



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
School District Consultant Agreement

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	BOARD MEETING DATE
CONTACT Brenda Magee, Ed. D.	PX 43899
SCHOOL / DEPARTMENT Exceptional Student Education (9032)	

Agreement between the School Board of Palm Beach County and
EBS Healthcare

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this ninth day of August 2006 by and between the SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as "Board" and EBS Healthcare hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into this Agreement with the Consultant, providing, among other things, for the Consultant's services to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant desires to enter into this Agreement with respect to his/her (hereinafter his) services to the Board, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, the Consultant is specially trained and possesses the necessary skills, experience, education and competency, and licenses or credentials to perform the required services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Consultant agree as follows:

1. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on August 9, 2006 and shall end on June 5, 2007

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT

A. The Consultant shall perform the following services:

Provide 1 bilingual (Spanish) speech/language pathologist to fill a vacancy on the West Area's Child Find Diagnostic Team. This SLP is responsible for assessing, report writing, providing interpretations, and participating in meetings as required for children referred to Child Find. The consultant will furnish the District a certificate of professional liability insurance & a valid FL speech/language pathology license for the bilingual SLP. The SLP will bill Medicaid through the District for eligible students as appropriate.

B. Time, date, and location of services:

Hours are the assigned school hours: 7.0 paid hours (with .5 hr unpaid lunch). Total number of allowed duty days are 196 per SLP. Max hrs for school sites/assignments is 1403.50 for the school year.

3. CONSULTANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Education Florida Licensed and ASHA Certified Speech-Language Pathologists

Position and Address EBS Healthcare, P.O. Box 911, Concordville, PA 19331

Target Group/School/Department West Area Child Find and West Area Glades schools

Approximate Number to be Served up to 300

4. EVALUATION/FOLLOW-UP METHOD

Evaluation of the Consultant shall be provided by Sue Alex, Program Planner

TITLE OF THE CONSULTANT SUPERVISOR

of the District at regular intervals and in accordance with the attached evaluation tool, Exhibit "A".

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact is \$80,000.00 The source of funds is IDEA Grant

IA	FUND	FUNCTION	OBJECT	LOCATION	PROJECT	PROGRAM	GL
DEPT	FUND	FUNC	ACCT	PROG	BM	LC	AY
9032	4253	5250	531110	6551	ID01	000	2007

5. COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND LAWS

The Consultant shall comply with all current School Board of Palm Beach County's Policies. The School Board's policies are located at <http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/> or www.schoolboardpolicies.com and are incorporated herein. It shall be the Consultant's responsibility to comply with all School Board Policies as they may be modified from time to time during the term of this Agreement. The Consultant shall abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws.

6. COMPENSATION

A. The School Board shall pay the Consultant the maximum sum of (write out amount)

Eight thousand dollars and no cents

(\$ 80,000.00), for a maximum of 1403.50 hours which is based upon the following rate schedule.

Daily Rate: _____ Half Day Rate: _____

Hourly Rate: \$57/hr bilingual SLP Flat Rate: _____

I grant permission for any or all parts of this presentation to be videotaped. Yes No

B. No payment shall be made unless and until the Board verifies that all services for which payment is requested have been fully and satisfactorily performed. The Consultant shall submit to the Board any documentation necessary to substantiate the full and satisfactory performance of the services for which payment is requested. The administrator who will verify the services have been performed and approve the invoice is:

Sue Alex, Program Planner

7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS

The Consultant is subject to all School District obligations relating to compliance with student records confidentiality laws. By signing this Agreement, the Consultant acknowledges and agrees to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and all State and Federal Laws relating to the confidentiality of student records.

Consultant will not receive student information.

Consultant will receive student information and Release or Transfer of Student Information (PBSD 0313) will be completed prior to Consultant receiving student information.

Consultant will receive student information. Since parental consent will not be obtained and Consultant has legitimate educational interests in the information, Consultant shall hereby be deemed an "other school official" in accordance with School Board Policy 5.50 and shall enter into the Addendum concerning student information (Exhibit C) which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

8. BACKGROUND CHECKS/FINGERPRINTING

The Jessica Lundsford Act: All individuals who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present, individuals who will have direct contact with children or any student of the School District, or who will have access to or control of school funds must be fingerprinted and background checked. Consultant agrees to undergo a background check and fingerprinting if he/she is an individual who meets any of the above conditions and to require that all individuals in the organization who meet any of the conditions to submit to a background check, including fingerprinting by the School District's Police Department, at the sole cost of Consultant. Consultant shall not begin providing services contemplated by this Agreement until Consultant receives notice of clearance by the School District. The School Board, nor its members, officers, employees, or agents, shall not be liable under any legal theory for any kind of claim whatsoever for the rejection of Consultant (or discontinuation of Consultant's services) on the basis of these compliance obligations. Consultant agrees that neither the Consultant, nor any employee, agent or representative of the Consultant who has been convicted or who is currently under investigation for a crime delineated in Florida Statutes §435.04 will be employed in the performance of this contract.

