



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: June 7, 2022

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:

SB 1882 Cooperative Partnership with Edgewood ISD

SUMMARY:

This item requests Board action to approve an extension agreement and amendment to the SB 1882 with Edgewood ISD, extending the term through June 30, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Senate Bill (SB) 1882, passed in 2017, allows for additional funding from the state for independent school districts who partner with an eligible entity to operate a district campus. Under SB 1882, entities eligible to partner with school districts are charter management organizations, universities, and non-profits with strong track records. In addition to increased funding for these partnerships, SB 1882 also creates an exemption from certain accountability interventions for schools with historic underperformance. The state set forth requirements for creating the partnership and

determine which partnerships qualify under SB 1882. Providers partnering with school districts are required to have total control of teachers, curriculum, and all education aspects, and to put into place performance metrics to evaluate the partnership and whether or not students impacted are making progress.

In 2018, Edgewood ISD expressed an interest in pursuing a partnership with Pre-K 4 SA. Staff worked with external attorneys, Thompson & Horton LLP to revise the existing partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to comply with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) requirements for SB 1882 partnerships. On June 19, 2018, the Board approved the revised MOU with the understanding that over the upcoming year, Pre-K 4 SA would work with Edgewood ISD to develop a plan to build out model classrooms in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade. To build on the success of the Pre-K 4 SA Education Center model, the Gardendale Early Learning program would replicate evidence-based practices developed in the Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers.

On February 19, 2019, the Pre-K 4 SA Board approved an agreement establishing a cooperative partnership with Edgewood ISD as provided for by SB 1882 to improve capacity at Gardendale Elementary School with a term through June 30, 2022. This Extension Agreement and Amendment renews and extends the initial agreement between Edgewood ISD and the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation dated February 19, 2019 to operate specific grade levels at Gardendale Pre-K 4 SA Early Learning Program for an additional seven (7) years commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2029.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This item requests Board action to approve an extension agreement and amendment to the SB 1882 with Edgewood ISD, extending the term through June 30, 2029. Funding for this agreement is available and budgeted for within the FY 2023 Pre-K 4 SA Operating Fund. Pre-K 4 SA utilizes Competitive Grant dollars to support the partnership, along with funding the district receives for enrollment and under the 1882 agreement. Future year funds are contingent upon approval of the annual operating budget by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Board chooses not to approve this amendment to extend the cooperative partnership with Edgewood ISD, Edgewood ISD would not be eligible to continue receiving SB 1882 funding to support the Gardendale Early Learning program unless they are able to identify another partnering organization, and Pre-K 4 SA would have to close down their flagship innovation site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve an extension agreement and amendment to the SB 1882 with Edgewood ISD, extending the term through June 30, 2029.