



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 10/06/26

Item Title: MOU between Unidos Contra La
Diabetes (UCD) and Brownsville ISD to
provide the UCD Ambassador Program X Action
Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department requests approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Unidos Contra La Diabetes (UCD) to implement the UCD Ambassador Program for Brownsville ISD students. Through the partnership, UCD and BISD CTE will provide student Ambassador training focused on Type 2 diabetes awareness and prevention, preparing students to serve as health ambassadors and participate in educational outreach activities within their schools and community. UCD will provide participating Student Ambassadors with training, educational resources, outreach materials, and incentives to support diabetes prevention and awareness activities.

The MOU will become effective upon the date of the final authorized signature and will remain in effect for one calendar year, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the agreement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

No direct cost to the District for the UCD Ambassador Program services, training, educational materials, and student incentives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Unidos Contra La Diabetes (UCD) to provide the UCD Ambassador Program for Brownsville ISD Career & Technical Education students at no direct cost to the District.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Adrian Dorsett
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Dr. Norma Ibarra-Cantu
Recommended by: Executive Director

Miguel Salinas
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney
Dr. Alma Cardenas-Rubio

Approved by: Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Timothy E. Cuff
Dr. Timothy E. Cuff, Superintendent



UNIDOS CONTRA
LA DIABETES

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN UNIDOS CONTRA LA DIABETES AND BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT – CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

1. **Parties**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is made and entered into by and between UNIDOS CONTRA LA DIABETES (UCD), whose address is 3102 E. US Business 83, Weslaco, TX 78596, and **Brownsville Independent School District – Career & Technology Education (Brownsville CTE)**, whose address is 1900 E. Price Road, Brownsville, TX 78521.

2. **Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the UCD, **Ambassador Program (UCD Backbone Outreach Specialists – David Villarreal)** will work collaboratively with **Brownsville High School – Career & Technology Education (Mr. Adrian Dorsett)**.

3. **Term of MOU**

This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this MOU and shall remain in full force and effect for not longer than one (1) calendar year. This MOU may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, which notice shall be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the address listed above.

4. **Roles and Responsibilities**

UCD and Brownsville High School - CTE will work together to and provide 2 Ambassador Trainings focusing on Diabetes Awareness and Prevention during a school year. Both parties will attend meetings as needed to prepare of the training sessions. Brownsville High School – CTE will dedicate staff time and costs, if applicable, per this MOU. Specific roles and responsibilities to be fulfilled by UCD and **Brownsville High School - CTE** as outlined below:

Brownsville High School - CTE:

- Brownsville High School - CTE will dedicate a staff member (Mr. Adrian Dorsett to be the UCD Ambassador Coordinator, should a new staff member be assigned to the initiative, Brownsville High School - CTE will notify UCD,
- The coordinator will facilitate communication between UCD and Brownsville High School - CTE,

- Be the liaison between Student Ambassadors and UCD; sending out reminders and notifying and/or of events Student Ambassadors would be participating in,
- Will provide UCD with a classroom/training room to conduct 4-hr. training session on diabetes prevention and awareness,
- Will be responsible for maintaining and storing UCD Life Is Sweet Enough Display Kit for use at events throughout the school year,
- Will contact UCD for supplies as needed (printed self-risk assessments).

Unidos Contra La Diabetes roles:

- UCD's Ambassador Program is dedicated to the training Community Health Workers, Community Members, Students at local high schools, colleges and universities to bring awareness and prevention to type 2 diabetes in the Rio Grande Valley. UCD does this in a structured format by partnering with community stakeholders who align with our vision and mission. Life Is Sweet Enough is included in UCD Ambassador program which works towards reduction of sugary beverages and increase drinking water for healthier outcomes. UCD's mission is to reduce new incidences of type 2 diabetes in the Rio Grande Valley.
 - UCD will provide the following items to Brownville High School – CTE Student Ambassadors (\$535.00 per student for a total of \$16,05 for 30 students per year):
 - UCD Ambassador Backpack which includes a USB which includes:
 - PowerPoint Adult Presentation (English and Spanish)
 - PowerPoint Children's Presentation (English and Spanish)
 - Adult Self-Risk Assessments
 - Children Self-Risk Assessments
 - Presentation/Outreach Tracking Sheet
 - UCD Pin
 - Stress Ball (Waterdrop)
 - UCD Ambassador T-Shirt
 - Ambassador Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions
 - UCD will provide Student Ambassadors with Life Is Sweet Enough stress balls as requested and as quantities are available.
 - UCD will provide a \$35.00 gift card (H-E-B) incentive to each student who participates in the training session with the opportunity to earn additional gift cards should they be willing to do the following:
 - Provide educational talking sessions in the community with 40 or more people and must collect 40 or more adult self-risk assessments
 - Collect 40 children's self-risk assessments, when possible (must be completed by a parent),
 - Attend events in the school and use the Life Is Sweet Enough beverage kit to bring awareness to the amount of sugar in soft and energy drinks.
 - UCD will promote the initiative on social media platforms, monthly newsletters, highlighting Brownville High School – CTE Student Ambassadors dedication to healthier lifestyles for their students and will promote positive outcomes as a best practice for other organizations.

5. General Provisions

A. Amendments

Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument, and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU.

B. Applicable Law

The construction, interpretation and enforcement of this MOU shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The courts of the State of Texas shall have jurisdiction over any action arising out of this MOU and over the parties.

C. Entirety of Agreement

This MOU represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.

D. Severability

Should any portion of this MOU be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the MOU shall continue in full force and effect, and either party may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.

E. Sovereign Immunity

Brownsville High School – CTE and their respective governing bodies do not waive their sovereign immunity by entering into this MOU, and each fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with respect to any action based on or occurring as a result of this MOU.

F. Third Party Beneficiary Rights

The parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of a third party beneficiary, and this MOU shall not be construed so as to create such status. The rights, duties and obligations contained in this MOU shall operate only between the parties to this MOU, and shall inure solely to the benefit of the parties to this MOU. The provisions of this MOU are intended only to assist the parties in determining and performing their obligations under this MOU. The parties to this MOU intend and expressly agree that only parties signatory to this MOU shall have any legal or equitable right to seek to enforce this MOU, to seek any remedy arising out of a party's performance or failure to perform any term or condition of this MOU, or to bring an action for the breach of this MOU.

6. Signatures.

In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

The effective date of this MOU is the date of the signature last affixed to this page.

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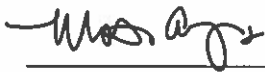
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Date

Dr. Timothy Cuff
Superintendent of Schools – Brownsville Independent School District

[Name and Title]

Unidos Contra La Diabetes



09-17-2026

[Signature]

Date

Moises Arjona Jr., MS, CHWI,
Chief Executive Officer

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