9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Consultant is, for all purposes arising under this Agreement, an independent contractor. the Consultant and its officers, agents or employees may not, under any circumstances, hold themselves out to anyone as being officers, agents or employees of the Board. No officer, agent or employee of the Consultant or Board shall be deemed an officer, agent or employee of the other party. Neither the Consultant nor Board, nor any officer, agent or employee thereof, shall be entitled to any benefits to which employees of the other party are entitled, including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, workers compensation benefits, injury leave, or other leave benefits.

10. OWNERSHIP

A. All reports, studies, information, data, statistics, forms, designs, plans, procedures, systems, and other materials produced by the Consultant under this Agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of Board. No such materials produced, either in whole or in part, under this Agreement shall be subject to private use, copyright or patent right by the Consultant in the United States or in any other country without the express written consent of Board.

B. Board shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, copyright or patent any such materials produced by the Consultant under this Agreement.

18. LEGAL REVIEW

The parties hereto represent that they have reviewed the Agreement and have sought legal advice concerning the legal significance and ramifications of the provisions contained herein.

19. NOTICES

Any notice permitted or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the party giving or serving the same, and shall be served either by personal delivery or certified mail to the following persons and at the following addresses:

Consultant: (Add Consultant's address)

EBS Health Care John Gumpert, Special Education Coordinator
P.O. Box 911
Concordville, PA 19331

SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA
Purchasing Department
3300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite A 323
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

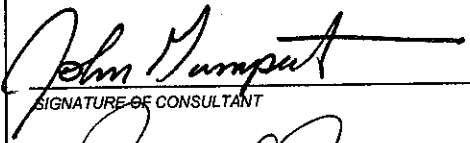

20. MANDATORY CONTRACT DOCUMENTS (if contract is going to Board for approval)

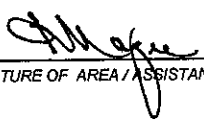
This Agreement includes the terms and conditions set forth in this document, and set forth in the following additional documents attached hereto and incorporate herein: (approval will not be granted without these mandatory attachments)

- "Exhibit A" - Provide consultant evaluation (PBSD 2075)
- "Exhibit B" - Beneficial Interest and Disclosure of Ownership Affidavit (PBSD 1997)

- \$2,500 or less requires consultant and principal/director signature only.
- \$2,501 to \$10,000 requires signature of consultant, principal/director, area/assistant superintendent, chief academic/operating officer and superintendent.
- All consultant contracts over \$10,001 must be approved by the Legal Department before going to the Board. The Board Chairman will sign the contract after Board Approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the day and year first above written.

 SIGNATURE OF CONSULTANT	8-3-06 DATE	John Gumpert, Special Education Coordinator EBS Healthcare PRINT NAME OF THE CONSULTANT
 SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL / DIRECTOR	8/21/06 DATE	Russell Feldman, Executive Director PRINT NAME OF THE PRINCIPAL / DIRECTOR

 SIGNATURE OF AREA / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	8/23/06 DATE	Brenda Magee, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning Support PRINT NAME OF THE AREA / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
_____ SIGNATURE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC / OPERATING OFFICER	_____ DATE	Ann Killets, Chief Academic Officer PRINT NAME OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC / OPERATING OFFICER
_____ SIGNATURE OF LEGAL SERVICES DESIGNEE	_____ DATE	Kalinthia Dillard, Associate Counsel PRINT NAME OF THE LEGAL SERVICES DESIGNEE
_____ SIGNATURE OF ARTHUR C. JOHNSON, Ph. D. SUPERINTENDENT	_____ DATE	_____ SIGNATURE OF THOMAS E. LYNCH SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN
		_____ DATE



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**Amendment to Consultant/Service Provider
Memorandum of Agreement**

Amendment Number 1

Date of Amendment 08/01/2006

Consultant/Service Provider EBS Healthcare

This Amendment Agreement by and between a duly authorized representative of The School District of Palm Beach County, Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the District) and the above named Consultant/Service Provider (hereinafter referred to as the Consultant/Service Provider) stipulates the changes to the original Consultant/Service Provider Memorandum of Agreement.

CHANGES MADE TO THE AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS

Consultant will provide additional speech/language pathologists (maximum of 2 additional); upon request by the District when notified in writing that there is additional need. The consultant will furnish to the District a certificate of professional liability insurance and a valid Florida speech/language pathology license for staff assigned to the District. The SLPs will bill Medicaid through the District for eligible students.

