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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**BETWEEN GOPB, INC. HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS ACADEMY AND
ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Head Start Revised Performance Standards 1302.53 (b)(1) – 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 Partnership between G.O.P.B., Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy and the Ector County Independent School District. The role and responsibility of the ECISD will be to help identify teen fathers/mothers, and refer them to the Parent Power Program to help them address their needs and concerns, as well as engage and educate them. As addressed in GOPB, Inc.'s 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 the children.

The 10-week curriculum-based workshop, known as "Parent Power" will be formatted into a 4-month program designed to provide support, guidance and resources for young fathers and mothers facing the challenges of being young parents. This 4-month program is designed to assist high school-age fathers and mothers gain the skills and confidence to be responsible for their own futures, with an emphasis on developing strong, nurturing relationships with their children and families. The goal of the facilitator(s) is to provide the sessions/classes, information, skills and support for the fathers and mothers in the Parent Power program, and also to encourage them to be a part of ECISD's Teen Fatherhood Initiative program.

The Parent Power program will provide meals, free child care, handouts/binders, and a graduation recognition ceremony for those who complete the program. The facilitator(s) will present the 10-week sessions program on campus the Hollingsworth Head Start School Readiness Academy located at 900 S. Grant on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The first session will begin Tuesday, October 1, 2024. The last session/graduation will take place January 21, 2025 (with January 28th serving as a make-up day due to bad weather.

The Foundations of Fatherhood curriculum used in the program will cover the following topics:

Parenthood Self-Assessment	Character of a Man	Influence of Character
My Anger – Friend or Foe	Dealing with Guilt & Shame	My Child’s Life – Part 1
My Child’s Life – Part 2	Improving Communication	Health Relationships
Traditions, Culture & Identity	Developing Your Support System	
Fatherhood, The Next Level		

The Graduation/Recognition Ceremony for all Parent Power program graduates will take place January 21, 2025, at the Hollingsworth Head Start/Early Head Start Center.

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

This partnership will be in effect from August, 2024 through July, 2025.

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GOPB, Inc.
Head Start School Readiness Academy

ECISD Representative

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