

CHARTER SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT

SUNCOAST SCHOOL FOR INNOVATIVE STUDIES, INC.

This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of August, 2009, by and between The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, a body corporate existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "School Board"), and the Suncoast School for Innovative Studies, Inc. ("SSIS"), a charter school in Sarasota County, Florida, pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes.

WITNESSETH:

- 1.1. WHEREAS, SSIS is operating a charter school within Sarasota County; and
- 1.2. WHEREAS, SSIS is desirous of a breakfast and lunch program at its school; and
- 1.3. WHEREAS, the School Board's Food and Nutrition Services Department has the capability to provide a breakfast and lunch program.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- 2.1. The School Board, in cooperation with SSIS, shall make breakfast available to students at a rate of \$1.10 for elementary students and \$1.25 for secondary students with a paid meal status, \$.30 for students eligible to receive reduced priced meals, and no charge for students eligible to receive free meals. Lunch will be available to students at an elementary school rate of \$2.00 for students with a paid meal status, and a secondary school rate of \$2.25 for students with a paid meal status. Students eligible to receive reduced priced meals will be charged \$.40 (elementary and secondary level), and there is no charge for students eligible to receive free meals. Adult meals and any other non-program meals are available for \$1.50 (breakfast) and \$3.00 (lunch). All provisions of the National School Breakfast Program ("NSBP") and the National School Lunch Program ("NSLP") guidelines will be strictly adhered to.
- 2.2. The term of this Agreement shall commence on August 24, 2009, and terminate on June 4, 2010, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1. Meals Provided

The School Board shall provide SSIS meals that meet the minimum meal pattern requirements for the NSBP and NSLP Program, as to components and portion sizes.

3.2. Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application Processing

SSIS shall be responsible for providing names of enrolled students to the School Board. Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications have been or will be sent to all enrolled students, collected, and processed by the School Board. SSIS shall assist in the collection of the applications, and in the collection of verification documentation. Eligibility decisions made by the School Board shall determine meal status.

3.3. Meal Accountability

SSIS shall follow procedures for assuring accuracy at the point of meal service and will comply with all federal, state and local rules and procedures pertaining to administration of the program, including, but not limited to, reporting any known student food allergies.

3.4. Program Compliance

The School Board shall be responsible for monitoring the program to provide technical assistance and to ensure program compliance.

3.5. Cash Collection and Meal Counts

The School Board shall provide one employee (or up to two employees based on a minimum of 200 students participating in the school meal program), to accurately collect cash and record meal counts and categories during lunch service. SSIS personnel shall provide one employee to accurately collect cash and record meal counts and categories during breakfast service, and those counts and categories will be provided to the School Board employee. Cash collected for the breakfast program will be turned over to the School Board employee who will return breakfast and lunch cash collections, and breakfast and lunch meal counts and categories to Alta Vista Elementary School's Food and Nutrition Services program.

3.6. Computer Equipment

SSIS shall provide a complete computer set-up, including the required keyboard and keypad, as specified by the School Board. The School Board shall maintain all student status and account information.

3.7. Equipment

Any and all equipment owned by the School Board used for or at SSIS is the express property of the School Board. A replacement fee will be assessed to SSIS if equipment is damaged or destroyed due to negligence or vandalism.

3.8. Storage

The School Board will store a limited amount of stock items in a locked storage area at SSIS, as needed. Replacement fees will be assessed to SSIS if the items are lost or pilfered.

3.9. Transportation of Food and Supplies

SSIS will pick up packaged lunches and packaged breakfast items at Alta Vista Elementary School and immediately return to SSIS. Food must be transported in approved hot and cold food holding equipment.

3.10. Meal Service

SSIS shall be responsible for contacting Alta Vista Elementary School two hours prior to lunch pick-up with an accurate count for lunches and an estimate for the following morning's breakfast. Lunches will be served at SSIS immediately following arrival of the food. SSIS will provide personnel to assist in the serving of lunch, and will assume full responsibility for breakfast meal service.

3.11. Competitive Foods

No food, snacks or beverages may be sold in competition with the School Board's Food and Nutrition Services meal service from one hour before the beginning of school to the end of the last lunch period. No vending machines may be located in or near the dining area. Failure to follow this directive jeopardizes funding through the National School Lunch Program, and will result in immediate discontinuance of service.

3.12. Meal Charge Policy

SSIS will follow the same charge policy as all schools operated by the School Board.

3.13. Indemnity

SSIS shall indemnify and hold harmless the School Board from and against all liabilities, claims, demands, suits, causes of action, loss and expenses including attorneys fees, of any and every kind and nature arising from the negligent or intentional act of agents or employees of the SSIS in connection with the provision of breakfasts and lunches under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity on the part of the School Board or to reduce any protection from suit or judgment afforded to the School Board under Florida law. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement and shall be binding on the parties, successors, representatives and assigns and cannot be waived or varied.

3.14. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

3.15. Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement shall be as follows:

To SSIS: Suncoast School for Innovative Studies, Inc.
1300 South Tuttle Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34239

To the School Board: Director, Food and Nutrition
Services Department
The School Board of Sarasota
County, Florida
101 Old Venice Road
Osprey, Florida 34229

3.16. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties hereto and no prior or subsequent oral agreements shall be binding upon either of the parties until reduced to writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective undersigned duly authorized officials as of the day and year first above written.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Caroline G. Zucker, Chair

Approved for Legal Content
July 20, 2009, by Matthews, Eastmoore,
Hardy, Crauwels & Garcia, Attorneys for
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida
Signed: ASH

SUNCOAST SCHOOL FOR
INNOVATIVE STUDIES, INC.

By: _____
Phil Blankenship, Executive Director