



MEETING OF: August 12, 2014

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TITLE: Contractor Agreements with Valley of the Sun United Way in Collaboration with ADE for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Program at Borman, Davidson and Wheeler Elementary Schools

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ITEM #: 12

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Information:

Study:

Action: X

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PURPOSE:

To approve agreements between Tucson Unified School District and Valley of the Sun United Way for Borman, 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.

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DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

First Things First, an Arizona voter approved program, focuses on the provision of quality early childhood experiences to pre-kindergarten 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 has been approved for \$ 248,200.00 to support 61 low income preschool children to participate in preschool services for 12 hours per week. These scholarships will be used to recruit and pay for preschool children to be typical peer models in preschool classrooms that serve preschool children with disabilities.

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, 2015; however there is the potential for continued funding based on the successfulness of the "Partners" program.

Brenda Hanna, Exceptional Education Assistant Director, will be available to respond to questions.

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BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

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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:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____	District Budget
_____	State/Federal Funds
_____	Other _____
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
0.00	




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):

Eugene Butler, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Student Services	8/6/2014	
Name	Title	Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>
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