

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Inc.  
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Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 488-4009  
&  
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida  
1960 Landings Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
(941) 927-9000**

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017, by and between Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Inc. (“Big Brothers Big Sisters”) and The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida (“The Board”).

**Purpose:** One-to-One mentoring in Sarasota County Schools

**Big Brothers Big Sisters agrees to:**

1. Screen every Big Brothers and Big Sisters applicant according to the National Standards and Required Procedures of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. This assessment includes Orientation, In-depth Interview, Reference Checks, Police Background Checks and Fingerprinting.
2. Provide volunteer training for each accepted Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer.
3. Assess each student who is referred to the Bigs In School program. This assessment includes Orientation, Interview, and School Assessment. Share with the school the results of the outcomes of the matches.
4. Provide agency activities for all Bigs In School students and their families.
5. Conduct on-going supervision for all Bigs In School matches.
6. 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. Big Brothers Big Sisters 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. Big Brothers Big Sisters 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. Big Brothers Big Sisters 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, Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers, employees or agents will also be subject to RAPTOR screening on school campuses. Additionally, any mentor must sign in and out of the school district's Volunteers Count! database each time they are on campus to mentor.

7. 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.
8. Provide a minimum of \$500,000 comprehensive general liability insurance naming The Board as an additional insured. As evidence of such insurance coverage, Big Brothers Big Sisters shall furnish The Board with a Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

**The Board agrees to:**

1. Upon securing appropriate parental consent, refer to Big Brothers Big Sisters students who have an identified need for a mentor.
2. Attempt to procure the permission of the student's parent for participation in the Bigs in School Program.
3. Assist in scheduling of the mentored student's time.
4. Upon securing appropriate parental consent, provide Big Brothers Big Sisters the student's report card and behavioral feedback for measuring outcomes.
5. Provide space for mentors and students to meet.
6. Provide an area for training volunteer mentors.

**Both parties agree:**

1. There will be no cost to The Board for Big Brothers Big Sisters providing services hereunder.

2. That Big Brothers Big Sisters 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, 2017 and terminate June 30, 2018. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving thirty days notice to the other party.

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

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

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

Approved for Legal Content,  
April 11, 2017 by Matthews Eastmoore,  
Attorneys for The School Board  
of Sarasota County, Florida  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ASH

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

Joy Mahler, President/CEO  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the  
Sun Coast, Inc.

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