



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function  
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 05/07/24

Item Title: 2024-2025 Good Samaritan Community X Action  
Services- Youth Development Services Information  
Discussion

**BACKGROUND:**

The Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) out of San Antonio, TX would like to continue servicing Brownsville Independent School District students in the 78520 zip code. This is their 8th year of operation and will benefit over 860 BISD students from August 2024 to July 2025 at the following schools: Stell Middle School, Stillman Middle School, Manzano Middle School, Sharp Elementary, Russell Elementary, Putegnat Elementary School, Yturria Elementary, Garden Park Elementary and Skinner Elementary. Services may be provided to additional school campuses upon school request and staff availability. This program targets 5th and 8th grade students, but will serve students in other grade levels should they be interested in the program. Services include working with students in achieving their academic goals and staying on track, participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regards to parent and family engagement, and partner with after-school programs to provide recreation and leadership services. It will also provide opportunities for students to volunteer and develop leadership skills during the year and in one or more summer camps. The GSCS Youth Advisory Committee consists of Pace ECHS, Brownsville ECHS, Lopez ECHS, Veterans ECHS, Oliveira MS, and Faulk MS. students.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**There is no cost to the district.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between BISD and Good Samaritan Community Services to provide supportive services, including after-school programs, recreation and leadership services to BISD students that would lead to further academic and personal success for the 2024-2025 school year at no cost to the district.

J.J. Deleon/Diana E. Barron  
**Submitted by: Principal/Program Director**  
Alejandro Cespedes  
**Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO**  
Miguel Salinas  
**Reviewed by: Staff Attorney**  
Alejandro Cespedes  
**Approved by: Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved for Submission to Board of Education:**

Jesus H. Chavez  
**Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent**

## Roxanne Eckstein

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**From:** Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 11:59 AM  
**To:** Roxanne Eckstein; Kevin O'Hanlon; Lea Ohrstrom  
**Cc:** Miguel Salinas; Minerva Almanza  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: 2024-2025 Good Samaritan MOU

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Good afternoon,

Approved as to form.

Sincerely,

Priscilla

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**Cc:** Miguel Salinas <miguelsalinas@bisd.us>; Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>  
**Subject:** 2024-2025 Good Samaritan MOU

Ms. Lozano,

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

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

Sincerely,

*Roxy Eckstein*

**Roxanne Eckstein | Paralegal to Miguel Salinas | Staff Attorney | Phone: 956.698.6379 | Fax: 956.714.6400**  
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## Good Samaritan Community Services

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide supportive services to BISD students that would further their academic and personal success.

Both parties agree to maintain a cooperative, interactive, and supportive relationship for the 2024-2025 school year. Either party may terminate the services described in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at any time, with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

Good Samaritan Community Services agrees to:

- Work with BISD students in an attempt to aid BISD in achieving its students academic goals.
- Support and participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regards to parent and family engagement.
- Provide opportunities for students to engage in learning during out-of-school time hours and offer support services, if possible, that ensure students remain on track academically.
- Partner with the after school program provided at Skinner Elementary to provide recreation and leadership services to youth participating in the Skinner Elementary after school program. Services may be provided to additional school campuses upon request by BISD and staff availability.
- Provide BISD and key personnel with program reports upon request.
- Pay for use of transportation services provided by BISD, when they are used to serve students to meet program needs outside of the regular school day or schedule.
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3. Target students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but serve students in other grades should they be interested in the program.
  4. Provide weekly class lessons for the duration of the school year.
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Brownsville I.S.D. agrees to:

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- Identify to GCSC staff the names of those Brownsville ISD staff who will serve as support during ABC instruction in the classroom.
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Accepted by:

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Dr. Jesus H. Chavez  
Superintendent - Brownsville I.S.D.

Date

*Simon G. Salas*

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Simon G. Salas  
CEO - Good Samaritan Community Services

Date March 27, 2024



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function  
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 06/13/23

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Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO  
Miguel Salinas   
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney  
Dr. Nellie Cantu  
Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

  
Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

**Good Samaritan Community Services**  
**Youth Development Services**

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Accepted by:

  
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Dr. René Gutiérrez  
Superintendent - Brownsville I.S.D.

6/21/23  
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Date

  
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Simon G. Salas  
CEO - Good Samaritan Community Services

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## Isela Vieyra

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Sincerely,  
Priscilla

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**Subject:** 2023-2024 Good Samaritan Community Services

Good afternoon Ms. Lozano,

Attached you will find the above-mentioned for your review and approval.

Respectfully,

Isela Vieyra Rios | Legal Assistant to Miguel Salinas | Staff Attorney | Phone: 956.698.6379

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# Brownsville Independent School District

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Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 08/03/21

Item Title: 2021-2022 Good Samaritan X Action  
Community Services-Youth Information  
Development Discussion

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### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost to the district.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to continue program efforts by Good Samaritan Community Services in the approved schools for the 2021-2022 school year at no cost to the BISD.

Dr. Greg Garcia Meg Garcia  
Submitted by: Principal/Program Adm.  
Dr. Dora Saucedo D. Saucedo  
Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO  
Miguel Salinas Miguel Salinas  
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney  
Dr. Anysia Trevino Anysia Trevino  
Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Rene Gutierrez  
Dr. Rene Gutierrez, Superintendent

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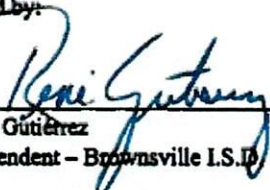
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Superintendent - Brownsville I.S.D.

  
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CEO - Good Samaritan Community Services

  
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