

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve First Amendment to Agreement FY20-075 – Montessori Education Method Training for Teachers

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the First Amendment to Agreement FY20-075 – Montessori Education Method Training for Teachers between Barry University (BU) and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), to correct the ending date of the Agreement from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

This Agreement was first awarded on May 21, 2019, Agenda Item #EE-4, with a spending authority of \$251,158.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Innovative Programs

SBBC has been a partner with Barry University for the training of district teachers on Montessori learning. Barry University is the only university in the state of Florida offering graduate-level courses in Montessori education. The program is accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education and is affiliated with the American Montessori Society.

The benefits to Broward teachers participating in Barry University Montessori training are the high rigor, including research that Barry requires as part of the graduate coursework. The teachers are able to complete the program in two (2) years while attending classes at Beachside Montessori Village. The Elementary I & II Montessori certification allows the elementary teacher to teach in all grades K-5. The teachers will be able to take two (2) additional courses to complete their Masters' Degree. The Secondary I & II allows the teacher to teach in all grades six through twelve (6-12).

BU issues the billing for these services each semester, and invoices are sent directly to the schools.

Procurement Method

Responsible: PWS

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

Financial Impact

Responsible: PWS and Innovative Programs

There is no additional financial impact to the District.