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In Control: San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Sarah Baray

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Communities in School Agreement

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board approval to negotiate and execute a Professional Services agreement with Communities in Schools of San Antonio for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2024 at a total contract value not to exceed \$78,000.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For over 40 years, Communities in Schools of San Antonio has provided resources and supports to help children succeed in school. The Communities in Schools (CIS) model is based on having an embedded school-based coordinator that helps to strategically align and deliver resources based on the needs of children in a particular school. The CIS coordinator works in collaboration with the school's family support team and educational specialists to coordinate delivery of services for

children who have intensive social needs that are detracting from the child's success.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted children's access to education for more than two years. This disruption led to declines not only in academic achievement, but also to declines in children's mental and emotional health. A recent study of academic growth among children who attend the Gardendale Early Learning Program indicated that while children are making academic gains, more support is needed to ensure the children meet grade level standards by the time they reach third grade. An analysis of the types of supports needed to help Gardendale children succeed at high levels revealed that in addition to academic supports, children would benefit from additional social supports. Communities in Schools is a long-standing, evidenced-based program that offers a comprehensive approach to supporting children's social needs in a way that aligns with and leverages existing supports at Gardendale Early Learning Program.

ISSUE:

This agreement with Communities in School will allow embedded C.I.S staff to work alongside Pre-K 4 SA's family engagement and education teams to provide strategically aligned support to children at the Gardendale Early Learning Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action authorizes Pre-K 4 SA to negotiate and execute a Professional Services agreement with Communities in School of San Antonio for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2024 at a total contract value not to exceed \$78,000.00.

Funds are budgeted and available within the Pre-K 4 SA Operating Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this item not be approved by the Board, Pre-K 4 SA will not be able to provide comprehensive social supports to children at Gardendale Early Learning Program in the 2023-24 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval to negotiate and execute a contract with the Communities in School to provide professional development services for Pre-K 4 SA for one year for a total contract value not to exceed \$78,000.00.