



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding of United ISD's commitment to

STARS Scholarship Fund

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Associate Superintendent for Administration

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 20, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the UISD's Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding of United ISD's commitment to the STARS Scholarship Fund

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:



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October 28, 2019

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Re: Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") of United ISD's commitment to STARS Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Rendon,

On behalf of Stars Scholarship Fund Board of Directors and staff, thank you for taking the time to meet with me on October 16, 2019 regarding the Stars Scholarship Fund School District Partnerships.

Stars Scholarship Fund is excited to enter into a partnership with United ISD for the 2020-2021 application cycle. The purpose of this MOU is to establish the relationship between United ISD and STARS Scholarship Fund ("STARS"). By our signatures below, both STARS and United ISD have willingly entered into this MOU.

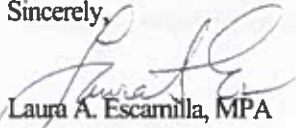
Following are the fundamental terms of the MOU and the partnership which will enable us to serve United ISD students:

- United ISD will allot up \$100,000 in scholarship funds to Stars Scholarship Fund to award United ISD graduates from the Class of 2020 for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- This MOU is for the 2020-2021 academic school year.
- United ISD administration and staff will assist Stars Scholarship Fund in marketing the scholarship application to UISD seniors during the application cycle and will assist in completing applications.
- Stars Scholarship Fund will commit 100% of the funds provided to student scholarships and will utilize funds for United ISD Class of 2020 students who apply through the Stars application process and are deemed eligible and complete according to Stars Scholarship Fund criteria and requirements.
- Stars Scholarship Fund will communicate with United ISD throughout the application cycle to track applicants and assist in completion of applications within the application cycle.
- Stars Scholarship Fund will administer scholarship funds between United ISD high schools as recommended by UISD, after Stars Scholarship Fund has determined eligibility and scored applicants.
- Stars Scholarship Fund agrees to match funds for the selected recipients and process the students attending one of the 21 colleges/universities in matching partnerships with Stars Scholarship Fund through those partnerships to maximize funds available.
- Either party may terminate this MOU at any time, without cause, with 30 days' written notice to the other party. This MOU may be amended by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.
- Each party this MOU agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other for and from any claims, causes of action or any other proceeding of any type or kind that is made against the other where such claim, cause of action or other proceedings arises from the conduct, act, omission, or commission by the other party.
- The validity, operation and performance of this MOU shall be governed and controlled by the laws of the State of Texas, and the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State. Venue for any proceeding brought for any breach of this MOU shall be in Hidalgo County, Texas.
- STARS and United ISD each hereby represent that it has the absolute and unrestricted right, power and authority to execute and deliver this MOU and that it has fully read and understood the terms of this MOU and agrees therein.

I hope that we can use these parameters to build a very successful partnership between Stars Scholarship Fund and United ISD.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the information provided.

Sincerely,


Laura A. Escamilla, MPA
Executive Director

Agreed to as to substance and form:

UNITED ISD

By: _____

Its: _____