In witness whereof, this amendment has been executed on this day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT/SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

John Gumpert, Special Education Coordinator
NAME (type or print)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER / EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER

P.O. Box 911
MAILING ADDRESS

Concordville PA 19331
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

(800) 578 - 7906
TELEPHONE NUMBER / EXTENSION

PBSD 1843 (NEW 9/8/2000)

SIGNATURES

John Gumpert - Special Ed. Coordinator
SIGNATURE OF CONSULTANT / SERVICE PROVIDER TITLE DATE 8-3-06

[Signature] 8/21/06
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SCHOOL / DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR DATE

[Signature] 8/23/06
SIGNATURE OF AREA / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT DATE

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT / DESIGNEE DATE

SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN (if over \$10,000) DATE

**ADDENDUM, Concerning Student Information, to the Consultant Contract
("the Contract") dated August 9, 2006, between The School Board of Palm Beach and EBS
Healthcare**

Pursuant to School Board Policy 5.50, receipt of which is acknowledged by the vendor's/partner's signature below, the School District hereby designates EBS Healthcare ("the Party") as an "other school official" for purposes of receiving limited personally-identifiable student information under FLA. STAT. § 1002.22(3)(d)2 because the School District recognizes the Party has legitimate educational interests in receiving this information in order to carry out the Party's responsibilities for the school or District under the Contract. (All other terms of the Contract remain the same.)

As a condition precedent to receiving confidential student information, the Party warrants and agrees that the Party:

- will limit the use of, or access to, confidential student information to the limited scope of information actually needed to complete the services under contract. The District has determined that the Party has a legitimate educational interest in receiving only the following fields of student data; demographics, attendance, contact information, special programs, and ESE file.
- will limit the access to student information to its employees and/or agents who actually have a legitimate educational interest in the information (i.e., they legitimately need to access the information in order to carry out their responsibilities under the Contract); and
- shall avoid, and shall instruct applicable employees/agents to avoid, accessing personally-identifiable student information except for the legitimate purposes recognized under this Addendum, and shall require that all employees/agents accessing the data must be trained in, and sign an acknowledgement regarding, the confidentiality requirements; and
- will comply with the requirements of Fla. Admin. Code Rule 6A-1.0955(6)(g), that student information shall not be disclosed by the Party in any form to any party other than appropriate school officials or the Party's employees/agents to the extent allowed herein (even if the document is first redacted to remove personally-identifiable information), without the prior written consent of the adult student or the parent/guardian, as appropriate; and
- shall maintain any confidential student information in secure data processing facilities or in securely locked cabinets, and the Party shall monitor the security and safekeeping of the confidential data; and
- will dispose of all information disclosed to it by the School District (and any copies thereof), after the purpose for which the information is disclosed has been served, or five years after the receipt of the information (whichever is sooner), by shredding paper documents finely enough to prevent possible recovery of information, and by totally erasing and over-writing (or physically destroying) any electronic media such as computer files, tapes, or diskettes, or physically destroyed.

The parties acknowledge that the terms contained in this Addendum supersede any inconsistent terms in the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Addendum:

EBS Healthcare

The School Board of Palm Beach County

By: John Lumpert
[person having authority to enter legally-binding agreements on behalf of the Party]

By: _____

Date: 8-3-06

Date: _____

Business Associate Agreement

This Business Associate Agreement ("Agreement") dated August 9, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), is entered into by and between The School Board of Palm Beach County ("Facility") and EBS Healthcare (Business Associate").

WHEREAS, Facility and Business Associate have or are entering into agreements or other documented arrangements (collectively, "Business Arrangements") pursuant to which Business Associate may provide services for Facility that require Business Associate to access health information that is protected by state and/or federal law;

WHEREAS, Business Associate and Company desire that Business Associate obtain access to such information in accordance with the terms specified herein:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby severally acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Business Associate Obligations**, Business Associate may receive from Facility health information that is protected under applicable state and/or federal law, including without limitation, protected health information ("PHI") as defined in the regulations at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 (the "Privacy Standards") promulgated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in the Privacy Standards. Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose (or permit the use or disclosure of) PHI in a manner that would violate the requirements of the Privacy Standards if the PHI were used or disclosed by Facility in the same manner. Business Associate shall use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as expressly permitted under this Agreement.

2. **Use of PHI**, Business Associate may use PHI solely for Facility's benefit and only (i) for the purpose of performing services for Facility as such services are defined in Business Arrangements, and (ii) as necessary for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided that such uses are permitted under federal and state law. Facility shall retain all rights in the PHI not granted herein. Use and disclosure of de-identified health information is not permitted unless expressly authorized in this Agreement or in writing by Facility.

