Board Proposal
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Computer Science Certification Grant MOU
November 14, 2022

For the ~~third~~ <u>fourth</u> year in-a-row, the District has applied to be a recipient of the Computer Science Certification (CS) Grant from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) providing funding to deliver or facilitate training for classroom teachers to earn computer science certifications pursuant to Section 1012.56, Florida Statutes, and, as appropriate, to meet the requirements of s.1007.2616, F.S., to pay fees for related examinations, or to provide professional development in computer science courses and content.
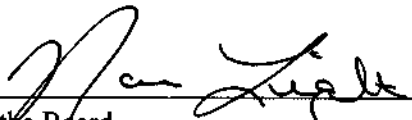
The District maintains its goal of increasing the number of classroom teachers certified in the area of Computer Science K-12. In order to achieve this goal, the District will leverage the funds received through the Computer Science Certification Grant to increase the number of teachers certified in Computer Science K-12, as well as support professional development opportunities to increase the implementation of computer science curriculum in our schools.

The District will utilize a portion of the funds received through the Computer Science Certification Grant to provide test preparation opportunities for teachers who desire to earn educator certification in computer science. Eligible teachers are those in need of Computer Science K-12 certification and/or those who will be teaching a Computer Science course in the future that is currently covered by any certification.

All participating teachers will be expected to attend at least one of two professional developments: ~~the 2021-2022 Florida Department of Education sponsored~~ <u>a District sponsored</u> K-12 Computer Science teacher certification preparation <u>training</u> ~~Camp~~ or the Code High School training. Funding for registration, and test examination fee for up to two attempts will come from the grant.

Qualifying teachers who complete one of two required trainings <u>and take the subject area exam</u> ~~receive a passing score on the subject area exam, and add Computer Science K-12 to their educator certification~~ no later than June 16, ~~2022~~ <u>2023,</u> may earn a one-time <u>payment</u> ~~bonus~~ of $1,000.00. Neither the trainings nor <u>payment</u> ~~bonus~~ are intended for those who already have their Computer Science K-12 certification. <u>Funds for this portion of the grant are limited and therefore reimbursements will be made on a first come, first served basis for the eligible teachers outlined above.</u>
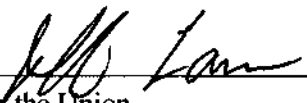
All funds used to implement the above provisions will come from Computer Science Certification Grant dollars and not from general revenue sources that would otherwise be available for salary increases. Moreover, the provisions contained within this Memorandum of Understanding with regard to funding, training, certification, and timelines, are contingent upon FDOE approval and thus, subject to change. ~~Finally, due to the effects of the Covid-19 virus, training and testing dates may be subject to change.~~ Should changes be required, the District and Union agree to address those changes at that time.

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For the Board

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For the Union

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