

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Lease Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida And University of Miami**

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 support the three main pillars of Embedded Professional Learning, Family Strengthening and Community Services, and High Quality Early Childhood Education.

University of Miami (UM) is a private research university with more than 17,000 students from around the world serviced through a vibrant and diverse academic community focused on teaching and learning, the discovery of new knowledge, and service to the South Florida region and beyond. The University comprises 11 schools and colleges serving undergraduate and graduate students in more than 180 majors and programs. UM is a major research university engaged in \$324 million in research and sponsored program expenditures annually. While the majority of this work is housed at the Miller School of Medicine, investigators conduct hundreds of studies in other areas, including marine science, engineering, education, and psychology.

In an effort to collaborate with SBBC, UM Nursing Program 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, UM desires to lease one (1) classroom at the GECCE to conduct a year-long study on prevention of chronic disease by targeting the health and wellness needs and support families at GECCE.

As stated earlier, UM will have access to the GECCE between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 monthly rental fees to the District, UM 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, UM per the Agreement will be required to provide 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, UM will be required to pay SBBC the difference between the School Board Policy 1341 Fee Schedule cost and the dollar amount provided as In-Kind Service.