



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 08/05/25

Item Title: Memorandum of Agreement between
RGV Linking Economic and Academic
Development and the Brownsville ISD X Action
Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department is requesting approval for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic Development (RGV LEAD) and Brownsville ISD in order to obtain services for the 2025-2026 school year that will support the goal of having students stay in school and ultimately graduate from high school equipped with the academic foundation and other competencies that are vital for college and career success. This MOA will support outcome-focused partnerships with higher education institutions, chambers of commerce, economic development agencies and individual employees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

State Categorical CTE funding \$23,250.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between RGV Linking Economic and Academic Development and Brownsville Independent School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic Development will provide services to support the goal of students to stay in school and graduate from high school equipped with college and workforce readiness, in the amount not to exceed \$23,250.00 from State Categorical funds.

Adrian Dorsett/
Submitted by: Adrian Dorsett Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Miguel Salinas/
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Beatriz Hernandez/
Approved by: Chief Officer

Jesus H. Chavez
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent



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August 1, 2025

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent of Schools
Brownsville Independent School District
1900 Price Rd., Office #305
Brownsville, TX 78521

RE: Memorandum of Agreement

Dear Dr. Jesus H. Chavez:

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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CONTRACTING AGENCIES:

Receiving Agency: Brownsville Independent School District, a school district organized and operating in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas

Providing Agency: Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic Development (RGV LEAD), a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the State of Texas

1. PURPOSE:

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- D. Provide regional events such as an annual superintendents' meeting in which data reports are shared about the post-secondary successes of students enrolled in Receiving Agency's schools and other school districts in the region, as well as transition-counseling session(s) and other regional events in which leaders from the employer community share their perspectives with Receiving Agency's leaders and staff.
- E. Coordinate regional programs for students, including RGV LEAD Student Ambassadors and RGV LEAD Scholars. RGV LEAD Student Ambassadors is a leadership-development program that supports student development and growth. RGV LEAD Scholars is a graduate-recognition program that provides incentives for student participation, supports development of the academic foundation necessary for success in college, and supports acquisition of college credits in high school through programs of study blending college-preparatory academics with career and technical education courses offered by the Receiving Agency. The amount payable under this agreement is for the services of Providing Agency's staff in managing these programs and does not include the costs of materials and related expenses, for which payment is made separately.
- F. Publish a calendar of events at the beginning of the year detailing dates on which services are to be provided, and provide agendas for all such events to Receiving Agency's leaders and designated staff prior to the date each such event occurs.
- G. Maintain records of all services provided and provide copies of such documentation to Receiving Agency upon request.
- H. Publish and provide to the Receiving Agency an annual report providing data and additional information about services provided.
- I. Provide other services as may be agreed upon from time to time.

Receiving Agency will perform the following services ("services"):

- A. Collaborate with the Providing Agency on delivery of the programs and services described above to maximize the impact of the services provided by the Providing Agency.
- B. Pay the Providing Agency the agreed-upon fee for services provided.

3. AGREEMENT AMOUNT:

Receiving Agency agrees to pay Providing Agency the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$23,250) for providing the services described above. The amount to be paid by Receiving Agency is computed on the basis of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per student based on Receiving Agency's enrollment for grades 9-12.

4. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

After this agreement has been signed by both parties, Providing Agency will issue an invoice to Receiving Agency for payment of the agreed-upon amount for services. Such invoice will be addressed to Receiving Agency as follows:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent
Brownsville Independent School District
1900 Price Rd. Office #305
Brownsville, TX 78521

Receiving Agency agrees to pay Performing Agency the amount shown on such invoice so long as Performing Agency is not in default under this Agreement.

5. TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and will expire on June 30, 2026. The parties reserve the right to renew the agreement for additional one-year terms beginning on July 1, 2026, and in successive years thereafter.

6. TERMINATION:

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice of termination to the other party.

