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DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Sarah Baray

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with Essence Prep Public Schools

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and possible Board action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing Essence Prep 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:

Essence Prep 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. Essence Prep, once opened, will not have a prekindergarten program. All Essence Prep prekindergarten students would attend Pre-K 4 SA. Essence Prep is located near the East 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 Essence Prep 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 the City Attorney's Office to revise the existing partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this partnership.

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.

ALTERNATIVES:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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