

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of June 5, 2008

TO: City Council Chair & Members of City Council

SUBJECT:

A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement between the City and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida to provide school buses and drivers for City-sponsored field trips and to Before and Afterschool programs from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION:

This Agreement reflects the renewal of an Agreement that has successfully been in effect for the past twenty-one years. This Agreement allows the Recreation Department to schedule and use school buses and drivers for field trips during their Recreation Programs.

Such an agreement facilitates scheduling a great number of field trips due to the great number of available buses. It also allows for extremely reasonable rates and transportation for Before and Afterschool programs as the transportation cost charged to City participants is based on the actual cost to the School Board.

Last year there were a total of approximately 1000 School buses used for 600 different field trips scheduled by 14 different Recreation Playcamp sites and over 85 buses used daily during the school year transporting children to and from Before and Afterschool programs. It is felt that these field trips enhanced the summer Recreation Program and provided some exciting experiences for the children and teens who participated. School buses are the primary means of transportation of children from our Before School programs to schools and from schools to our Afterschool programs.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

The agreed upon charge for providing field trip transportation is: \$19.20/hour (bus driver's salary) plus \$1.00/mile. This transportation cost is passed on to the field trip participants however, and as such there is no actual direct cost to the city.

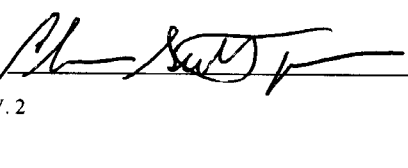
RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement between the City and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida to provide school buses and drivers for City-sponsored field trips and to Before and Afterschool programs, from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009; and providing an effective date.

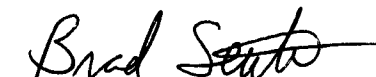
ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS:

Administration:



Budget:



Resolution No.2008- _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND DRIVERS FOR CITY-SPONSORED FIELD TRIPS AND TO BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS FROM AUGUST 1, 2008 THROUGH JULY 31, 2009; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is in need of transportation for participants in City-sponsored field trips and to Before and Afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS, the City and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, ("School Board") have maintained an agreement for the past twenty-one years wherein the City has utilized School Board buses and drivers for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City and the School Board have agreed to renew this relationship for the year August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute an agreement between the City and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, to provide school buses and drivers for City-sponsored field trips and to Before and Afterschool programs from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

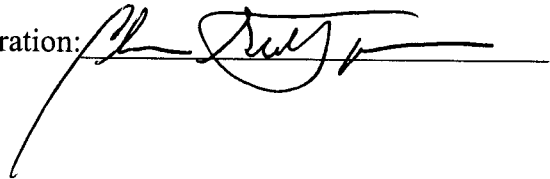
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: _____



Administration: _____



Budget: _____