

## **INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT**

### **Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County**

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### **The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida**

1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34231

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This Agreement entered into this 7th day of August, 2012, effective July 1, 2012, by and between Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County ("Girls Incorporated") and The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida (the "Board").

**Purpose:** Provide research-based, age-appropriate programs to school age girls throughout Sarasota County during and after school.

#### **Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County agrees to:**

1. Provide the following research-based programs:

#### Girls Inc. Friendly PEERsuasion®

Girls Inc. Friendly PEERsuasion® develops girls' skills to resist pressure to use harmful substances including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, household chemicals, prescription and OTC medications. After learning healthy ways to manage stress and to deflect peer, media, and other pressures that contribute to substance use, girls may become peer educators for younger girls.

#### Girls Inc. Operation SMART®

Girls Inc. Operation SMART® builds girls' skills and interest in science, math, and technology. Hands-on activities give girls the opportunity to explore, ask questions, and solve problems.

#### Girls Inc. Media Literacy ®

Girls Inc. Media Literacy ® encourages girls to think critically about media messages and fosters their awareness of the scope and power of the media and its effects on girls and women.

#### Girls Inc. Economic Literacy ®

Girls Inc. Economic Literacy ® introduces girls as young as six to basic financial concepts, including money management and investment. The program explores how money affects us locally and globally as it fosters development of the skills needed to be financially self-sufficient.

### Girls Inc. Project Bold®

Girls Inc. Project Bold® is a violence prevention and self defense program that encompasses risk avoidance, safety, and social change.

### Girls Inc. Sporting Chance®

Girls Inc. Sporting Chance helps girls appreciate an active lifestyle as they develop movement and athletic skills, cooperative and competitive spirit, health awareness, and interest in sports and adventure activities. Girls On The Run prepares girls to participate in a 5K event.

### Educational Talent Search

Educational Talent Search works with girls in middle and high school to assist them in identifying career goals, both vocational and academic, locating a school which will meet their goals, and guiding them in completing post-secondary education admission and scholarship forms. Services include non-traditional career counseling, job-seeking and job-keeping skills, career exploration and planning, study skills, education planning, scholarship and financial aid seeking, FAFSA application assistance, and one-on-one mentoring with the girls.

### Girls Circle

Girls Circle is a researched-based program that fosters self-esteem, helps girls develop and maintain healthy relationships with peers and adults, helps girls gain greater awareness of their options, and strengthens their ability to make choices that are consistent with their values, interests, talents and goals. This program uses hands-on and interactive activities such as games, role plays and art projects to reinforce the topics. Topics include Friendship, Body Image, Honoring our Diversity, Relationships with Peers, Paths to the Future, Being a Girl, Expressing My Individuality, Who I Am, and Mind-Body-Spirit.

2. Provide referral to resources in the community and to act as an advocate.
3. Provide services to a total of 400 girls including elementary, middle and high school girls.
4. Assure that all volunteers, employees or agents who will be present on school grounds will be fingerprinted and have their backgrounds checked as provided by Florida law. Girls Incorporated will furnish the results of all background checks to The Board before any of its volunteers, employees or agents will be permitted on school grounds while students are present. Girls Incorporated will further immediately furnish to The Board any notifications of arrests it receives with respect to volunteers, employees or agents who are present on school grounds. Girls Incorporated will bear the cost of the fingerprinting/background checks. The Board has the right to refuse entry onto its school grounds to any individual whose background check does not meet the requirements established by The Board pursuant to Florida law. Like other visitors to school grounds, Girls Incorporated volunteers, employees or agents will also be subject to RAPTOR screening on

school campuses. Additionally, any mentor must sign in and out of PALS count each time they are on campus to mentor.

5. Hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Board, its agents, servants, employees, in their official and individual capacity, from any demand, claim, suit loss, cost, expense or damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Board, its agents or employees, in their official or individual capacity, by reason of any damage to property or injury or death of any person which arises out of, is incident to, or in any manner connected with this Agreement. 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. Nothing in this provision is intended to waive any sovereign immunity to which the Board may be entitled.
6. Provide a minimum of \$500,000 comprehensive general liability insurance naming the Board as an additional insured. As evidence of such insurance coverage, Girls Incorporated shall furnish The Board with a Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

**The School Board agrees to:**

1. Provide, upon securing appropriate parental consent, access to girls at Booker, Riverview, Sarasota, Venice, North Port and Suncoast Polytechnical High Schools who have a GPA of 2.00 to 3.00 and who do not actively seek out guidance services, as well as elementary and middle school girls at Phoenix Academy, Booker Middle School, Brookside Middle School, McIntosh Middle School, Sarasota Middle School, Pine View School, Laurel Nokomis School, Heron Creek Middle School, Venice Middle School, Woodland Middle School, Southside Elementary School, Phillippi Shores Elementary School, Cranberry Elementary School, Atwater Elementary School, Glenallen Elementary School, Toledo Blade Elementary School, LaMarque Elementary School, Garden Elementary School, Venice Elementary School, Gulf Gate Elementary, Tatum Ridge Elementary and Englewood Elementary School.
2. Provide a facility on the each of the above-named campuses to meet with the identified students.
3. Provide a secure file drawer or cabinet.
4. Provide access to a telephone.
5. Provide, upon securing appropriate parental consent, access to student information, i.e., demographics, schedule, grades, test scores and attendance.

**Both Parties agree:**

1. There will be no cost to the Board for Girls Incorporated providing services hereunder.
2. That Girls Incorporated is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor in the performance of all obligations hereunder.
3. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and sole and exclusive jurisdiction for any action shall be in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida.
4. Any additions, changes, deletions or modifications to this Agreement must be agreed upon in writing by both parties.
5. This Agreement shall commence July 1, 2012, and terminate June 30, 2013. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving thirty days written notice to the other party.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Kay Mathers  
Interim Executive Director  
Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Caroline G. Zucker, Chair  
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for Legal Content  
June 27, 2012, by Matthews, Eastmoore,  
Hardy, Crauwels & Garcia, Attorneys for  
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ASH