7. NOTICES:

All notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or served when delivered by hand delivery or when deposited in the U.S. mail by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as below or to such other persons or address as may be given in writing by either agency to the other in accordance with this Section:

If to Receiving Agency: Brownsville Independent School District
1900 Price Rd. Office #305
Brownsville, TX 78521
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

If to Providing Agency: Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic
Development, Inc.
322 South Missouri Avenue
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Attention: Dr. Marcos Silva , Executive Director

8. OTHER PROVISIONS:

- A. **Entire Agreement; Modifications.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between Receiving Agency and Providing Agency and shall constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement and each of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except by a written agreement signed by both Receiving Agency and Providing Agency.
- B. **Assignment.** This Agreement is not transferable or assignable except upon written approval by both Receiving Agency and Providing Agency.
- C. **Severability.** If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in this Agreement.

Duly authorized representatives of the Contracting Agencies have executed and delivered this Agreement to be effective as of the Effective Date.

RECEIVING AGENCY:

Brownsville Independent School District

By _____
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent

PROVIDING AGENCY:

Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and
Academic Development, Inc.

By _____

Dr. Marcos Silva
Executive Director



INVOICE

322 South Missouri Avenue
Westlaco, TX 78596
Phone: 956.405.3091 Fax: 956.405.3082
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Date: August 1, 2025

INVOICE NO: MOA-2026-1

TO Brownsville Independent School District
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TOTAL	\$23,250

Make all checks payable to: **RGV LEAD.**
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Taxpayer ID No. 74-2691363.



2024-2025 Student Enrollment

TSDS - PEIMS Student Data

Region 01

Totals by District

District Name	District	Region	County Name	Charter Status	Grade	Student Count
BROWNSVILLE ISD	031901	01	CAMERON COUNTY	TRADITIONAL ISD/CSD	Early Education	28
					Pre-Kindergarten	3,279
					Kindergarten	2,118
					Grade 1	2,317
					Grade 2	2,232
					Grade 3	2,432
					Grade 4	2,423
					Grade 5	2,373
					Grade 6	2,363
					Grade 7	2,391
					Grade 8	2,559
					Grade 9	3,008
					Grade 10	3,009
					Grade 11	2,987
					Grade 12	2,621
District Total					36,140	

Grades 9-12 Enrollment:

$$11,625 \times \$2 = \$23,250$$

2025-2026

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 2026

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October 2025

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April 2026

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May 2026

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December 2025

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June 2026

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January 2026

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July 2026

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February 2026

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August 2026

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RGV LEAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Office Closed (Holidays)

September 1, 2025 * November 27 & 28, 2025

December 24 & 25, 2025 * January 1, 2026

May 26, 2026 * July 3, 2026

Annual Voting Members/Board

November 7, 2025 *

Board Meetings

November 14, 2025 * February 13, 2026

May 15, 2026 * August 12, 2025

Education & Career EXPO

February 12, 2026

P-16 Council and Counselors Network

September 19, 2025 & January 21, 2026

RGV LEAD Ambassador Events

October 24, 2025 Fall Leadership Workshop

January 30, 2026 Young Leaders Summit

April 24, 2026 Spring Leadership Workshop

Superintendents Annual Meeting

February 20, 2026

Summer Educator Externship Events

Summer 2026

State of Education and Industry in RGV

TBA

Mom's & Industry

May 7, 2026

Industry & Leadership - Bilingual Student Conference

March 6, 2026



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Benita Villarreal

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

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Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Beatriz Hernández

Approved by: Chief Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Jesus H. Chavez

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

Roxanne Eckstein

From: Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Roxanne Eckstein; Lea Ohrstrom
Cc: Minerva Almanza; Miguel Salinas
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: MOU RGV Linking Economic

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Good afternoon,

Approved as to form.

Sincerely,
Priscilla

From: Roxanne Eckstein <reckstein@bisd.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:41 AM
To: Kevin O'Hanlon <kohanlon@808West.com>; Lea Ohrstrom <lohrstrom@808West.com>; Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>
Cc: Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>; Miguel Salinas <miguelsalinas@bisd.us>
Subject: MOU RGV Linking Economic

Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached MOU RGV Linking Economic for your review and approval for the August 6th board meeting.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

Roxy Eckstein

**Roxanne Eckstein | Paralegal to Miguel Salinas | Staff Attorney | Phone: 956.698.6379 | Fax: 956.714.6400
Brownsville Independent School District | 1900 East Price Road, Suite 302 | Brownsville, TX 78521**

