



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Dee Howard Foundation MOU

From: Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Additional Presenters if Applicable: Arturo Cano, Director of CTE

Description: The goal of this MOU is to outline the working relationship, expectations, and roles of each of the organizations in the implementation of the Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Program for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year.

Historical Data: The DHF Drone Education Initiative will provide South San Antonio ISD with a fully funded two-year pilot drone program to help prepare students for high-demand, high-wage jobs.

Recommendation: Approve this partnership with the Dee Howard Foundation.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date:

Funding Budget Code and Amount:



Memorandum of Understanding

The Dee Howard Foundation (DHF) and South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD)

Purpose: The goal of this MOU is to outline the working relationship, expectations, and roles of each of the organizations in the implementation of the Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Program for school 2023-2024 and 2024-2025,

The Dee Howard Foundation Agrees To:

- Fully fund the AHA Drone Curriculum for SY 23-24 and SY 24-25 at one high school and one middle school in the district. Funding investment is approximately 54k per school district.
- Funding includes teacher training, student curriculum, and hardware.
- Facilitate and monitor the working relationship between the district and AHA.
- Support campuses with experiential field trips, guest speakers, and mentoring.
- Conduct an end-of-year, city-wide drone competition, and an aerospace career fair for all students, educators, and their families that participate in the Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot.
- Provide STEM students with access to work-based learning through virtual facility tours and activities that will help them develop STEM qualifications needed for the job market.
- Ensure that all DHF/AHA staff and volunteers complete the district background check before visiting any of the schools.

SSAISD Agrees To:

- Provide a district liaison for DHF to work with. The district liaison will work collaboratively with DHF to approve the MOU and communicate and monitor expectations for campus staff.
- Create or embed in an existing course the AHA pre-commercial drone curriculum at a middle school selected by DHF. Ensure a minimum of 20 students per year for SY 23-24 and SY 24-25
- Create or embed in an existing course the AHA commercial drone curriculum at a high school selected by DHF. Ensure a minimum of 20 students per year for SY 23-24 and SY 24-25.
- Support one middle school and one high school teacher in attending and participating in AHA Educator training.
- Implement and teach drone curriculum as prescribed by AHA.

- Provide space and access for indoor drone flying as required by the curriculum.
- Support educators and students in attending the end-of-the-year drone competition.
- Provide industry certification completion data for DHF participants.
- Provide demographical student data for DHF participants.
- Provide student pathways/ endorsement data for DHF participants.
- Work proactively with DHF to troubleshoot and address concerns.

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective from the date of its signature, for two years, unless renewed or extended by the Participants in the same manner that the Participants may otherwise modify this MOU. Nothing in this MOU creates any legally cognizable or enforceable rights or remedies for any Participant. In no event will any disagreement arising under this MOU-including, but not limited to, any alleged breach of, or nonperformance under, this MOU-give rise to any cause of action, or any legal or equitable remedy, in any form whatsoever.

Christina Martinez

Date: 5/8/2023

Christina Martinez
Executive Director
The Dee Howard Foundation

Date: _____

Mr. Henry Yzaguirre
Superintendent
South San Antonio Independent School District

Mission Statement

Honoring our San Antonio Heritage, The Dee Howard Foundation is on a mission to inspire, educate, and secure access for our youth to pursue careers in aerospace, in partnership with industry, technology,

