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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
&
GOPB, INC. HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Head Start Revised Performance Standards
[1302.53(a)(2)(ii)] Community Partnerships

We believe:

1. A child benefits most from a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program designed to meet the needs of the whole child, and;
2. The child's entire family and the community must be involved in meeting these needs if the program is to have a lasting impact upon the child's total development.

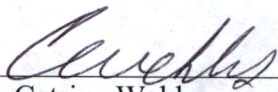
This letter is to confirm the Partnerships between GOPB, Inc., Head Start School Readiness Academy and the Ector County Independent School District to identify teen fathers/mothers and address their needs and concerns, as well as engage and educate them. As addressed in our Community Assessment, teen pregnancy is a growing concern in our communities and by forming this partnership, we can assist young parents in obtaining some of the necessary skills to become involved, nurturing parents of their children.

The 12-week curriculum-based workshops known as "**Parent Power**" is formatted to run October through February. The program is designed to provide support, guidance and resources for young men and women facing the challenges of being young parents. This program is designed for high school-age fathers and mothers in the ECISD program, as well as Head Start parents and community members. One of the goals is to assist fathers gain skills and confidence to be responsible for their own futures, with an emphasis on developing strong, nurturing relationships with their children and families. Another goal of the facilitator is to invite the young men and women in the ECISD's Teen Fatherhood Initiative Program to also be a part of the Head Start Parent Power Program. The Parent Power Program provides meals, child care, workbooks, binders and a graduation ceremony for those who complete the program. The following topics are covered through Parent Power:

Fatherhood Self-Assessment	Character of a Man	Influence of Character
My Anger – Friend or Foe	My Child's Life – I	My Child's Life II
Dealing with Guilt & Shame	Improving Communication	
Healthy Relationships	Traditions, Culture & Diversity	
Developing Your Support System	Fatherhood – The Next Level	

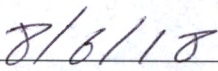
The Graduation/Recognition Ceremony for the Parent Power graduates attending the evening Parent Power sessions at the Head Start Center takes place in early March at the GOPB, Inc.'s Staff Training/Recognition Conference held annually in Odessa.

This partnership will be reviewed and renewed on a yearly basis by both parties involved.



Mrs. Catriva Webbs
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E.C.I.S.D. Representative



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