

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

69038

Agenda Number

12.

Meeting Date:

4/6/2017

Department:

Parks and Recreation

## Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the City to conduct the SwimATX program, a 12-16 week swim lesson program provided to students of select AISD high schools that includes a 40-hour lifeguard certification course, for a 12-month term with five 12-month renewal options.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee,  
Boards and  
Commission Action:

March 28, 2017--Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0 with Board Members Vane and Schmitz absent.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

Recognizing the importance of education and improving the skills of Austin youth, the City supports Athletics/Physical Education classes at select Austin Independent Schools (AISD), including John H. Reagan Early College High School, Eastside Memorial High School, and other identified AISD high schools. This item seeks approval of an interlocal agreement that would allow the City to collaborate with AISD in providing the SwimATX program, a 12-16 week swim lesson program that includes a 40-hour lifeguard certification course to students of select AISD schools who will have the option of testing for the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification at the end of the course. Students possessing an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification will then be eligible to apply for lifeguard positions at City pools that have historically experienced a shortage of lifeguards.

In support of the program, AISD will select 100 students per semester from John H. Reagan Early College High School and Eastside Memorial High School to attend the SwimATX program. The students will be instructed and

monitored by a Physical Education educator, provided lunches, and transported between the school and the pool facility. City employees will present information regarding the lifeguard certification program at the campuses of the selected high schools in order to recruit students to the SwimATX program.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) will allow swim lessons to take place at the Bartholomew Municipal Pool and provide four program instructors to teach the swim course for the SwimATX program. PARC has also collaborated with the YMCA, who has agreed to allow use of its North Austin Community Recreation Center, provide each student with swimsuits and goggles at no charge, and provide two additional instructors to work with the four PARC program instructors.

Students successfully completing the Swim ATX program are eligible to participate in the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course taught by PARC and YMCA staff, and will earn course credits. Students successful completing the course and obtaining the Red Cross certification will be eligible to apply for employment with the City to provide lifeguard services at City pools during the peak summer season. As a result, the additional qualified applicants from the SwimATX program will have a positive impact on lifeguard recruitment.

The initial term of the agreement will be for an initial 12-month term with five 12-month renewal options. There will be no exchange of funds between the City and AISD.

Upon direction from Council, PARC is prepared to work collaboratively with its partners to deliver swim lessons to the AISD student at John H. Reagan Early College High School and Eastside Memorial High School.