

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TITLE: **National Forensic League (NFL) Agreement**

REQUESTED ACTION:
 Approve second year continuation of contract with The National Forensic League (NFL) and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:
 In an effort to bridge the gap between high school and college, The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), in partnership with the National Forensic League (NFL), is continuing the Broward Schools Debate Initiative implemented during the 2012-13 school year in the initial pilot high schools and will be adding the remaining traditional Broward County high schools for the 2013-14 school year. As part of the initiative, the NFL will be providing funding for the teachers to attend the Summer Institute at Nova High School for training and support. They will also be providing course materials and lesson plans, web-based instruction and multimedia support, membership into the NFL's Honor Society for schools and individual students, and financial support for district-based mentors. The attached contract provides specific details as to the responsibilities of both the NFL and the SBBC and serves as a one-year agreement between the two parties.

Debate participation enhances broader efforts by the District and State to improve teaching and learning by promoting key components of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS for English Language Arts and Literacy emphasize argument identification, construction, and interaction, all skills that are uniquely cultivated by participation in an active debate program. In addition to aligning with the Reading Standards for Informational Text and the Writing Standards found in the CCSS, successful debate programs also address all six of the Speaking and Listening Standards of the Common Core. By offering this curriculum at our high schools, the District is exposing students to the type of rigor embedded in the CCSS and necessary for a successful transition into college and the workforce.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the office of the General Counsel.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

•Goal 1: High Quality Instruction
 •Goal 2: Continuous Improvement
 •Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
 The financial impact to the District will be \$76,408. The source of funding is the Office of Instruction and Interventions budget. There is no additional financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)
 National Forensic League Contract
 Attachment A (Budget)

<p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">APPROVED</p> <p style="font-size: 10pt; margin: 0;">(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)</p>	<p>SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;">Michele Rivera, Director</td> <td style="width:30%; text-align: right;">754-321-1866</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Shelley, Curriculum Supervisor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">754-321-1857</td> </tr> </table>	Michele Rivera, Director	754-321-1866	David Shelley, Curriculum Supervisor	754-321-1857
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Chief Academic Officer
 Office of Academics

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Approved in Open Board Meeting on:

JUL 23 2013

Lauree Ruth Levinson

By: _____ School Board Chair

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this 23rd day of July, 2013,
by and between

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

(hereinafter referred to as "SBBC"),
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,
whose principal place of business is
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

(hereinafter referred to as "NFL")
whose principal place of business is
125 Watson Street
Box 38
Ripon, WI 54971.

WHEREAS, SBBC and NFL wish to partner to provide SBBC with a continuation of the Debate Pilot Program in all traditional high schools for the 2013-14 school year,

WHEREAS, SBBC and NFL (hereinafter the "Parties") agree to the expenses for the Debate Pilot Program as indicated in **Attachment A**,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2013 and conclude on June 30, 2014.

2.02 **Expenses.** The expenses, as detailed in **Attachment A**, constitutes the respective expenses of both parties. The parties agree that no expenses will be required that are not

specified in **Attachment A** and that expenses detailed in **Attachment A** are dependent upon both Parties fulfilling their respective obligations.

2.03 **Debate Pilot Program.** SBBC agrees to continue the Broward Debate Initiative during the 2013-2014 School Year. The Broward Debate Initiative shall be continued in the remaining SBBC's district high schools that did not participate in the initial pilot of the program. The newly participating high schools shall be Boyd Anderson, Coconut Creek, Dillard, Blanche Ely, Everglades, McArthur, Miramar, Northeast, Pompano Beach, South Broward, South Plantation, Stranahan, and West Broward High Schools. SBBC and the NFL agree to provide those services and funds for the Broward Debate Initiative as specified in this Agreement and within **Attachment A** which is incorporated herein and attached hereto by reference.

2.04 **Debate Courses and Instructors.** Each district high school participating in the Broward Debate Initiative will provide one (1) section of Honors Level Debate in the school's master schedule and conduct extra-curricular competitions in each of the participating schools. The cost of providing the Honors Level Debate course shall be the responsibility of the participating district school. SBBC shall allocate \$29,393 for Debate and Forensics supplements for teachers participating in the Broward Debate Initiative.

