

Board Agenda Item #	Agenda # II B
Date:	September 14, 2017
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Kenya Jackson, Chief Academic Officer
RE:	Train of Thought MOU

Proposed Board Recommendations

I move that the board approve Train for Thought as a vendor for all MPS for 2017-18.

I move that the board approve the MOU for Magnolia Science Academy 3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Background

**Train of Thought** has partnered with MSA 3 to provide our students with a safe, social environment that is ideal for the realization of the academic and social value of chess. Chess instructors are consistently encouraging and supporting our students for our discipline/PBIS and school climate program and they offered elective courses for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade (100 students) and High School (30) students two days per week in 2016-2017, as well with supervision during lunch, passing periods and after school. In 2017-2018, the goal is to have them on campus every day and ensure we have proper safety on campus throughout the entire school year; within on year they will have taught all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, since middle school students have four elective choices in the school year and one of their choices must be chess.

The title of the elective course is Quantitative Reasoning Strategies I (Middle School) which introduces College Ready Education and teaches them the executive functioning skills to solve problems, critically think and assess all situations to make the best moves in chess and in life. **Quantitative Reasoning Strategies II** (High School) provides Continuing Education that teaches advanced tactics and strategies while facilitating and coaching the school's representative chess team. Each class period consists of a combination of instruction, game exercises, critical thinking activities (in areas related and unrelated to chess), short response essays, and supervised free play. This course was created with the express interest of developing better chess players, better students, and better people.

- Develop/Administer Chess Curriculum (Competition or Free Play) to Approximately 125 to 150 students per day.
- 5 days per week for 3 to 4 periods per day (3rd, Lunch, 6th, & 7th).
- Provided Chess Club Practice and Play at Lunch.
- Coordinate and Host Multiple unrated/rated Chess Tournaments with other MSA sites as well as local or regional chess tournaments.
- Build a Competitive Chess Team/Register MSA 3 Site and students with (U.S.C.F) United States Chess Federation.
- 1 Tournament Tool Kit includes: Chess Tournament supplies, site/student registration fees, awards, transportation, training, staff, etc.
- Mr. Niombi Harris as Behavior/Intervention Consultant. Attended MSA 3 Meetings, Discipline Training, Conferences, and personal development seminars/SPED training if necessary.
- Aid and Support Discipline/Mentorship Program on case by case basis in association and fulfillment of Lunch/After-school Reflection/Detention center (if applicable).
- Aid and Support Tardy sweeps, in-class behavior, After School, and Saturday School Program (if applicable).

#### Budget Implications

- Amounts/ Funding Source
  - Funding Source: Unrestricted Gen. Funds \$30,000
  - Funding Source: Title 1 \$10,000
  - Total Amount for FY 2017-18

#### How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?

The safety and proper learning environment of MSA 3 is the main concern for all stakeholders. Train of Thought will help to create a safe culture and we will utilize them for not only chess but behavior intervention and support for our campus. The students, parents, teachers and admin believe this program is essential to the success of the school year. This program is a direct service and additional intervention support to the students and it also provides students an array of elective courses which we are known for at Magnolia Public Schools.

The High School Course satisfies one of the “a-g” course list for UC Doorways. It is academically challenging, involving substantial inquiry-based skills that help our students gain

the analytical skills required to learn patience, make smart and thoughtful decisions, as well as learn the discipline.

Name of Staff Originator:

Ms. Shandrea Daniels

Exhibits (attachments):

MOU



BETWEEN  
Magnolia Science Academy 3  
AND  
Train of Thought

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into at Los Angeles, California, on the date of full execution of this Agreement for the 2017 Fall Semester between, Magnolia Science Academy 3, “MSA 3”, and Train of Thought, “Consultant or TOT”. Chess Elective: “Quantitative and Qualitative Reasoning Strategies through Chess” was UC Doorway approved as of September, 5th 2017. See link below to verify. (<https://hsarticulation.ucop.edu/agcounselist>).

MSA 3 hereby agrees to pay Consultant to develop and administer chess curriculum for Chess Elective, Practice and Play at Lunch, and Chess Tournaments. All Chess Equipment and Material for enrichment/elective classes will to be provided by Train of Thought. This also includes Mr. Niombi Harris as Behavior/Intervention Consultant. Consultant shall develop all Curriculums in a professional manner, and shall supply written progress of such Curriculum for Magnolia Science Academy 3 or its clientele at the earliest practicable date upon request.

Effective October 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

- Develop/Administer Chess Curriculum (Competition or Free Play) to Approximately 75 to 125 students per day.
- 5 days per week for 3 to 4 periods per day (3rd, Lunch, SSR, 6th, 7th)
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Aid and Support Tardy sweeps, In-class behavior, AfterSchool, or Saturday School Program (if applicable)



MSA 3 shall have the right to terminate this Agreement “for cause” upon two (2) weeks written notice, unless providing such notice would be impossible, impracticable or cause irreparable harm to either party.

As used herein, the term “for cause” shall mean in the event that MSA 3 deems Consultants work product under this Agreement of poor quality.

In the event of termination, MSA 3 agrees to pay Consultant the specified and any additional compensation earned by Consultant prior to the termination of Consultant’s engagement. Nothing herein shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship between MSA 3 and the Consultant. Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of MSA 3 or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. It is understood that MSA 3 will not withhold any amounts for payment of taxes from the compensation of Consultant hereunder. Consultant will not represent himself/herself to be an employee of MSA 3. Consultant warrants and represents the capability to perform the duties for which he/she has been hired.

**Semester/Annual Cost and Invoice Schedule:**

Chess Consultants will be on campus 4-5 hours per day for approximately 170-180 instructional days at \$40,000 for the 2017-2018 Fall and Spring semester. \$40,000 purchases a block of approximately 530 plus hours to use at MSA 3’s discretion. 6 invoices will be submitted with signed MOU. Attendance sheets will be submitted on the 15th of every month.

After MSA 3 has exhausted the 1st block of hours, a second block of hours or a \$50 per hour rate can be billed separately at the end of the month for additional Chess, Behavioral/Intervention or Credential teacher support.

Please overnight or next day air all payments:

Consultant will be responsible for all shipping fee’s. Once check is processed, please send tracking information to [nharris@chesstrain.org](mailto:nharris@chesstrain.org) or [dkiel@chesstrain.org](mailto:dkiel@chesstrain.org)

Next Day Air Address:

Attn: Train of Thought Chess Education  
Niombi Harris  
11619 Crenshaw Blvd

P.O. Box 561082 Los Angeles, CA 90056 Ph. (323) 533-6891 [info@ChessTrain.org](mailto:info@ChessTrain.org)



Inglewood, Ca 90303.

**Invoice Schedule/Payment Due Dates:**

Attendance sheets will be scanned/submitted by the 15th of every month.

- Attendance sheets 10/15/17
- Attendance sheets 11/15/17
- Attendance sheets 12/15/17
- Attendance sheets 01/20/18
- Attendance sheets 03/20/18

**Payment Schedule Due Dates**

- 1st Payment \$ 10,000 Due: 10/20/17
- 2nd Payment \$ 5,000 Due: 11/20/17
- 3rd Payment \$ 5,000 Due: 12/20/17
- 4th Payment \$ 10,000 Due: 02/01/18
- 5th Payment \$ 5,000 Due: 03/01/18
- 5th Payment \$ 5,000 Due: 04/01/18
- Total \$ 40,000 Complete

Train of Thought

Magnolia Science Academy 3

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Signature (Date)

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