

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.

### **Additional Background Information:**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has partnered with Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc., (Hispanic Unity) for 24 years. Hispanic Unity is a non-profit organization that offers and provides over 30 services to the community in four languages – Creole, Spanish, French and English at 50+ sites in South Florida. Core programs and services include:

- Language, Education and Leadership Development: Onsite 5-star accredited preschool, adult English classes (through a partnership with BCPS), Family Strengthening, and year-round Unity 4Teens youth development programs
- Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneurship: Integrated financial stability framework that promotes economic self-sufficiency through income supports (tax credits, SNAP, affordable healthcare) vocational training, employment advancement and job readiness coaching, financial education and coaching, and support for entrepreneurship
- Civic Engagement & Legal: community service-learning activities, immigration services with emphasis on citizenship and naturalization preparation assistance, voter registration and basic legal assistance

The agency also provides services in the areas of Health & Well Being, Disaster Case Management, Equal Treatment & Opportunity, and Advocacy.

In 2007-2008, Hispanic Unity purchased the building in which the District currently leases 2,417 square feet. Hispanic Unity indicated it spent over \$500,000 to renovate the building years ago. Included in this cost was \$33,158 it obtained as Community Development Block Grant funds from the City of Hollywood to help defray the cost of making the restrooms utilized by the School District compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The District contributed an additional \$19,000 towards this endeavor.

The District through Community School South (CSS) offers day and evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes and assists in the recruitment of students to take advantage of the services provided by Hispanic Unity. The District's day classes are Monday through Friday and evening classes are offered Monday through Thursday for two semesters and a summer term. The day program runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The evening program runs from 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The District receives FTE funding for up to 245 students per day. CSS also provide family literacy services through SBBC's, Family Literacy Program to all enrolled ESOL students and their families. The District currently services over 200 families.

The monthly rental cost is \$4,307.53. The yearly rental cost is \$51,690.36. It should be noted, the monthly and annual cost increased three percent (3%) from last year. This increase amounts to an additional \$125.46 monthly and \$1,505.52 yearly. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CSS paid \$19,918.50 annually for part-time custodial support, \$1,514.00 annually for custodial supplies, and \$2,236.00 annually for instructional materials and supplies. It is estimated that \$5,200.00 is spent annually for electrical costs and \$3,200.00 for annual telephone and internet costs. Due to the current circumstances with COVID-19, and not having access to the 2018-2019 annual costs, the 2017-2018 annual costs were used from last year's First Amendment renewal.

Total student enrollment was 857 students (unduplicated) for the 2017-2018 year, up 138 students from the previous year. The partnership with Hispanic Unity is imperative due to the fact that the students are comfortable utilizing the services, enrolling in local/neighborhood classes, and are familiar with the program services available in their neighborhood.

As earlier stated, Hispanic Unity is a full-service center whereby Broward County Public Schools through CSS provides the educational component to adults and their children through ESOL and Family Literacy services. The partnership with Hispanic Unity coupled with CSS's ESOL and Family Literacy Services makes it a strong and efficient full-service center. Feedback received by the Program staff indicates to remove the educational component from the Hispanic Unity site would impact the center's functionality as a one-stop facility.

If approved by SBBC, this Amendment would be for one (1) year and allow SBBC the rights to operate under the same conditions as the original Lease Agreement. Per the Agreement, every June 1<sup>st</sup>, the monthly rental fee would increase by three percent (3%) for the term of this Agreement and upon a ninety (90) day written notice either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause.