



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 03/07/23

Item Title: Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Action
Partnership Agreement between Texas A&M University Information
Kingsville and Brownsville I.S.D. Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the agreement with Texas A&M University Kingsville is to participate in the Department of Education Federal Work-Study Experimental Sites Initiative (FWS) using funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1865 as amended. This initiative assists low-income students to complete educational practicums required by their program of study in two high-need areas to ultimately improve graduation rates and supply an educated workforce for an economically depressed region like that of BISD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

No cost to the District.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership Agreement Between Texas A&M University Kingsville and Brownsville I.S.D. for an Undergraduate Education/Residency and Graduate Clinical Internship Program(s).- No cost to the district.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Maricela Franco *Maricela Franco*
Submitted by: Principal/Program Adm.

Carmelita Rodriguez *Carmelita Rodriguez*
Recommended by: AA Supt/Ass. Supt/CFO

Miguel Salinas *Miguel Salinas*
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Dr. René Gutiérrez *Dr. René Gutiérrez*
Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent

Dr. Anysia Treviño *Anysia Treviño*
Approved by: Deputy Superintendent

Isela Vieyra

From: Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Isela Vieyra; George L. Alvarez
Cc: Miguel Salinas
Subject: Re: Agreement between Texas A&M University Kingsville and BISD

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Understood. Approved as to form.

Sincerely,
Priscilla

From: Isela Vieyra <jivieyra@bisd.us>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:20 PM
To: George L. Alvarez <glalvarez@bisd.us>; Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>
Cc: Miguel Salinas <miguelsalinas@bisd.us>
Subject: RE: Agreement between Texas A&M University Kingsville and BISD

Good afternoon Ms. Lozano,

Please take a look at Mr. Alvarez's response. Thank you.

Isela Vieyra Rios | Legal Assistant to Miguel Salinas | Staff Attorney | Phone: 956.698.6379
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From: Isela Vieyra
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:27 AM
To: Priscilla Lozano
Cc: Miguel Salinas; Kevin O'Hanlon; Lea Ohrstrom; Minerva Almanza
Subject: Agreement between Texas A&M University Kingsville and BISD
Attachments: Agreement between Texas A&M University Kingsville and BISD.pdf

Good morning Ms. Lozano,

I have attached the above-mentioned agreement for you to review and approve.

Thank you, and have a beautiful day!

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Transmittal Form

TO: Miguel Salinas, Staff Attorney

FROM: Maricela Franco, *Administrator for Human Resources*

DATE: February 8, 2023

RE: MOU- Texas A&M University Kingsville

For Your Approval

As Per Your Request

For Your Signature

Please Advise

For Your Information

For Your Review

Comments:

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FEDERAL WORK-STUDY EXPERIMENTAL SITES INITIATIVE PROGRAM

**BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
AND BROWNSVILLE ISD**

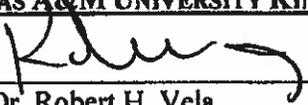
This AGREEMENT made on February 8, 2023, (date) between TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – KINGSVILLE (the "Institution"), and BROWNSVILLE ISD, (a public organization / governmental agency/ or a private nonprofit organization) (the "Agency"). In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the regulations governing the Federal Work Study Program, 34 CFR 675, Agency shall provide work to eligible students participating in the Federal Work Study Program under the terms of this agreement. The parties agree as follows:

- 1) The Institution shall use its best efforts to make eligible students available to the Agency for the performance of specified work assignments. The Institution shall use its efforts to supply students of proper capability but makes no warranties as to the capabilities of the students and will not be liable to the Agency for any acts or omissions of the students.
- 2) Neither the Institution nor the Agency has any obligation to provide either transportation for the students to and from their work assignments or compensation in lieu thereof.
- 3) The Institution, either on its own initiative or at the request of the Agency upon reasonable notice, may remove students from work on a specified work assignment.
- 4) The Institution shall supply students to work for the Agency subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The Agency may not illegally discriminate against any student on any grounds including race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status and to this end, the Agency shall comply with the law including provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
 - b) The Agency shall provide for adequate and responsible direct supervision of the work performed by the student, provide proper working conditions and permit the Institution to inspect the premises if it elects to do so. The Agency shall maintain and make available to the Institution the names of Agency supervisors authorized to sign student time sheets, and shall provide the Institution with a record of hours worked daily by each student as attested to by an authorized official of the Agency. The Agency shall keep the record of hours worked on a form provided by the Institution and shall submit the record to the Institution at the end of each pay period.

business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. Agency acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated if this certification is inaccurate.

13) Conflict of Interest. By executing this Agreement, Institution and each person signing on behalf of institution certifies, and in the case of a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of The A&M System or The A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee, or person, whose salary is payable in whole or in part by The A&M System, has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this Agreement, or in the services to which this Agreement relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE

By: 

Dr. Robert H. Vela

President, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Dated: 2-22-2023

BROWNSVILLE ISD

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____



Brownsville Independent School District

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Dr. René Gutiérrez
Superintendent

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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Superintendent

Date

Jessica G. Gonzalez
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Minerva M. Peña
Board Secretary

Date

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