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Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Roxanne Eckstein; Kevin O'Hanlon; Lea Ohrstrom
Cc: Minerva Almanza; Miguel Salinas
Subject: Re: Annual Collaborative Partnership Agreement

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Good afternoon,

Approved as to form.

Sincerely,

Priscilla

From: Roxanne Eckstein <reckstein@bisd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 4:09 PM
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: Annual Collaborative Partnership Agreement

Good afternoon Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached for your review and approval for the March board meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Roxy Eckstein



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CONTRACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
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AGREEMENT REGARDING BROWNSVILLE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SERVICES

The BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") agrees to have the Brownsville Historical Association (hereinafter "BHA") provide field trips and educational services to the District. The BHA agrees to furnish these services under the following terms and conditions:

1. The District agrees to compensate the BHA in the amount of \$35,280.00.
2. The BHA agrees to provide the following services:
 - Waive admission fees for all District students and their sponsors on school-sponsored field trips, club activity, or individual visits to the Stillman House Museum, the Heritage Museum & Preservation Center, the Historic Brownsville Museum, the Old City Cemetery Center, Market Square Research Center, the Historic Alonso Building and the Laureles Ranch House.
 - Provide staff development activities through the Heritage Museum Resource Center and Historic Brownsville Museum in order to help District employees take maximum advantage of BHA services.
 - Provide field trip activities for students and faculty to local historic battlefield sites, the Old City Cemetery and other local sites of historical significance.
 - Make available for District use of any and all BHA physical facilities for various purposes.
 - Assist in the preparation of a unit of instruction relating to local history at schools or at the museums.

- Serve as resource specialists for faculty and student researchers in the District.
- Conduct class tours of all BHA facilities as scheduled by school personnel and the Museum staff.
- Provide films and other media educational materials for teacher use, if available.
- Assist KBSD TV in the production of historical and cultural programs.

This contract is for the period from March 4, 2025, to March 4, 2026. Renewal of the contract will be contingent upon the following factors:

1. Availability of funds,
2. Educational benefits to students and staff, and
3. Modifications, if any, resulting from evaluation findings.

_____/Date:
Tara Putegnat, Executive Director
Brownsville Historical Association

_____/Date:
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez Superintendent
Brownsville Independent School District

December 12, 2024

Dear Ms. De la Cruz,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Brownsville Historical Association (BHA), I would like to thank you and the administration for our long-standing partnership over the years. Without the support of BISD our museums would not be able to sustain staff operations, nor would we be able to educate the public on the rich history of Brownsville. We are also very grateful to participate every year in the Youth in Philanthropy program every year as we are always excited to inform future leaders about the work we do.

We feel it is important for students and teachers to experience first-hand the history of Brownsville and enhance their knowledge of social studies through walking tours and museum programs. Every year, we look forward to the opportunity to present to classrooms on campus in order to expand our outreach and we are happy to visit with teachers about these future prospects.

It is my hope that this coming year we host more school groups at our museums and to plan educational programs with your staff. Please feel free to call me at 956-372-1515, should you have questions or ideas you would like to discuss.

Thank you for supporting our local history museums and historic sites. The opportunity for learning through our historical resources for the Brownsville Independent School District is here in the heart of downtown and we truly value our partnership. We look forward to renewing our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 2025 – please reach out to me should you need any additional information or would like to meet in person.

Sincerely,



Tara Putegnat
Executive Director

Brownsville Historical Association and Brownsville Independent School District partnership -> Usage report for 2024:

BISD Exhibits: 3 (listed in blue)

Trainings, Meetings, and Receptions: 11

BISD Summary of Attendance:

BISD Free Visitor Admission for 2024: 404

Outreach Events: 622

Tours/Fieldtrips: 324

BISD OUTREACH, TOURS, EVENTS, AND MEETINGS HOSTED AT BHA LOCATIONS:

January 23, 2024	Career Day Cromack Elementary 5 th Graders (Approximately 70 students)
February 28, 2024	Youth in Philanthropy Visit - Costumes of the Americas Museum & Historic Brownsville Museum (20 students)
March 28, 2024	BISD Special Services Training All Day - Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of contact Romeo Zuniga)
April 6 – 27, 2024	BISD Autism Awareness Exhibit- Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of Contact: Michael Garcia and Marivel Graham)
April 6, 2024	BISD Autism Awareness Reception- Historic Brownsville Museum (Approximately 80 Students and Parents)
April 24, 2024	Lopez ECHS Life Skills Group Tour - Historic Brownsville Museum (40 Students and 13 Chaperones)
May 11-24, 2024	BISD Elementary Art Competition- Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of Contact: Michael Garcia and Marivel Graham)
May 11, 2024	BISD Elementary Art Competition Reception - Historic Brownsville Museum (Approximately 150 Students and Parents)
May 13, 2024	Castañeda Elementary Career Day 5 th Graders (75 Students)
May 14, 2024	Putegnat Elementary 5 th Graders- Costumes of the Americas Museum & Historic Brownsville Museum (86 students)
May 17, 2024	Ortiz Elementary 3 rd Graders- Stillman House & Heritage Museum (70 Students)
May 24, 2024	Veterans ECHS- Historic Brownsville Museum (15 Students & 1 Teacher)

May 29, 2024	Putegnat Elementary 4 th Graders- Historic Brownsville Museum (59 Students and 3 Teachers)	
July 23, 2024	ACE Program Tour: Palm Grove Elem. - Old City Cemetery & Historic Brownsville Museum (30 Students & 4 Teachers)	
August 1-2, 2024	BISD Curriculum Dept Training (All Day Both Days) - Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of Contact Martha Delgado)	
September 19, 2024	Host Site: Coffee with the Superintendent Historic Brownsville Museum	
October 18, 2024	Training To Transition Students (TTT High School/Program) Historic Brownsville Museum & Costumes of the Americas Museum	
October 22, 2024	BISD Special Services	Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of contact Julie Rodriguez)
October 23, 2024	BISD Assessment	Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of Contact Ramiro Barrera)
October 24, 2024	Youth In Philanthropy Class Tour	Historic Brownsville & Costumes of the Americas Museum (15 Students)
November 1, 2024	Career Day Cromack-Castañeda	(77 Students)
November 2-30, 2024	BISD Dia De Los Muertos Art Exhibit Contact: Michael Garcia and Marivel Graham)	Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of
November 2, 2024	Opening Reception Dia De Los Muertos (Approximately 90)	Historic Brownsville Museum
December 10- 11, 2024	BISD Math Sharon Wells Training Contact Sally Legault)	Historic Brownsville Museum (Point of