

# Memorandum of Understanding – Denton City County Day School

June 23, 2015

## SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Denton City County Day School (DCCDS) to establish a partnership facilitating dual enrollment of Pre-K students.

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- None.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The expansion of DISD Pre-K services to Lee Elementary in 2014-15 negatively impacted the enrollment in full-day programming for four year olds at DCCDS.
- DISD and DCCDS have been in frequent communication regarding this partnership.
- The proposed MOU meets the requirements established by the District.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- A decision to not approve this MOU will possibly result in fewer four year old children receiving appropriate full-day services.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- This MOU establishes expectations for DISD to provide transportation for students dually enrolled in DCCDS and DISD, thus enabling students to receive full-day services at a low cost to families.
- These expenses have been determined to be approximately \$5,700 and have been built into the proposed 2015-16 DISD budget. Expenses include mileage and transportation staffing (driver and monitor).
- DCCDS has secured outside funding for appropriate child restraint systems which will be installed on DISD buses as part of this partnership.
- DISD will receive state funding based upon the enrollment of DCCDS students in DISD Pre-K.

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Approval will allow DCCDS and DISD to move forward with arrangements for implementing this partnership.
- Approval will provide an additional opportunity for families to access full-day high quality educational programming for their children at a low cost.

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

## ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed at this time.

## OTHER COMMENTS:

- The Boards of both DISD and DCCDS have expressed interest in this partnership, as it provides appropriate support for an increased number of families in the community.
- Additionally, it is anticipated that some students will be identified this year who will be able to participate in DISD Pre-K as a result of having the extended day option afforded by this partnership, resulting in continued enrollment rather than withdrawal in some situations.
- The District will continue frequent conversations between DISD and DCCDS staff to ensure high quality programming and to recommend any adjustments needed to continue the success of the program.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

**The recommendation is for the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Denton ISD and Denton City County Day School related to this Pre-K partnership for the 2015-16 school year.**

## STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Vicki Sargent, Executive Director of Elementary Academic Programs

## ATTACHMENT:

- Memorandum of Understanding

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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