



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager  
City of Austin

**DATE:** August 10, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Interlocal Agreement with AISD (Metz Elementary School)

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information about an upcoming City Council agenda item that, if approved, will authorize the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the 2009-2010 school year. The interlocal agreement will require AISD to provide mentoring services at Metz Elementary School, as well as tutors for tutoring sessions for Metz students at a PARC facility and will require the City to pay AISD \$100,000. The request for council action will also request that the City Council ratify three prior payments of \$100,000 each that were made to AISD for this program for the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the budget process in fiscal year 2005-2006, City Council approved the allocation of \$80,000 from the Holly Good Neighborhood Program, administered by Austin Energy, for the Metz Elementary School HOST program, which stands for Helping One Student to Succeed). The HOST program model is designed to help students, primarily Spanish speaking students, improve their reading skills in both Spanish and English. The program also concentrates on improving youth self esteem and school attendance at the elementary education level. HOST remains in full operation at Metz Elementary, located in Central East Austin.

During the budget process for fiscal year 2006-07, PARC was designated by City Council to administer this funding for the Metz HOST program, and the amount was increased to \$100,000. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 was subsequently loaded into the PARC General Fund budgets for both the fiscal years: 2007-08 and 2008-09. PARC made the payments of \$100,000 to AISD for the mentoring program for each of these fiscal years but did not have an agreement with AISD.

Council authorized the FY 2007-2008 Budget via Ordinance No. 20070910-003; and the FY 2008-2009 Budget via Ordinance No. 20080908-002.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS NEEDED:**

The department will be seeking two distinct Council authorizations to:

- 1) Authorize the department to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD to formalize this relationship and authorize payment for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 2) Ratify the three prior \$100,000 payments made to AISD in fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09. There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Angela Means, PARD Financial Services Division Manager at 974-6712.

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