



## Governing Board Agenda Item

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Meeting Date: October 2, 2025

From: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Priority: To ensure that students are safe, known, and valued

Consent ☐ Action ☒ Discussion ☐

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### Background:


The purpose of this item is to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Marana Unified School District (MUSD) and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

EFNEP is a federally funded initiative designed to assist limited-resource families and youth in developing knowledge and skills to improve dietary practices, increase physical activity, and support overall well-being.

In the past two years, MUSD has hosted an EFNEP cooking class each semester. To date, 20 families have participated and 15 families have successfully graduated from the program.

### Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and Marana Unified School District.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:   
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

*Questions should be directed to: Joshua Bayne, Executive Director, State & Federal Programs  
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**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**For the**  
**University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's**  
**Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (UA EFNEP)**  
**in**  
**Pima County Cooperative Extension Office**  
**and**  
**Marana Unified School District Family Resource Center**  
October 01, 2025 through September 30, 2030

This MOU between The University of Arizona Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, hereinafter called the UA EFNEP and “Party B”, hereinafter called MUSD FRC is to establish MUSD FRC as a UA EFNEP partner. There is **no monetary cost** to MUSD FRC.

The UA EFNEP will provide behaviorally-focused, evidence-based multi-series nutrition education classes in exchange for the MUSD FRC's willingness to actively support the UA EFNEP program.

The services include:

- Nutrition education multi-series classes
  - interventions,
  - projects, and
  - social marketing campaigns,

The focus of EFNEP is:

- Implementing strategies or interventions, among other health promotion efforts, to help the EFNEP target audience establish healthy eating habits and a physically active lifestyle: and
- Primary prevention of diseases to help low-resource population to shop, cook, and eat within a budget thereby stretching available food resources and reducing instances of food insecurity.

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***The UA EFNEP agrees to (as applicable):***

- Provide UA EFNEP services (see above).
- Provide food demonstrations within a weekly multi-class series.
- Assess the effectiveness of the UA EFNEP services.

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***Partners agree to:***

- Grant permission to the UA EFNEP to provide multi-series direct nutrition education classes to participating sites.
- Allow program educators provide assessment to participants of the effectiveness of the UA EFNEP services e.g. surveys.
- Return this MOU, with the required signatures, within 30 days of its receipt.

***Sites:***



Site Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Contact Person (if applicable)
MUSD FRC	7651 N. Oldfather Dr.	Tucson	AZ	85741	

**Other:**

- The parties understand and agree that this MOU is made contingent upon availability of funds. In the event that the US Legislature takes action to reduce or defer the funding for this program, this MOU will be amended accordingly.
- This MOU does not include the reimbursement of funds between the two parties.
- The parties understand that program activities provided as part of the UA EFNEP do not supplant, but may only enhance and supplement existing nutrition education and obesity prevention programs. This applies to all activities and costs under the UA EFNEP budget.
- Either party may terminate this MOU without cause by giving 30 calendar days advanced written notice to the other party.

By signing this MOU, each party agrees to fulfill the above responsibilities for the grant year(s) (from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030).

Eligible Site(s) Representative [NAME AND TITLE]

*Martha Escobar-Gil*

Martha Escobar-Gil  
Community Outreach Professional  
Pima County Cooperative Extension/University of Arizona

Date:

8/19/2025

Date:

Shea Austin Cantu, Ed.D.  
Associate Extension Specialist  
University of Arizona

Date:

Contracts Rep [NAME AND TITLE]  
University of Arizona

Date: