City of Aurora

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RE: A Resolution Approving of Third-Party Administrative Services for Cities in Schools to administer the 2023 Summer Programs in the amount not to exceed $184,400.00 for the Youth Services Subdivision.

The Youth Services subdivision/Community Services department has utilized the services of CIS/Cities in Schools (formally Communities in Schools) since 2010. Due to budget cuts that significantly impacted programming of the youth services division over 10 years ago, the City of Aurora sought a third party that could effectively deliver summer & after-school programs for the over 20 schools/sites where programming was held. In regards to summer programs/camps, CIS has provided the services needed to conduct multiple summer camps at both East Aurora SD 131 & West Aurora SD 129, with 2 sites for both the Oswego SD 308 & Indian Prairie SD 204 respectively. CIS has the ability to meet the demands that we require to run our summer programs, including applications for families, hiring of staff, background checks, training, orientation, scheduling field trips, building the curriculum, managing the breakfast/lunch programs, transportation, reimbursements, and much more. Initial bidding was conducted back in 2010, but we have found no other organization/provider that can meet the demands needed to deliver our summer & after-school programming. CIS has been a constant in our community and a stable partner for the City of Aurora in ensuring we provide the programs necessary to meet the demands of our youth and their families.

To remain consistent in our ability to provide quality programming for our youth, I ask that we continue our relationship with CIS and move forward with a third party agreement for our 2023 Summer Camp programs.

Sincerely,

Simon Rodriguez Jr.

Youth Services Manager, City of Aurora