

Memorandum of Understanding – Denton City County Day School

February 9, 2016

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Denton City County Day School (DCCDS) to establish a partnership facilitating dual enrollment of Pre-K students.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Approval of MOU for 2015.16 in June, 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The expansion of DISD Pre-K services to Lee Elementary in 2014-15 negatively impacted the enrollment in full-day programming for four year olds at DCCDS.
- DISD and DCCDS have been in frequent communication regarding this partnership.
- The proposed MOU meets the requirements established by the District.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- A decision to not approve this MOU will possibly result in fewer four year old children receiving appropriate full-day services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- This MOU establishes expectations for DISD to provide transportation for students dually enrolled in DCCDS and DISD, thus enabling students to receive full-day services at a low cost to families.
- These expenses have been determined to be approximately \$5,700 and will be built into the proposed 2016-17 DISD budget. Expenses include mileage and transportation staffing (driver and monitor).
- DCCDS has secured outside funding for appropriate child restraint systems which will be installed on DISD buses as part of this partnership.
- DISD will receive state funding based upon the enrollment of DCCDS students in DISD Pre-K.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Approval will allow DCCDS and DISD to move forward with arrangements for implementing this partnership.
- Approval will provide an additional opportunity for families to access full-day high quality educational programming for their children at a low cost.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed at this time.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- The Boards of both DISD and DCCDS have expressed interest in this partnership, as it provides appropriate support for an increased number of families in the community.
- Additionally, it is anticipated that some students will be identified this year who will be able to participate in DISD Pre-K as a result of having the extended day option afforded by this partnership, resulting in continued enrollment rather than withdrawal in some situations.
- The District will continue frequent conversations between DISD and DCCDS staff to ensure high quality programming and to recommend any adjustments needed to continue the success of the program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is for the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Denton City County Day School related to this Pre-K partnership for the 2016-17 school year.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent, Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

- Memorandum of Understanding

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____