

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with New Frontiers Public Schools

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing New Frontiers Public Schools as a partner of Pre-K 4 SA.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Currently, Pre-K 4 SA has partnerships with eight independent school districts. MOUs are in place establishing the formal partnership between each of the school districts and Pre-K 4 SA.

ISSUE:

New Frontiers Public Schools expressed an interest in joining Pre-K 4 SA through a formal partnership. Discussions have demonstrated that this partnership would be positive and mutually beneficial. New Frontiers does not have a prekindergarten program. All New Frontiers prekindergarten students would attend Pre-K 4 SA. New Frontiers is located near the South Education Center and a partnership is expected to positively impact student enrollment. In addition to increasing the number of eligible students at Pre-K 4 SA and reducing the ratio of tuition students, Pre-K 4 SA and New Frontiers will have further opportunity to work together on Professional Learning particularly for improving quality in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade classrooms. Staff have worked with external attorneys, Thompson & Horton LLP to revise the existing partnership Memorandum

of Understanding (MOU) for this partnership.

This item requests Board action to approve the MOU between Pre-K 4 SA and New Frontiers Public Schools.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors does not act to approve this partnership at this time, services will be delayed until the new fiscal year when the Board of Directors is scheduled to hold its next meeting. New Frontiers would be unable to advertise the enrollment opportunity to families until that time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of revenue that would be generated through this MOU is contingent on students enrolled per year. Revenue from this agreement would be deposited into the Pre-K 4 SA Operating Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the MOU between Pre-K 4 SA and New Frontiers Public Schools establishing New Frontiers as a formal partner of the program.