



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 19, 2020

- Purpose: [] Presentation/Report [] Recognition [] Discussion/ Possible Action
[] Closed/Executive Session [] Work Session [] Discussion Only [X] Consent

From: David Abundis, Federal Programs Director

Item Title: Approve the contract between the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) and SSAISD

Description: This is a contract between IDRA and SSAISD ensuring collaboration in planning and implementing the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program in the four middle schools. One of the goals of IDRA’s Valued Youth Partnership program is to reduce dropout rates.

Historical Data: The Value Youth Program has been in South San Antonio for over 15 years. This program provides leadership opportunities for at-risk students to ensure they do not drop out of school, improve attendance and academic grades. The at-risk student mentors elementary students up to four days per week. The relationship or bond the older students make with their elementary tutee makes this program successful because the older students take on the role to be like a big brother or sister to the elementary student. The older student reads to tutees, helps with his/her class work and supports students socially. Last year the Board approved this contract on July 24, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve the Contract Between the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) and SSAISD

District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 4 We will build partnerships with businesses and the community to promote parental involvement, support opportunities for student success, and increase student attendance and enrollment.

Funding Budget Code and Amount: 211 e 11 6299 00 812 130 001 \$10,000.00

APPROVED BY: SIGNATURE DATE
Chief Officer:
CFO Funding Approval:
Superintendent:

CONTRACT

This contract is entered into between the **Intercultural Development Research Association** (hereinafter referred to as IDRA), 5815 Callaghan, Suite 101, San Antonio, Texas 78228 and **South San Antonio Independent School District (South San ISD)**, 5622 Ray Ellison Dr., San Antonio, TX 78242, hereinafter referred to as the client.

Purpose of Collaboration

IDRA and South San ISD agree to collaborate in planning and implementing the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program in up to four middle schools. The IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program has as its major goal the reduction of dropout rates.

Period of Agreement

This agreement shall commence on September 1, 2020 and terminate on August 31, 2021.

Amount of Payment

South San ISD agrees to pay IDRA \$10,000, which includes travel, for the implementation of the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program.

Terms of Payment

Payment for the services described herein in the amount specified above is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice.

This agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral and written proposals and communications.

Roles and Responsibilities

IDRA agrees to:

1. Provide training and technical assistance, which will include:
 - Facilitation of three implementation team meetings;
 - A leadership day to include students from all participating secondary schools; and
 - Ongoing program monitoring, observations, case studies, and faculty orientations;
2. Provide program materials: tutor workbooks, teacher guides, tutor t-shirts, end-of-year certificates, and other materials associated with training and technical assistance for the program;
3. Request input from district regarding level of need of participants;
4. Plan and develop the sessions for the program implementation;
5. Conduct an annual, nationwide IDRA Valued Youth Partnership Essay Contest to stimulate student self-reflection, help students improve their writing skills and facilitate student voices to be heard, as part of the program's asset-based approaches;
6. Bill client for amount of contract;
7. Provide supportive documentation about all billing, which will be kept at IDRA Business Office;
8. Provide an end-of-program evaluation report, including program performance for each of the participating middle schools and the overall program site; and
9. Maintain the confidentiality of all data provided by the district for the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program evaluation.

South San ISD agrees to:

1. Schedule and participate in staff training and technical assistance provided by IDRA; at different phases of the program implementation, sessions will include some or all the implementation team members (program administrator, principals, teacher coordinators, a representative of the receiving elementary teachers, family liaison and evaluation liaison);
2. Provide IDRA staff with date, time and place of session and number of participants;
3. Cooperate with IDRA by providing information on level of need of participants and any prior training;
4. Provide for the collection of data, such as program participants' status, achievement scores and grades, absences and disciplinary action referrals for the program evaluation;
5. Pay student stipends for four hours weekly and provide transportation for students as needed by the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program;
6. Abide by South San ISD's existing regulations regarding child safety, including maintaining adult supervision of all students at all times; and
7. Identify a parent liaison/trainer who will conduct outreach and training of the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program students' parents.

Program Execution

Program Administrator

Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent, or an appointee will serve as South San ISD's program administrator. In that capacity, the program administrator will select the campuses and personnel to participate in the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership and provide the leadership and supervision necessary to the success of the program.

Program Design

Students who are considered to be in at-risk situations at the participating middle schools will serve as tutors at the selected receiving elementary schools. Tutoring will take place for one school period a day, four days a week. Tutoring sessions, together with a fifth-day class in the secondary school, will form part of a course offered as elective credit. Each participant secondary school will schedule role models to interact with student tutors at least five times a year. Student tutors, either by themselves or with their tutees, will take a minimum of three field trips to local sites of cultural, economic or academic importance.

Student Identification

Early in the school year, South San ISD will identify up to 55 students to participate in the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program, according to the following pupil characteristics:

- has a high propensity to drop out of school;
- has been retained in grade at least once;
- reads two or more years below grade level;
- is not active in extra-curricular activities;
- has higher absenteeism than the district average;
- has higher disciplinary referrals than the district average; and/or
- has no specific, set goals for a future career or post-secondary training.

Parent Involvement

Parents of student tutors will be involved in reviewing the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership and learning about the role they can play in this program to support their children. A minimum of three parent meetings per year will be conducted on such topics as:

- The Key Elements of the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership;
- Supporting Your Child’s Path to College; and
- Questions and Answers About School.

Amending the Contract

1. This agreement is given and accepted upon the expressed condition that it cannot, in any manner, be changed, altered, varied, or modified unless such modification, change, or alteration shall be in writing and executed by both parties.
2. This contract may be amended by mutual written agreement of both parties and terminated by either party with a (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.

**Intercultural Development
Research Association**

**South San Antonio Independent
School District**

By _____
Celina Moreno, J.D.
President & CEO

By _____
Dr. Marc Puig
Superintendent

Date

Date