

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Temporary Rate Increase Before & After School Child Care Programs

This request is to approve the temporary rate increase for Before & After School Child Care programs. The request is for School Board Operated as well as Private Providers under RFP FY20-007, from \$2.65 per hour to \$3.50 per hour.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, (SBBC) provides services for over 24,000 students every school year in 209 programs.

The mission of the District's Before and After School Child Care, Summer, and Non-School Day programs is to provide students with: 1) An inclusive child care program which is safe and nurturing, in a comfortable environment; 2) A cultural enriching program that promotes the physical intellectual, emotional, and social development of each child; and 3) A program that meets the highest quality of child care standards.

Our providers currently have a contract under RFP FY20-007 that is in effect until 2022. Each provider shall be responsible, during the term of the contract, to make sure all personnel employed under this contract are properly badged with a SBBC issued identification badge. Each provider shall be responsible, during the term of the contract, to make sure insurance certificates are current and updated with the District's Risk Management department. Failure to properly badge employees or keep insurance certificates current for this contract shall result in the provider being found in default of their contract.

Private providers of childcare operate typical fee-based programs or Children's Services Council (CSC) funded programs. Funding provided by CSC may only be issued to private providers. The students attending these programs receive additional academic and social emotional learning assistance. CSC also provides funding to service special needs students, dropout prevention for middle schools, and job study programs in the high schools. BASCC programs do not receive any federal funding from Title I to provide services.

Providers with fee-based (parent paid) programs provide the District with 15% of their gross revenue collected, 10% goes to the school itself and 5% to the general fund. Children's Services Council (CSC) and city-based programs do not provide any additional revenue. The 5% allocated to the District pays for expenses to run the program. All programs administered through the Before & After School Child Care programs are funded by parents/guardians and funds left at year end remain within the program.

Ratios prior to COVID-19 for one counselor to student ratio was: PreK 1:10, Elementary 1:20, and Middle 1:25. Based on the ratios for 2019-2020 we were fiscally sound at \$2.65 per hour. Committee members reached out to Miami-Dade and Palm Beach which were at \$2.50 per hour and they are planning to request to raise their rates to \$5.00 per hour to cover the fiscal increase.

The childcare committee; made up of Children Services Council, Early Learning Coalition, Funding Agencies, Private providers, Budget office and more looked at all the possibilities and what was the least number possible to cove the lower ratios, PPE materials, and safely securing badged staff. It was decided that \$3.50 would meet the needs of the providers to service the students and be fiscally sound.