

Memorandum of Understanding
Tree House Academy & Denton ISD – PK Partnership

June 12, 2018

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Tree House Academy to continue a partnership facilitating a collaborative approach to provide children and their families a comprehensive and cohesive early childhood program with wraparound care.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- DISD and Tree House Academy have been in frequent communication regarding this partnership through the 2017-18 school year.
- The proposed MOU meets the requirements established by the District.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- A decision to not approve this MOU will require DISD to return PK Partnership Grant monies to the Texas Education Agency and could possibly result in fewer four-year-old children receiving appropriate full-day services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- This MOU establishes expectations for DISD to provide a teacher and a paraprofessional that will be paid for through local funds.
- DISD will receive state funding based upon the enrollment of Tree House Academy students who qualify for PK in a DISD Pre-K classroom provided by Tree House Academy.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Approval will allow Tree House Academy and DISD to continue this partnership.
- Approval will provide an additional opportunity for families to access high quality educational programming and wraparound care for their student.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed at this time.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- The District will continue frequent conversations between DISD and Tree House Academy staff to ensure high quality programming and to recommend any adjustments needed to continue the success of the program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the MOU with Tree House Academy.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Dr. Daniel Lopez, 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: _____