



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 10/03/23

Item Title: MOU between BISD, Brownsville
Community Foundation and Public
Wireless X Action
Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The CTE Department is requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between BISD, Brownsville Community Foundation and Public Wireless to work together to provide technology devices and internet services to eligible students/student's households through the Educational Technology Program as provided by the Public Wireless program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

No cost to the district.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of an MOU between BISD, Brownsville Community Foundation and Public Wireless for the 2023-2024 school year to provide students access to grant application to qualify for free internet services (for the grant duration of approximately 3 years) and a tablet at no cost to the students through the Educational Technology Program as provided by the Public Wireless program.

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Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Benita Villarreal

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Miguel Salinas

Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Beatriz Hernandez

Approved by: Deputy Supt/Chief Officer

Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

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Good morning Ms. Rios,

Please see comments. I did not change the substance, but edited format to make clear where BISD duties begin.

With the format changes, the agreement is approved as to form.

Sincerely,

Priscilla

From: Isela Vieyra <jivieyra@bisd.us>
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Good morning, Ms. Lozano.

Please find attached the agreement for your review and approval.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



This Memorandum of Understanding (this MOU) is made and entered into on this 24th day of August 2023 (Effective Date) by and between:

The Brownsville Community Foundation

&

The Brownsville Independent School District

In conjunction with Public Wireless, LLC with an address of 8814C N Palafox St Pensacola, FL 32534

All of whom are collectively known as the Parties:

WHEREAS the parties desire to enter into an understanding in which they will work together to achieve the various aims and objectives related to provision of technology devices and internet services to students/student's households, (Through the Educational Technology Program as provided by the Public Wireless program.)

WHEREAS all parties desire to enter into this MOU between them, to set out the working arrangements necessary for each party, in order to successfully distribute devices and internet connection to each student eligible.

1. The Parties Intent: The parties desire and wish that this document will not create any form of a formal legal agreement, but rather an agreement between the parties to work together in such a manner that will promote a genuine collaboration in support of all matters related to this technology project.

2. Responsibilities:

Public Wireless shall undertake the following items in conjunction to this MOU and their MOU with The Brownsville Community Foundation:

- a. Provide a strategy/plan to successfully promote The Educational Technology Program to students and student's parents.

- b. Provide promotional tools such as content templates for email, text, social media and electronic copy flyers
- c. Provide promotional video for use in promoting this technology
- d. Provide and deliver 10.1-inch-high-definition tablet with 4G LTE monthly broadband internet service to each student who is approved according to the national NLAD system.
- e. Provide a registration platform for new students to register.

School or Organization shall undertake the follow items under this MOU:

- a. To endorse and support The Educational Technology Program sponsored by The Affordable Connectivity Program and Public Wireless
- b. Provide assistance in promoting The Educational Technology Program to its student population. Promoting the program includes utilization of each communication method available including but not limited to email, text, social media and any other campus communication method that is usual and customary for your school.

Furthermore, it is suggested that each communication method is initially utilized two times per week for four weeks.

3. Common Objective: It is agreed by both parties, that the purpose of promoting the program is to help maximize the number of students who register for the program and ultimately receive the benefits of The Educational Technology Program.

Authorization and Execution: The signing of this MOU constitutes an understanding of the intention by all parties to strive to the best of their abilities to meet the objectives of this MOU and The Educational Technology Program.

School/Organization Name:

Brownsville Community Foundation

Diane Milliken Garza, PhD

Diane Milliken Garza, PhD Executive Director

Brownsville Independent School District

Dr. Rene Gutierrez, BISD Superintendent

In conjunction with: Public Wireless, LLC Tom B. Wood



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