

Denton Independent School District

Fred Moore Day Nursery School (FMDNS) – MOU Termination

September 24, 2024

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of a joint termination letter which will effectively terminate the current MOU and Subcontract for Childcare Services for the Fred Moore Day Nursery School (FMDNS). Approval of this discontinuation letter will further allow the City of Denton to terminate two outstanding Community Development Block Grants whose terms are nearing an end.

BOARD VALUE:

Growth & Management... In pursuit of excellence, we value demonstrating effective and efficient management of district resources and providing leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved an MOU with FMDNS, Inc. and corresponding Subcontract for Childcare Services on November 16, 2021, which outlines the responsibilities and procedures for the current operations of the nursery school.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FMDNS has been operating since the early 1950's as a non-profit childcare center. FMDNS has partnered to some degree with both DISD and the City of Denton at times over the past couple of decades. Since 2021, the District has been functionally operating the daycare services in District facilities in partnership with the FMDNS Board in accordance with the approved MOU and Childcare Subcontract. In part, the FMDNS Board was required to be maintained for oversight during the terms of the existing Block Grants.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

Two Community Development Block Grants were secured through the City of Denton for facility repairs and renovations to the facility at 821 Cross Timbes St., Denton. The City has recently agreed, at no additional cost to FMDNS or the District, to terminate these 2014 and 2015 Public Facility Improvement Service Agreements since daycare services are no longer provided at this facility. This will remove any pending obligations from FMDNS Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No new fiscal implications will be added, as the District is already currently funding and operating the bulk of the daycare services at FMDNS at the Gonzalez campus.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this termination letter, when subsequently approved by the FMDNS Board and returned to the City of Denton, will allow the District to assume full responsibility for oversight and management of FMDNS and to fully include this program as a part of our larger early childhood development program. The existing FMDNS Board will be free to remain in place in some form of fundraising capacity or to disband if they so choose without affecting the ongoing operations of the nursery school or DISD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached joint termination letter be approved as presented.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent

ATTACHMENTS:

- Joint Termination Letter – Fred Moore Day Nursery School Agreement
- MOU and Subcontract for Childcare Services for the Fred Moore Day Nursery School (November 16, 2021)

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____