

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lease Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Broward College

In November 2016, The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) created Gulfstream Early Childhood Center of Excellence (GECCE) with the goal of strengthening Early Childhood Education throughout Broward at the site of the former Gulfstream Middle School (relocated to Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 in July 2016). Through collaboration and planning with multiple community partners and stakeholders, the concept developed into a Model High Quality Early Childhood and Community Center designed to provide resources and support to underserved early childhood populations, including families, children, and childcare professionals (Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and private/public community childcare providers). All programs, services, partners, and aligned initiatives at the site will support the three main pillars of Embedded Professional Learning, Family Strengthening and Community Services, and High Quality Early Childhood Education.

Broward College is a state college servicing over 63,000 students annually through eight career pathways leading toward certificate programs, Associates Degrees, and Baccalaureate Degrees. The Education Pathway at Broward College offers several career options for those wanting to work with young children from birth through age five, including Associates of Science in Early Childhood Education, National CDA, Staff Credentials, Directors Credentials, and Introduction to Childcare. With the mission of “Transforming students’ lives and enriching the diverse community through academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful career opportunities,” Broward College is committed to fostering a learning-centered community that celebrates diversity and inclusion by empowering and engaging students, faculty, and staff.

In an effort to collaborate with The School Board of Broward County, Florida SBBC, Broward College wishes to partner with SBBC to help further advance the GECCE mission to provide resources to underserved early childhood and adult education. In doing so, Broward College desires to lease one (1) classroom at the GECCE to provide college courses focused on Early Childhood Education to the Hallandale community and beyond.

As stated earlier, Broward College will have access to the GECCE between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. two (2) days a week, during days and hours that the GECCE is open for SBBC’s operation; and all other request to use GECCE during none SBBC’s operational hours would require prior approval from the SBBC’s site administrator. In lieu of paying a monthly rental fees to the District, Broward College will provide In-Kind Services equivalent to the amount called for in School Board Policy 1341 Fee Schedule for use of one (1) classroom. As proof of its In-Kind Service provided, Broward College per the Agreement will be required to provided annual documentation showing the dollar amount expended as In-Kind Services. If this dollar amount does not meet or exceed the amount called for in School Board Policy 1341, Broward College will be required to pay SBBC the difference between the School Board Policy 1341 Fee Schedule and the dollar amount provided as In-Kind Service.