



MEETING OF: May 13, 2014

TITLE: Cost Reimbursable Agreement with Flowing Wells Unified School District for TUSD to Provide Science Curriculum and Professional Development Resources to the Teachers and Students of Flowing Wells Unified School District, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

ITEM #: 13

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To request Governing Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Flowing Wells Unified School District as a partner with the Regional Science Center for the use of its resources.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The TUSD Regional Science Center will provide science curriculum and professional development resources to the teachers and students of Flowing Wells Unified School District. As part of the partnership, the TUSD Regional Science Center will schedule, deliver, and pick up kit-based curriculum for grades K-8. Science assessment resources will also be provided to teachers as needed. Partnerships with the Regional Science Center provide children in our community 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.

MEETS SUPERINTENDENT'S GOAL(S):

Achievement

PRESENTER:

Ms. Joan Gilbert, Science Department

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:

_____	District Budget
_____	State/Federal Funds
X _____	OtherIGA Partner
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>


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):

Steven Holmes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction	5/1/2014	
Name	Title	Date

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