

Agenda Item Title: Program Services Agreement with Communities in Schools, TN for Integrated Student Supports at Mitchell-Neilson School

Board Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Department: Director's Office

Presented by: Dr. Trey Duke

Board Agenda Category:

Consent Agenda ☐

Action Item ☒

Reports and Information ☐

Requires City Council Approval: Yes ☐ No ☒

Summary

MCS seeks to enter into a Program Services Agreement with Communities in Schools of Tennessee, Inc. to provide integrated student supports at Mitchell-Neilson School through June 30, 2027. Under this agreement, CISTN will assign a full-time Program Manager to support students and families by addressing academic and non-academic barriers through schoolwide services, small-group interventions, and individualized case management. MCS will provide office space, technology access, and other operational support, and the Agreement includes requirements for background checks, confidentiality, data security, insurance, and compliance with District policies.

Staff Recommendation

Approval of Program Services Agreement with Communities in Schools, TN for Integrated Student Supports at Mitchell-Neilson School, subject to any final revisions agreed upon by the parties and approved by legal counsel.

Fiscal Impact

The annual cost to MCS is \$5,000. CISTN will invoice the District in two equal installments in August and January, and the funding will come from Mitchell-Neilson's Title I funds. Additionally, the United Way of South-Central TN will be providing \$10,000 towards this implementation.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- ☐ **Academic Success:** Raise academic achievement for all students across content areas by closing learning gaps and ensuring readiness for the next grade level so that every child is prepared for future success.
- ☒ **Ready to Learn:** Promote the success of every child by supporting their social, behavioral, and non-academic needs in partnership with families and the community so that students are ready to learn.
- ☐ **Highly Qualified Team:** Invest in the growth and retention of our employees so that every student benefits from a well-prepared and highly qualified team.
- ☐ **Operational Efficiency:** Ensure operational efficiency so that resources effectively support and enhance student learning.
- ☐ **District of Choice:** Strategically promote and expand the strengths and opportunities of our schools so that

we are recognized as the district of choice for families.