

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 18825 Agenda Number 27.

Meeting Date: 10/18/2012 Department: Parks and Recreation

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the City to receive programs, facility rental or use, and services in exchange for providing funding to AISD to provide mentoring services at Metz Elementary School for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2011-2012 school year and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2012-2013 school year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining years of the contract is contingent upon available funds in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 27, 2009 – Council approved negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement for mentoring services for the 2009-2010 school year.
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Additional Backup Information

This Interlocal Agreement will authorize two payments of \$100,000 to AISD to enable it to conduct a mentoring program at Metz Elementary School for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school years. This funding represents the City's efforts to support early reading and writing skill improvement programs in the Holly neighborhood. In exchange for the City providing this funding, AISD will provide the City with services, programs, and facility rental or use to augment City programs such as after-school programs.

This is the 8th year of a partnership with AISD for a one-to one reading intervention program, HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed), that serves English and Spanish speaking students in grades K through 5. This program is managed through AISD's Metz Elementary School and tutors over 150 students each year with volunteer mentors providing over 8,000 hours each year of dedicated mentoring services. Our most recent data (2010-2011 academic year) shows that 158 students were tutored with 98% improving their reading skills from the prior year and 93% of

the students promoted to the next grade level.

City staff will negotiate with AISD for facility rental or use, programs, and services that equal the City's payment contribution to ensure a municipal public purpose for this expenditure of City funds.

AISD employs and dedicates one full-time teacher and one teacher's assistant specifically for HOST at a cost of \$86,585; program supplies, computer software and other expenses total \$13,415. AISD submits an invoice for payment at the end of the academic year to the City for program reimbursement. PARD funding comes from the PARD Community Services Division.