



MEETING OF: January 14, 2014

TITLE: Renewal of Cost Reimbursable Agreement with Tucson Country Day School and Regional Science Center, January 2014 – January 2017 Subject to Annual Review for Performance by Both Parties

ITEM #: 11

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

This Cost Reimbursable Agreement provides the basis for Tucson Country Day School to become a partner with the Regional Science Center for the use of its resources.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Regional Science Center will provide science curriculum and professional development resources to the teachers and students of Tucson Country Day School. As part of the partnership, the Regional Science Center will schedule, deliver, and pick up kit-based curriculum for grades K-8. Science assessment resources will also be provided to the teachers. Partnerships with the Regional Science Center continue to expand with the addition of Tucson Country Day School with the knowledge that more children in our community will be provided with viable and guaranteed inquiry-based curriculum in their science education program.

This partnership will benefit TUSD students and teachers:

- Partnerships provide revenue to support and maintain the operation of the TUSD Regional Science Center. In so doing, TUSD students and teachers are provided with viable and guaranteed science curriculum units that support inquiry-based, integrated instruction.
- When serving additional districts, TUSD is able to receive even greater reductions in prices in the bulk ordering of replacement materials that our students use each time they engage in science lessons, resulting in a more cost effective way to provide our students with nationally recognized science curriculum.
- In addition, there are benefits for professional development for TUSD teachers. In order for teachers to deeply understand and teach the concepts of science they need ongoing professional development and support. With multiple districts, courses can be filled, resulting in savings as well.

Finally, with the continuing development of the TUSD Regional Science Center, more grant opportunities are possible if we serve multiple districts and schools. The Regional Science Center, in the past 12 years, has brought in almost 6 million dollars to support science and literacy education for TUSD students.

PRESENTER: Steve Holmes and Joan Gilbert

MEETS SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS:
Student Achievement

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

X	District Budget
_____	State/Federal Funds
_____	Other
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
\$1,500.00	XXXX.95500.5042.100.1000.2211.0000

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date _____

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:

Authorized from current year budget _____


Authorized with School Board approval _____

Code: _____ Fund: _____

INITIATOR(S):

Steve Holmes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction	12/13/2013	
Name	Title	Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS:
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