.

Upon the Board's approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Feeding South Florida, Inc., schools will be allowed to volunteer to participate in the Food Pantry expansion initiative.