2.05 **Extracurricular Competitions.** Two (2) after-school extracurricular competitions and one (1) Saturday forensic event shall be conducted each semester. SBBC shall allocate \$1,500 per school for local competition entrance fees for students at schools participating in the Broward Debate Initiative and shall bear the transportation costs for the Broward Debate Initiative.

2.06 **Course Materials and Lesson Plans.** The NFL will create and provide, at its sole cost and expense, a series of instructional textbooks, course materials, lesson plans, web-based instruction, multi-media support and activities that can be used in a Debate or Speech class conducted as part of the Broward Debate Initiative as well as used as a unit in any other class provided by SBBC to teach the process of debate across the district's curriculum.

2.07 **Summer Institute.** The NFL will provide SBBC funding for SBBC's participating teachers to attend the Summer Institute at Nova High School for training and support. The NFL shall allocate \$16,250 to conduct the Summer Institute. SBBC shall allocate \$5,850 to pay participating teachers a stipend for their attendance at the Summer Institute.

2.08 **Mentor Schools.** Nova, Fort Lauderdale and Cypress Bay High Schools, along with two additional high schools shall serve as mentor schools for those schools participating in the Broward Debate Initiative and each mentor school shall host meetings during the 2013-2014 School year with its respective mentee schools.

2.09 **Mentor Teachers.** Each teacher providing Debate instruction in a district school participating in the Broward Debate Initiative will be provided a mentor teacher from the school

district who will periodically meet with the new teacher, provide resources, and assist with curriculum planning and implementation. SBBC shall allocate \$3,585 to pay mentorship supplements pertaining to the Broward Debate Initiative. The NFL will supplement these local mentoring efforts.

2.10 **NFL-Provided Training.** The NFL will partner with Nova High School and a national network of exceptional educators to provide free in-person training for each district coach participating in the Broward Debate Initiative. This training will be personally overseen by the President of the NFL's Board of Directors with assistance from veteran coaches having extensive classroom experience. These trainings will be recorded and made available on-line for district teachers to periodically review. Additional on-line resources will be provided by the NFL throughout the pilot period.

2.11 **Honor Society Membership.** For the duration of the Broward Debate Initiative, the NFL will permit all new participating district schools and students access to the national and global honor societies at no cost.

2.12 **Notice.** When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC:	Superintendent of Schools The School Board of Broward County, Florida 600 Southeast Third Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
With a Copy to:	Executive Director of Instruction & Interventions The School Board of Broward County, Florida 600 Southeast Third Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
To NFL:	Donald Crabtree President of the Board National Forensic League 125 Watson St. PO Box 38 Ripon, WI 54971
With a Copy to:	J. Scott Wunn Executive Director National Forensic League 125 Watson St. PO Box 38 Ripon, WI 54971

2.13 **Indemnification.** This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

A. By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible up to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, for its acts of negligence, or its agent's acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.

B. By NFL: NFL agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by NFL, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of NFL, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of NFL or the negligence of NFL agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by NFL, SBBC or otherwise.

ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions

to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC or NFL during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement.

3.06 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party (30) days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.07 **Annual Appropriation.** The performance and obligations of SBBC under this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body. If SBBC does not allocate funds for the payment of services or products to be provided under this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by SBBC at the end of the period for which funds have been allocated. SBBC shall notify the other party at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to SBBC in the event this provision is exercised, and SBBC shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section.

3.08 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by SBBC under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify SBBC of any funds erroneously received from SBBC upon the discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to SBBC with interest calculated from the date of the erroneous payment or overpayment. Interest shall be calculated using the interest rate for judgments under Section 55.03, Florida Statutes, applicable at the time the erroneous payment or overpayment was made by SBBC.

3.09 **Public Records.** Each party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with any public documents request served upon it pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law.

