Agreement between The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida And Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County For Transportation Services

This Agreement is made and entered into this 4th day of September, 2012, effective July 1, 2012, 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 Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County ("Girls Inc."), a Florida Non Profit Corporation.

WITNESSETH:

- WHEREAS, Girls Inc. is operating as an after school program for girls within Sarasota County; and
- WHEREAS, Girls Inc. is desirous of receiving the School Board's services in transporting students to and from its facilities; and
- WHEREAS, the School Board's Transportation Department has the capability to provide the services requested.

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

1. **Services.** The School Board hereby agrees to provide daily transportation services on all school days for students attending Girls Inc. for the 2012-2013 school year on mutually agreed bus routes. This Agreement is not intended to prevent Girls Inc. from also independently providing daily transportation services for some or all of its students.

2. **Routes.** All bus stops and bus routes will be mutually agreed upon prior to the start of the school year. Additional stops will not be added until approved by Girls Inc. and reviewed for safety and approved by the School Board's Transportation Department. Route changes, if approved, will require seven (7) calendar days from the date of request to the date of implementation. Special needs transportation requests must be made a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the requested date of implementation.

3. **Costs.** The cost for each route will be determined by mileage and driver costs. Girls Inc. agrees to pay the School Board \$24.00 per hour, per driver and \$20.25 per hour, per attendant (if required), and \$2.60 per route mile (cost of mileage may change to reflect fuel increase) for transportation services. The School Board's Transportation Department will bill Girls Inc. each month for costs due in providing transportation service to Girls Inc. Payment is due within fifteen (15) days of billing.

Additionally, Girls Inc. will pay to the School Board a risk management fee of \$263.70 on or before September 30, 2012.

4. **Communication.** It will be the responsibility of Girls Inc. to designate a transportation liaison. Parents of Girls Inc. students requesting a change in service or transportation information will communicate with Girls Inc. rather than contacting the School Board. Any parent inquiries or concerns regarding transportation services received by the School Board will be forwarded to Girls Inc. Girls Inc.'s liaison will also be responsible for communicating all requests for service, discipline concerns, and other transportation requests or concerns to the School Board's Transportation Department. The School Board will appoint a route supervisor to serve as a liaison with Girls Inc. and to monitor all drivers, routes and students during the school year.

5. **Conduct.** Girls Inc. will adopt a STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT for the purpose of addressing school bus disciplinary problems. The School Board reserves the right to refuse transportation to any student whose behavior it deems unacceptable.

6. List of Student Riders. Girls Inc. will send specific lists of students to be transported, with names and addresses, to the School Board's Transportation routing department upon execution of this Agreement.

7. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement is from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

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

To Girls Inc.:	Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County 201 South Tuttle Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34237
To the School Board:	Director, Transportation Department The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida 301 Old Venice Road Osprey, Florida 34229

10. **Full Agreement.** 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 August 16, 2012, by Matthews, Eastmoore, Hardy, Crauwels & Garcia, Attorneys for The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida Signed: <u>ASH</u>_____

GIRLS INCORPORATED OF SARASOTA COUNTY

By:

Kay Mathers, Executive Director