



Board Agenda Item #	III E: Action Item
Date:	April 22, 2021
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Derya Hajmeirza, MPS Human Resources Director
RE:	Approval of Baseline Testing For Magnolia Science Academy-2 (MSA-2) and Magnolia Science Academy-5 (MSA-5) with PMH Laboratory, Inc.

Proposed Motion:

I move that the board approve the administration of baseline testing for Magnolia Science Academy-2 and Magnolia Science Academy-5 with PMH Laboratory, Inc (“PMH”).

Introduction

Based on the board resolution adopted on July 23, 2020, the Board of Directors directed the following:

- The CEO is authorized to develop and implement a plan for reopening schools (the “Plan”) in Fall 2020 in accordance with guidance and/or directives from the chartering authority, and local, state or federal government officials, including, but not limited to, Relevant Authorities.
- The CEO or designee may hire additional employees or independent contractors as necessary or convenient for purposes of performing tasks recommended by Relevant Authorities or that the CEO deems necessary in their discretion to mitigate the actual or potential impacts of COVID-19.

Based on this, Mr. Rubalcava, MPS CEO and Superintendent, made the executive decision to allow MSA-2 and MSA-5 to undergo the baseline testing with PMH. Both schools will conduct the weekly COVID-19 testing through the MPS board approved agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”)’s COVID-19 testing and community engagement services.

Background

The COVID-19 testing service agreement for LAUSD co-located sites which included MSA-2 and MSA-5 was presented and approved on March 18, 2021. Since then, the MPS principals and the Home Office COVID-19 response team have worked collaboratively with the LAUSD team to start the administration of the COVID-19 testing program. In order to best cater to MPS students and staff members, MPS staff agreed that baseline testing through PMH would be a more streamlined process to get students back on campus as approved by the MPS board of directors.

Budget Implications

Through the CARES Act, PMH covers all testing kits for all patients. MPS will be responsible for the cost of testing for patients who cannot show proof of insurance or SSN. This cost is expected to be minimal, if any.

Legal Review:

The PMH agreement has been reviewed by the MPS general counsel.

Exhibits (attachments):

N/A