

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### **Recommendation to Approve Second Amendment, Renewal, and Additional Spending Authority 59-038N – SAT and PSAT Schools Days with College Board**

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#### **Introduction**

##### **Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)**

This request is to approve the Second Amendment, Renewal, and Additional Spending Authority of the Agreement between College Entrance Examination Board (College Board) and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC). The agreement supports the academic and personal enrichment of students in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) which includes PSAT School Day for Freshman, SAT School Day for Juniors, and SAT School Day for select Seniors.

The agreement was approved at the School Board Special Meeting on September 25, 2018, under Item 1, starting October 1, 2018 through August 30, 2020, with a renewal option for one (1) additional two (2) year periods, and an approved spending authority of \$1,504,302. A First Amendment to the Agreement was approved by the Superintendent on September 26, 2019. There was no financial impact with this Amendment.

The purpose of this Amendment is to renew for an additional year through August 30, 2021.

The additional spending authority being requested is \$569,000.

#### **Goods/Services Description**

##### **Responsible: Student Assessment & Research**

To provide equal and full access to the college admissions process and to establish a college going-culture and encourage more high school students to take the test and apply to college, BCPS proposes to implement a PSAT School Day for Freshman (9th grade), SAT School Day for Juniors (11th grade) and at-risk Seniors (12th grade). The College Board will assist the District in creating and providing strategic support to high schools to prepare students for the test, applying for potential scholarships and increase access to advanced placement and AP capstone programs.

The SAT School Day program has been reported by high school instructional leadership as successful in terms of providing equity to students in college application and enrollment. This initiative has provided access to college entrance exams for all 11th-grade students in BCPS High schools. It has virtually eliminated the participation gap between minority and non-minority students, Free and Reduced Priced Lunch and non-Free and Reduced Priced Lunch students, English Language Learners, and non-English Language Learners. Overall, participation increased from fifty (50) percent in 2015 (prior to SAT School Day) to eighty-nine (89) percent in 2020. Over three thousand (3,000) students who had not previously met graduation requirements for Reading achieved a concordance score on SAT School Day in 2020. Over 300 students who had not previously met the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement achieved a concordance score on SAT School Day 2020.

In conjunction with the State of Florida's initiative that provides access to the College Board PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) for all students in grade 10, this BCPS initiative will provide a comprehensive and standardized longitudinal support program for individual student's college readiness, an external set of data points to review the alignment of BCPS curriculum with national expectations and provide insight on how to support the elimination of achievement gaps among demographic subgroups. Additionally, the PSAT NMSQT and SAT were approved for use as alternatives to the current FSA-ELA (SAT only) and FSA-EOC Algebra (PSAT NMSQT and SAT) for graduation eligibility.

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**Impact Statement**

College Board will work with the District and schools when student scores are released to determine an appropriate plan of action to further increase student college readiness and scholarship opportunities. Broward’s Office of Student Assessment & Research, as well as the Office of School Performance & Accountability, will work with the Office of Academics to review and plan around student data results. Additionally, the Office of Student Assessment & Research will produce an annual report of participation and performance for the PSAT and SAT School Day program.

**Service Locations**

Based on the request of middle and high school principals, the recommendation of the High School Cadre Directors and the Office of Secondary Learning, all high school students at grade 9 will be provided the PSAT 8/9 exam during the school day, all students at grade 11 will be provided the SAT, and grade 12 students who have not yet met the testing graduation requirements will be provided the SAT.

**Procurement Method  
Responsible: PWS**

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 hereby waived as for the SBBC’s purchase of educational services.

**Financial Impact  
Responsible: PWS and Student Assessment and Research**

The additional spending authority being requested is \$569,000 as detailed below:

<u>Estimated spend required for renewal period</u>		<u>\$810,983</u>
<u>Less Current unused and approved spending authority available</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$241,983</u>
<b><u>Additional Spend being requested</u></b>	<b><u>=</u></b>	<b><u>\$569,000</u></b>

**Financial Impact Table:**

Action	Date	Term (months)	Amount
Original spending authority request	9/25/2018	22	\$ 1,504,302
1st renewal	9/26/2019		
2nd renewal + additional spending authority	8/19/2020	12	\$ 569,000
<b>New Total Contract Amount</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>\$ 2,073,302</b>

The funding will come from the Student Assessment and Research Tests Budget. Upon approval of this item, the newly approved spending authority will be \$2,073,302. The financial impact amount represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.