

**Recommendation to Approve First Amendment to Agreement
FY20-075 - Montessori Education Method Training for Teachers
February 4, 2020 Board Agenda**

CONTINUATION OF REQUESTED ACTION

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 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).