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MEMORANDUM

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2024
TO: Members of the Governing Board
FROM: Leticia Bhatia, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services
Fiona Benjamin, Associate Director, The Heal Project
CATEGORY: Consent/Action
ITEM TITLE: The HEAL Project (THP) Intensive Garden Program on Elementary Campuses
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of our goal to embed additional enrichment opportunities and have gardens on every campus, we are engaging in an expanded partnership with The HEAL Project. [THP](#) is a local nonprofit organization that educates and inspires students to make healthy choices for themselves and their world. THP offers health, environment, and agriculture lessons at school sites, in the classroom, and at the [San Mateo County School Farm](#). This includes the incorporation of [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#) and [Common Core State Standards](#) in high-impact programs for environmental literacy and nutrition education.

Using LCAP funding, we are partnering with THP to support us with the services described in THP MOU, which include the following:

- Provide an instructor to deliver THP California standards-based curriculum to second and third-grade students for 26 weeks of the school year (3rd grade in Fall, 2nd Grade in Spring) during regular school hours for three school years: 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27
- Supervise and maintain a dynamic learning environment that is fun, productive, manages behaviors, and ensures an optimal learning environment

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The cost for school years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 contract will not exceed \$210,000 total or \$70,000 allocated for each year. This service will be paid using Local Control Accountability Program funding.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that our CUSD Governing Board approve this MOU governing partnership with The HEAL Project for implementation of services during the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 school years.