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- C. Provide quarterly counselors' network meetings in which student services leaders from colleges and universities meet with counselors and career and technical education leaders from school districts to develop joint plans and strategies for effective transition from secondary education into higher education and careers. Sharing between and among counselors from multiple school districts, colleges, and universities promotes dissemination and utilization of best practices and expedites the implementation of best practices for helping students acquire the academic foundation necessary to exit high school prepared to succeed in higher education and further to help students develop post-graduation college and career plans that support successful college transition.
- D. Provide regional events such as an annual superintendents' meeting in which data reports are shared about the post-secondary successes of students enrolled in Receiving Agency's schools and other school districts in the region, as well as transition-counseling session(s) and other regional events in which leaders from the employer community share their perspectives with Receiving Agency's leaders and staff.
- E. Coordinate regional programs for students, including RGV LEAD Student Ambassadors and RGV LEAD Scholars. RGV LEAD Student Ambassadors is a leadership-development program that supports student development and growth. RGV LEAD Scholars is a graduate-recognition program that provides incentives for student participation, supports development of the academic foundation necessary for success in college, and supports acquisition of college credits in high school through programs of study blending college-preparatory academics with career and technical education courses offered by the Receiving Agency. The amount payable under this agreement is for the services of Providing Agency's staff in managing these programs and does not include the costs of materials and related expenses, for which payment is made separately.
- F. Publish a calendar of events at the beginning of the year detailing dates on which services are to be provided, and provide agendas for all such events to Receiving Agency's leaders and designated staff prior to the date each such event occurs.
- G. Maintain records of all services provided and provide copies of such documentation to Receiving Agency upon request.
- H. Publish and provide to the Receiving Agency an annual report providing data and additional information about services provided.
- I. Provide other services as may be agreed upon from time to time.

Receiving Agency will perform the following services ("services"):

- A. Collaborate with the Providing Agency on delivery of the programs and services described above to maximize the impact of the services provided by the Providing Agency.
- B. Pay the Providing Agency the agreed-upon fee for services provided.

3. AGREEMENT AMOUNT:

Receiving Agency agrees to pay Providing Agency the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six and No/100 Dollars (\$24,396) for providing the services described above. The amount to be paid by Receiving Agency is computed on the basis of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per student based on Receiving Agency's enrollment for grades 9-12.

4. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

After this agreement has been signed by both parties, Providing Agency will issue an invoice to Receiving Agency for payment of the agreed-upon amount for services. Such invoice will be addressed to Receiving Agency as follows:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent
Brownsville Independent School District
1900 Price Rd. Office #305
Brownsville, TX 78521

Receiving Agency agrees to pay Performing Agency the amount shown on such invoice so long as Performing Agency is not in default under this Agreement.

5. TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and will expire on June 30, 2025. The parties reserve the right to renew the agreement for additional one-year terms beginning on July 1, 2025, and in successive years thereafter.

6. TERMINATION:

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice of termination to the other party.

7. NOTICES:

All notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given or served when delivered by hand delivery or when deposited in the U.S. mail by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as below or to such other persons or address as may be given in writing by either agency to the other in accordance with this Section:

If to Receiving Agency:

Brownsville Independent School District
1900 Price Rd. Office #305
Brownsville, TX 78521
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

If to Providing Agency:

Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic
Development, Inc.
322 South Missouri Avenue
Weslaco, Texas 78596
Attention: Dr. Marcos Silva , Executive Director

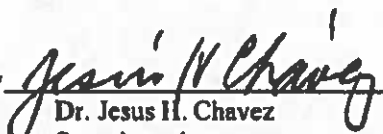
8. OTHER PROVISIONS:

- A. **Entire Agreement; Modifications.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between Receiving Agency and Providing Agency and shall constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement and each of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except by a written agreement signed by both Receiving Agency and Providing Agency.
- B. **Assignment.** This Agreement is not transferable or assignable except upon written approval by both Receiving Agency and Providing Agency.
- C. **Severability.** If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in this Agreement.

Duly authorized representatives of the Contracting Agencies have executed and delivered this Agreement to be effective as of the Effective Date.

RECEIVING AGENCY:

Brownsville Independent School District

By 
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez
Superintendent

PROVIDING AGENCY:

Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and
Academic Development, Inc.

By 
Dr. Marcos Silva
Executive Director