

## SSAISD BOARD AGENDA - ITEM SUMMARY

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	December 18, 2013
<b>MEETING TYPE:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	Greater Learning School Contract with the SSAISD Head Start Program
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOGNITION <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION
<b>PRESENTER(S):</b>	Veronica Bacigalupo
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>	SSAISD Head Start Program

### I. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM TO INCLUDE YOUR SPECIFIC REQUEST:

The SSAISD Head Start Program presents an agreement between SSAISD and Greater Learning, LP, and asks the SSAISD School Board for approval of this agreement. The SSAISD Head Start Program is responsible for providing speech and language services to Head Start children in order to meet Head Start obligations. Greater Learning, LP, can provide these services.

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (DOCUMENTATION):

Greater Learning, LP, has worked with SSAISD under the Early Reading First Program for 7 years. In October 2013, Greater Learning was approved by the SSAISD School Board to provide such services.

### III. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED (IF APPLICABLE):

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### IV. RECOMMENDATION AND IMPACT:

By partnering with Greater Learning, LP, SSAISD Head Start will be better able to serve Head Start children who are in need of speech and language services. Children will benefit by working one-on-one and in small groups with speech and language therapists in the areas of articulation and/or language development.

### V. DISTRICT GOAL AND CORRESPONDING DEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVE:

This partnership will meet the needs of Head Start children in the areas of speech and language development and the School Readiness Goals as defined by SSAISD Head Start. In addition, the progress that children make as a result of working with speech and language therapists will better prepare them for instruction in both Pre-K and Kindergarten.

### VI. FUNDING SOURCE-PROGRAM AND/OR BUDGET CODE:

SHS Head Start Program
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**SPEECH & LANGUAGE SERVICES  
SCHOOL CONTRACT**

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

Greater Learning, LP agrees to provide said services to South San Antonio Independent School District Head Start Program, referred to as SSAISD. Services under this contract shall include:

1. A thorough evaluation of students' current level of communicative functioning utilizing appropriate speech and language techniques on a referral basis from SSAISD.
2. Direct speech and language therapy services for those students who have an indicated need and upon referral from SSAISD.
3. Consultative services, regarding student's communication skills, with teachers, staff and parents as indicated.
4. Supervision of licensed speech therapy assistant (s) and services provided to SSAISD.

Greater Learning, LP agrees to provide copies of and maintain appropriate certification, state licensure and proof of individual liability insurance, and to perform criminal background checks for any Greater Learning providers, and to abide by student privacy requirements of the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA).

SSAISD will be responsible for referring students for speech and language evaluations, screenings or therapy services. SSAISD will also be responsible for informing Greater Learning, LP of any guidelines which need to be met when providing speech and language services. SSAISD will acknowledge recommendations and/or changes suggested by the speech-language pathologist and implement the agreed upon recommendations and/or changes into the program.

SSAISD further agrees to provide space and facilities to implement diagnostic and therapeutic services. It is the understanding of both parties that SSAISD will provide all necessary materials for Greater Learning, LP to carryout assigned responsibilities.

SSAISD agrees to provide reimbursement for said services at the following rates:

\$ 90.00 per hour for services provided by April Smith to include direct diagnostic and therapy services, supervision of services, in-service training, meetings and in office time spent in the preparation of applicable programs, therapy materials or in-service materials. On-site time will be billed at a minimum of two hours.

\$ 85.00 per hour for direct and in-direct diagnostic, therapeutic and consultative services provided by masters degreed speech-language pathologists as assigned to SSAISD by Greater Learning, LP.

\$ 65.00 per hour for direct and in-direct diagnostic, therapeutic and consultative services provided by speech-language pathology assistants as assigned to SSAISD by Greater Learning, LP.

Greater Learning, LP agrees to submit a statement of services rendered on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the end of each month. Fees for services shall be reimbursed within 30 days following receipt of a statement for services.

This service agreement shall be in effect for the academic year 2013-2014. This contract is subject to cancellation by either party with 30 days written notice prior to the end of the contract. Contract for services will be reviewed on an annual basis. Signature by both parties acknowledges acceptance of this contract. Any disputes between the parties shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Texas and venue for any disputes shall be in Bexar County, Texas.

April Smith  
Printed Name

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April Smith  
Signature

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