

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Dennis L. Carpenter, Ed.D., Superintendent
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Date: May 21, 2026

RE: Education Services Agreement with KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri, Inc.

Rationale:

The Hickman Mills C-1 School District remains committed to ensuring all students receive educational services in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their individual needs. For students requiring highly specialized behavioral and educational programming beyond the scope of district-operated services, partnerships with approved private providers are necessary to ensure compliance with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and federal special education requirements.

Background Information:

The proposed Education Services Agreement between Hickman Mills C-1 School District and KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri, Inc. establishes a partnership for the provision of specialized educational services for students referred by the district. The agreement term extends from August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Under the agreement, KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri, Inc. will provide educational programming, therapeutic services, and related supports aligned with students' Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). The district will maintain ownership and responsibility for IEPs and educational evaluations as the Local Education Agency (LEA), while KVC will collaborate by providing required student data and documentation.

The agreement also outlines requirements related to staff qualifications, compliance with state and federal regulations, attendance reporting, insurance coverage, and invoicing procedures to ensure accountability and continuity of services for students placed within the program.

Cost Analysis:

Costs associated with this agreement will vary based upon the number of students served, duration of placement, and required related services. Invoices will be submitted monthly and reviewed in accordance with district procedures.

Connection with District Initiatives and Board Policy:

This agreement aligns with the district's commitment to providing equitable access to appropriate educational services and individualized student supports. The partnership supports the district's efforts to ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and aligns with Board Policy IGBA regarding services for students with disabilities.

Additionally, the agreement supports district initiatives focused on student achievement, behavioral intervention supports, and ensuring students receive services in settings that appropriately address their academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs.

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the Education Services Agreement between Hickman Mills C-1 School District and KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri, Inc. for the 2026–2027 school year.