

# Action Sheet

**MEETING DATE:** May 20, 2026

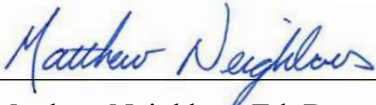
**AGENDA ITEM:** Discuss and Consider Approval of the proposed MOU for the Groundswell Outdoor Learning Educator Program

This MOU is entered effective August 1, 2026 through July 1, 2028 between the Galveston Independent School District (GISD) and Groundswell (formerly Galveston's Own Farmers Market). This MOU is in regards to Groundswell's Outdoor Learning Educator (OLE) position that will serve GISD campuses and students .

Program Overview : Groundswell will provide a full-time Outdoor Learning Educator (OLE) to work onsite in the Young Gardeners Program's (YGP) school gardens with GISD teachers and students with their focus on TEKS-based curriculum and providing experiential outdoor education combined with job-embedded professional development.

A total of \$30,000 will be for SY2026 – 2027. A total of \$40,000 will be for SY2027 – 2028. Funding Source is the general fund and grant funding if available. Vendor is Groundswell.

**RECOMMENDATION:** I move that the MOU for the Groundswell Outdoor Learning Educator Program in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 for FY27 and FY28.



Matthew Neighbors Ed. D.  
Superintendent



Jeff Martello  
Chief Financial Officer