



TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF: August 14, 2012

TITLE: Cost Reimbursable Agreement Between Tucson Unified School District And Pima Partnership Academy for K-8 Kit-Based Curriculum, effective August 2012 through June 2015

ITEM #: 21

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

This Cost Reimbursable Agreement provides the basis to begin work with Pima Partnership Academy as a partner with the TUSD 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 Pima Partnership Academy . 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 the teachers as needed. Partnerships with the TUSD 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 schools and 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 tools.
- 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 there 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 15 years, has brought in almost 6 million dollars to support science and literacy education for TUSD students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS:

#1 - Student Achievement:

The funds generated by this IGA support science professional development and services within TUSD.

#6 - Customer Service:

Additionally, budget and financial management provides additional cost savings measures to the TUSD Regional Science Center in the

purchase and development of science kits, K-8.

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
_____	Other _____
<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):

Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary/K-8 Leadership	7/27/12
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DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

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