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Mayor Ron Nirenberg
City of San Antonio
City Hall
100 Military Plaza
San Antonio, TX 78205

Re: Letter of Commitment – City of San Antonio/Edgewood ISD Early Head Start Program grant application

Dear Mayor Nirenberg,

Edgewood ISD is dedicated to the children and families of our community. In partnering with the City of San Antonio to serve 128 infants and toddlers, we start the educational journey at the earliest point possible to ensure we are giving our families the support they need to have lifelong success.

The Mission of Edgewood ISD is to provide an exceptional learning experience that engages, empowers, and prepares students to reach their highest potential in an ever-changing World. Our commitment to this mission is reached not only through serving our students but also in serving the community in which they live. We are firmly committed to working with the City to benefit our community through the Early Head Start Program.

Edgewood ISD (EISD) agrees to provide the following as it partners with the City of San Antonio, Department of Human Services (DHS), to provide Early Head Start services to 128 pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. Funding of the items listed will be provided by the Early Head Start grant as well as non-federal/in-kind contribution to be provided by EISD.

- 1) Provide early childhood education services for 80 children compliant with all Early Head Start regulations for seven hours per day for at least 1,380 hours during the program year. This includes individualization for each child and coordination with both our local Early Childhood Intervention agency and our internal Child Find program to ensure services to children with disabilities.
- 2) Provide age appropriate, licensed classroom space for 10 classrooms located at Cardenas Early Childhood Center and Stafford Early Childhood Center managed by Edgewood ISD where Head Start children are currently served.

- 3) Provide office space for four home visitors, a permanent classroom space for home base group socializations, and office space for Early Head Start content specialists hired by Edgewood ISD and two DHS Early Head Start Family Support Workers.
- 4) Provide home visits to 48 families with children ages 0 - 3 years of age for 46 visits during the year and 22 group socialization events per Early Head Start regulations.
- 5) Provide direct or referral services to four expectant mothers and families (including District teen parents) with direct support from EISD Teachers, Home Visitors, Nurse and DHS Family Support Workers.
- 6) Provide onsite nurse to provide preventative health services per Early Head Start regulations in collaboration with DHS Family Support Workers and health content lead as well as contracted Mental Wellness services provided by Family Service Association and Health services provided by the University of Incarnate Word.
- 7) Provide space for preventative dental services twice per year as provided by Metropolitan Health and in coordination with health content lead.
- 8) Provide nutritious meals and snacks to 80 center-based infants and toddlers per Child and Adult Care Food Program and Early Head Start regulations.
- 9) Provide parent engagement services facilitated in coordination with the City of San Antonio Family Support Workers and the Head Start Policy Council to include Ready Rosie implementation by Teachers and referral of families in need of intensive Child Safe parenting education to the City of San Antonio Mental Wellness team for services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dr. Eduardo Hernandez
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