MEETING OF: August 11, 2015

TITLE: Contractor Agreements with Valley of the Sun United Way in Collaboration with ADE for Pre-Kindergarten

ITEM #: 7

Information:
Study: 
Action: X

PURPOSE:
To approve agreements between Tucson Unified School District and Valley of the Sun United Way for Davidson and Wheeler Elementary Schools to receive reimbursement related to the First Things First Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Program in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
First Things First, an Arizona voter approved program, focuses on the provision of quality early childhood experiences to prekindergarten aged children to ensure that they come to school ready to learn. The Arizona Department of Education is the Administrator of the program and Valley of the Sun United Way serves as the fiscal agent for the First Things First Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Grant.

TUSD is required to provide a continuum of placement options for preschool students with disabilities. Currently most preschool students with disabilities are served in the 27 Project ABLE self-contained classrooms. We have only 7 Explorer classrooms that serve both students with disabilities and typical peers.

The First Things First Preschool Scholarship Program will allow TUSD to convert 7 self-contained ABLE classrooms into a new model that we are calling “Partners.” Partners, which will include 50% students with disabilities and 50% typical peers, will provide services for 3 hours per day, 4 days per week for a total of 12 hours per week. The First Things First Scholarship funding will cover the cost of classroom licensure, materials and supplies, and some salaries. The creation of the Partners Program will be fully covered by these scholarships. The Partners Program will both expand opportunities for preschool students with disabilities and provide typical peers access to high quality preschool programs.

This is a one year agreement ending June 30, 2016; however there is the potential for continued funding based on the successfulness of the “Partners” program.

Maura Clark-Inglet, Director of Exceptional Education and Lorri Andrews, Assistant Director along with Brenda Hanna will be available for questions.

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:
**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

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**Budget Cost**  
**Budget Code**

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**Initiator(s):**

Eugene Butler, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
7/27/2015

**Documents Attached/ On File in Board Office:**

**Attachments:**

- Agreement - Davidson
- Agreement - Wheeler

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**Board Agenda Item Continuation Sheet**