



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 South San Antonio Independent School District

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pre-K 4 SA and South San Antonio Independent School District (ISD) contingent upon approval by South San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees to join Pre-K 4 SA as a partnering district.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pre-K 4 SA and South San Antonio ISD have been discussing a potential partnership between the two districts. South San Antonio ISD was a partnering district in Pre-K 4 SA's initial year (2013-14), and then withdrew from the partnership. Pre-K 4 SA currently has seven participating Independent School Districts, and South San Antonio ISD would become the eighth partnership between Pre-K 4 SA and local Independent School Districts. On February 19, 2020 Larrisa Wilkinson, Director of Professional Learning & Innovation, and Brad Davenport, Chief Operating Officer, attended a SSAISD Board of Trustees Work Session to discuss the components of a potential partnership. From this work session, Pre-K 4 SA staff and SSAISD staff have met several times to discuss student services and Professional Learning. The SSAISD Board of Trustees are scheduled to consider this item on June 17, 2020.

ISSUE:

Pre-K 4 SA and South San Antonio ISD (SSAISD) have been discussing in detail elements of this partnership that can make this venture positive and mutually beneficial. If South San Antonio ISD joins they would have 70 -75 students enrolled at one of the four campuses. These slots would primarily be filled at the West and South Education Centers, and would change the ratio of eligible and tuition students by increasing the number of eligible students in the program. Additionally, Pre-K 4 SA and SSAISD will develop a comprehensive and robust Professional Learning plan. The item is for Board action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pre-K 4 SA and South San Antonio Independent School District.

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 at least August 11, 2020 when the Board of Directors is scheduled to hold its next meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The maximum amount of revenue that would be generated through this MOU is \$240,000 per fiscal year based on 75 SSAISD enrolled students 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 South San Antonio ISD.