



BOARD MEETING MEMORANDUM

Board Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

From: Kristina Guntharp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Re: Kindergarten Countdown Camp | 2025 - FY25

Attachments: Contract - United Way of Lake County Kindergarten Countdown Camp

Agenda Location: Consideration to Approve: Action Items

Rationale:

Kindergarten Countdown Camp (KCC) is a summer learning program for incoming kindergarten students who have little to no preschool experience. Children who attend preschool are more likely to enter kindergarten socially and emotionally ready to succeed in school. Taught by a licensed teacher, Kindergarten Countdown Camp prepares students for a successful start in kindergarten. Students adjust to the classroom setting, practice following directions and rules and are able to practice key kindergarten readiness skills such as shapes, letters, counting, fine and gross motor activities and writing their names.

Antioch CCSD 34 is proposing to partner with United Way of Lake County to offer Kindergarten Countdown Camp for the summer of 2025 for a third year. The camp permits 17 students and is staffed with one certified teacher, one paraprofessional and a United Way representative. The camp will run concurrent with Antioch CCSD 34 Summer Learning programming. Additionally, Kindergarten Countdown Camp students will be offered transportation services through Summer Learning routes.

United Way of Lake County reimburses Antioch CCSD 34 for the teacher and paraprofessional funding (excluding benefits); therefore, there are no costs to families for Kindergarten Countdown Camp.

Recommendation/Motion:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the contract with United Way of Lake County for the summer 2025 Kindergarten Countdown Camp program.