3.10 **Student Records**: Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Agreement, any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement shall fully comply with the requirements of Section 1002.22, Florida Statutes, or any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records. Each such party agrees, for itself, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, to fully indemnify and hold harmless SBBC and its officers and employees for any violation of this section, including, without limitation, defending SBBC and its officers and employees against any complaint, administrative or judicial proceeding, payment of any penalty imposed upon SBBC, or payment of any and all costs, damages, judgments or losses incurred by or imposed upon SBBC arising out of a breach of this covenant by the party, or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party to the extent that the party or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party shall either intentionally or negligently violate the provisions of this section or of Section 1002.22, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.11 **Compliance with Laws**. Each party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.12 **Place of Performance**. All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

3.13 **Governing Law and Venue**. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida.

3.14 **Entirety of Agreement**. This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.15 **Binding Effect**. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.16 **Assignment**. Neither this Agreement or any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

3.17 **Incorporation by Reference.** Exhibits attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

3.18 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way effect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.19 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.20 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.21 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.22 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.23 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.24 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein, indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.25 **Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

FOR SBBC

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Laurie Rich Levinson
Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

ATTEST:

Robert W. Runcie
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

[Signature] 04/30/13
Office of the General Counsel

FOR NFL

(Corporate Seal)

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

ATTEST:

By *Scott W...*
Scott W... 5-6-13

_____, Secretary

-OR-

[Signature]

Witness

[Signature]
Witness

The Following Notarization is Required for Every Agreement Without Regard to Whether the Party Chose to Use a Secretary's Attestation or Two (2) Witnesses.

STATE OF *Iowa*

COUNTY OF *Polk*

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this *6th* day of *May*, 2013 by *Jeffrey Wunn* of *National Forensic League* Name of Person, on behalf of the corporation/agency. Name of Corporation or Agency

He/She is personally known to me or produced *Iowa Drivers License* as identification and did/did not first take an oath. Type of Identification

My Commission Expires: *1-18-2014*

Ardrae Parmenter
Signature - Notary Public

Ardrae Parmenter
Printed Name of Notary

(SEAL)

766 305
Notary's Commission No.



Broward County Debate Initiative 2013-2014 BUDGET

SBBC Responsibility

Item	Number	Explanation	Total	
Supplements-Level 1	13	\$2261(Debate and Forensics)	\$29,393	Category 1 Programs (see pg 2)
Supplements-Level 2	16	\$1130 (50% of both)	\$18,080	Category 2 and 3 Programs (see pg 2)
Competition Fees (school budget)	13	\$1500 per school	\$19,500	Category 1 Programs (see pg 2)
Mentorship Supplement	5	\$717 per mentor	\$3,585	Miller, West, Wakefield, Weaver, Bynum
Teacher Institute Stipend	13	\$450 per teacher	\$5,850	All new coaches
TOTAL SBBC Responsibility:			\$76,408	

NFL Responsibility

Item	Number	Explanation	Total	
Summer Institute	13	\$1250 per attendee	\$16,250	
Web Instruction	1		\$100,000	
Lesson Plans, Activities, Materials	1		\$15,000	
Course Material: Textbooks	5		\$15,000	
Nova Teacher-1 period release time	1		\$7,000	
Resource Packages	29	\$150 per package	\$4,350	
Student Membership (Honor Society)	13	50 per school	\$9,750	
School Membership (Honor Society) -- Level 1	13	99	\$1,287	
Free and Reduced Priced Lunch Student Membership (Honor Society) - Level 2	16	up to 300	\$4,500	
TOTAL NFL Responsibility:			\$173,137	

Broward County Debate Initiative 2013-2014 BUDGET		
Category 1 (New) Schools:	Category 2 Schools:	Category 3 Schools:
Boyd Anderson*	Cooper City	Cypress Bay
Coconut Creek	Coral Glades	Fort Lauderdale
Dillard	Coral Springs	Nova
Blanche Ely	Deerfield Beach	
Everglades	Flanagan	
McArthur	Hallandale	
Miramar*	Hollywood Hills	
Northeast	Monarch	
Pompano Beach	Piper	
South Broward	Plantation	
South Plantation	Stoneman Douglas	
Stranahan	Taravella	
West Broward	Western	

****Year Two Initiative School***