

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Reciprocal Use Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the City of Cooper City

The City of Cooper City had a Partnership Agreement with The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) for many years which was later converted to a Reciprocal Use Agreement (RUA).

This RUA provides a mechanism for the City and the SBBC to use each other's facilities at no cost when the facilities are available. However, charges may be levied if additional costs, such as custodial, utility and personnel costs are incurred as a result of the use during non-operational hours. Approvals for use of the school facilities have been delegated to the Superintendent or designee for the SBBC; and for the City, the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.

However, solutions (or highlights in the Agreement) to issues raised by certain municipalities a few years ago are contained in the RUA and include the following:

1. No personnel costs will be assessed by the SBBC for providing access to its facilities during non-operational hours when an authorized SBBC employee volunteers to provide such access. Authorized SBBC employee volunteers will be determined by each school's principal.
2. Each energy bill charged to a municipality as a result of its use of a SBBC licensed facility shall be reduced by twenty percent (20%); therefore, the municipality will only be responsible to pay eighty percent (80%) of the total assessed energy bill.
3. An appeal process to address denial of use of each party's facilities via revisions to the "Notice of Facility Use" Form.