



Board of Directors Business Meeting  
Agenda Action Item

**Item Title**

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-125 BETWEEN PARKS TACOMA AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM MAY 1, 2025 - APRIL 30, 2026

**Department**

Career and Technical Education

**Board Meeting Date**

June 26, 2025

**Background**

Tacoma School District No. 10 and Parks Tacoma have maintained a partnership in support of the Chinook Orca Research and Education Project, commonly referred to as the CORE Project. The CORE Project is an educational, public awareness, and scientific research project which entails the installation and management of temporary salmon rearing and research pens attached to dock structures, where salmon are raised, studied, and released from the site with distinct coded wire tagged as potential contribution to local recreational and commercial fisheries and ongoing studies. It is part of the response to the final recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to address the urgent need for actions to help our Southern Resident Killer Whales and for our declining numbers of healthy adult Chinook salmon while engaging public and Indian tribes' schools.

This is an effort which engages SAMI and Parks Tacoma with our Indian Tribe partners, fulfilling multiple federal, state, and local scientific conservation recommendations by partnering with Northwest Salmon Research, Puyallup Indian Tribe Fisheries, WDFW, and multiple volunteer groups. For District students to continue their part of this partnership, Parks Tacoma has agreed to continue to provide storage space for the associated equipment needed at the Pt. Defiance Marina, specifically a boat storage locker. The District will be allowed to occupy this space for one year, per the terms of the subject rental agreement. Moreover, Parks Tacoma has graciously agreed to waive the associated storage fee given this is a shared effort with a common goal of bringing benefit to the community and the environment.

**Current Consideration**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-125 between Parks Tacoma and Tacoma School District No. 10 for Marina Boat Locker Rental from May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.

**Fiscal Implication**

None

**Recommendation**

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Innovative Programs, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-125 between Parks Tacoma and Tacoma School District No. 10 for Marina Boat Locker Rental from May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.

**Strategic Benchmark**

Academic Excellence; Partnerships; Health & Safety; Operations

**Approved By**

Deputy Superintendent, Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.