



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2016-08-24(12)

Date: August 24, 2016
To: THA Board of Commissioners
From: Michael Mirra
Executive Director
Re: Tacoma Public Schools Interlocal Cooperation Agreements

This resolution would authorize the Executive Director to sign two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with the Tacoma Public Schools District in substantially the form set forth in the attached drafts. The two agreements are:

- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Partnership
- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Contract for Services

Background

These two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements will memorialize and govern an innovative and growing collaboration between THA and the Tacoma Public Schools District (TPS). The Partnership Agreement states the reason for the collaboration:

- 1.1 “The purpose of this Partnership Agreement (“Agreement”) is create an overall framework for the partnership between THA and the DISTRICT in the activities they collaboratively undertake to support families and students.
- 1.2 “The mission of the DISTRICT is to provide a comprehensive educational experience that is rigorous, individualized, and enables students to contribute to a changing and diverse world. It does this in partnership with parents and the community.
- 1.3 “Children in poverty face challenges that can limit their educational success. Notable among those challenges are homelessness, housing instability and their accompanying difficulties. Recognizing that it cannot address these challenges alone, the DISTRICT seeks partnerships as part of its strategic plan.

- 1.4 "The mission of THA is to provide high quality housing to families in need. It seeks to do this in ways that also help their children succeed in school and that promote the success of DISTRICT schools that serve low-income children.
- 1.5 "The DISTRICT and THA have collaborated for these purposes beginning in 2006. Their partnership includes a growing number of initiatives of increasing scope.
- 1.6 "A successful collaboration between a school district and a housing authority requires the following elements. This Agreement memorializes them for the DISTRICT and THA collaboration:
- a shared acknowledgement that they serve the same children and families for complementary purposes;
 - a shared commitment to work together for those purposes;
 - an agreement on performance measures for their common efforts;
 - an effective way to exchange the data necessary to design, implement and evaluate their efforts.
- 1.7 "The Interlocal Cooperation Act, as amended and codified in Chapter 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), provides for interlocal cooperation between public agencies. Pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW, any two public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities in a manner that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.
- 1.8 "The DISTRICT and THA are public agencies under Chapter 39.34 RCW.
- 1.9 "They enter this Agreement pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources and to enable their cooperation for mutual advantage to better serve their common community."

The two agreements between them encompass the seven present initiatives of the collaboration:

Partnership Agreement:

- THA College Bound Scholarship Enrollment Program
- THA Books for Children Program
- DISTRICT Head Start Classroom at THA's Bay Terrace Community

Contract for Services

- Elementary Housing Assistance Program
- Children's Savings Account Program

- Early Warning Attendance Initiative
- Management of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grants

There are two agreements rather than one to roughly distinguish between those initiatives that provide for the formal exchange or payments of services or funds, and those that do not. The agreements provide for additional initiatives THA and TPS may choose to undertake.

The agreements provide for the following:

- THA and TPS collaboration in the design, implementation and evaluation of initiatives
- TPS payment to THA of \$125,000 per school year
- THA provision of housing assistance and case management services to families of TPS enrolled students, and a HeadStart classroom at Bay Terrace
- Data Access and Use Agreement
- THA use of District buildings for caseworkers and other uses
- Indemnification and insurance
- Processes to facilitate communication, problem solving and dispute resolution
- Five year term
- Early termination for convenience and cause

These agreements are significant. They denote an innovative collaboration by a public school district and a public housing authority to improve outcomes for the children and the community they serve in common. They signify the collaboration's maturity and elaboration. They provide a basis for the collaboration's continued growth and scope.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Board approve this resolution to authorize me to sign these two agreements.



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A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

WHEREAS, Since 2006 the Tacoma Housing Authority and the Tacoma Public School District (TPS) have collaborated to improve outcomes for the children and community they serve in common; and

WHEREAS, This collaboration has grown in scope and elaboration and promises continued growth; and

WHEREAS, A successful collaboration between a school district and a housing authority requires the following elements:

- a shared acknowledgement that they serve the same children and families for complementary purposes;
- a shared commitment to work together for those purposes;
- an agreement on performance measures for their common efforts;
- an effective way to exchange the data necessary to design, implement and evaluate their efforts.

WHEREAS, THA and TPS seek agreements that in an authoritative way memorialize these elements for the DISTRICT and THA collaboration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

1. the executive director is authorized to sign the following agreements in substantially the form of the attached drafts:
 - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Partnership
 - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Contract for Services

Approved: August 24, 2016



Dr. Arthur C. Banks, Chair