3. **Disclosure of PHI**, Business Associate may disclose PHI as necessary to perform its obligations under the Business Arrangement and as permitted by law, provided that Business Associate shall in such case: (a) obtain reasonable assurances from any person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidential and further used and disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person or entity; (b) agree to immediately notify Facility of any instances of which it is aware that PHI is being used or disclosed for a purpose that is not otherwise provided for in this Agreement or for a purpose not expressly permitted by the Privacy Standards; and (c) ensure that all disclosures of PHI are subject to the principle of "minimum necessary use and disclosure." i.e. only the minimum PHI that is necessary to accomplish the intended purpose may be disclosed. If Business Associate discloses PHI received from Facility, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Facility, to agents, including a subcontractor (collectively, "Recipients"), Business Associate shall require Recipients to agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the business Associate under this Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, Business Associate shall be fully liable to Facility for any acts, failures or omissions of Recipients in furnishing the services as if they were the Business Associate's own acts, failures or omissions. Business Associate shall report to Facility any use or disclosure of PHI not permitted by this Agreement, of which it becomes aware, such report to be made within five (5) days of the Business Associate becoming aware of such use or disclosure. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practical and unless

otherwise requested by Facility in writing, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate and is the result of a use or disclosure of PHI in violation of the Agreement.

4. **Individual Rights Regarding Designated Record Sets**, If Business Associate maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of Facility, Business Associate shall (a) permit an individual to inspect or copy PHI contained in that set about the individual under conditions and limitations required under 45 CFR § 164.524, as it may be amended from time to time, and (b) amend PHI maintained by Business Associate as requested by Facility. Business shall respond to any requests from Facility for access by an individual within five (5) days of such request and shall make any amendment requested by Facility within ten (10) days of such request. The information shall be provided in the form or format requested, if it is readily producible in such form or format, or in summary, if the individual has agreed in advance to accept the information in summary form. A reasonable, cost-based fee for copying PHI may be charged. Business Associate shall accommodate an individual's right to have access to PHI about the individual in a Designated Record Set in accordance with the Privacy Standards set forth at 45 CFR § 164.526, as it may be amended from time to time, unless the regulation provides for a denial or an exception expressly applies. Facility shall determine whether a denial is appropriate or an exception applies. Business Associate shall notify Facility within five (5) days of receipt of any request for access or amendment by an individual. Business Associate shall have a process in place for requests for amendments and for appending such requests to the Designated Record Set. This section 4 of the Agreement shall become effective on April 14, 2003 or on such later date that compliance with the federal Privacy Standards is required by the regulations, subject to any earlier state laws requirements.

5. **Accounting of Disclosures**, Business Associate shall make available to Facility in response to a request from an individual, information required for an accounting of disclosures of PHI with respect to the individual, in accordance with 45 CFE § 164.528, as it may be amended from time to time, incorporating exceptions to such accounting designated under the regulation. Such accounting is limited to disclosures that were made in the six (6) years prior to the request and shall not include any disclosures that were made prior to the compliance date of the Privacy Standards. Business Associate shall provide such information necessary to provide an accounting within thirty (30) days of Facility's request. Such accounting must be provided without cost to the individual or to Facility if it is the first accounting requested by an individual within any twelve (12) month period; however, a reasonable, cost-based fee may be charged for subsequent accountings if Business Associate informs the Facility and the Facility informs the individual in advance of the fee, and the individual is afforded an opportunity to withdraw or modify the request. Such accounting shall be provided as long as Business Associate maintains PHI. This section 5 of the Agreement shall become effective on April 14, 2003 or on such later date that compliance with the Privacy Standards is required by the regulations, subject to any earlier state law requirements.

6. **Withdrawal of Consent of Authorization** If the use or disclosure of PHI in this Agreement is based upon an individual's specific consent or authorization for the use of his or her PHI, and (i) the individual revokes such consent or authorization in writing (ii) the effective date of such authorization has expired, or (iii) the consent or authorization is found to be defective in any manner that renders it invalid, Business Associate agrees, if it has notice of such revocation or invalidity, to cease the use and disclosure of any such individual's PHI except to the extent it has relied on such use or disclosure, or where an exception under the Privacy Standard expressly applies.

7. **Records and Audit**, Business Associate shall make available to Facility and to the United Department of Health and Human Services or its agents, its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, created, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Facility for the purpose of determining Facility's compliance with the Privacy Standards or any other health oversight agency, in a time a manner designated by Facility of the Secretary. Except to the extent prohibited by law, Business, Associate agrees to notify Facility immediately upon receipt by Business Associate of any and all requests served upon Business Associate for information or documents by or on behalf of any and all government authorities.

8. **Notice of Privacy Practices.** Facility shall provide to Business Associate its Notice of Privacy Practices ("Notice") when adopted, and any amendments thereafter. Any use or disclosure permitted by this Agreement may be amended by such Notice. Business Associate agrees that it will abide by the limitations of any Notice published by Facility of which it has knowledge. The amended Notice shall not affect permitted uses and disclosures on which Business Associate has relied prior to the receipt of such Notice.

9. **Confidentiality.** Business Associate shall take any steps required to (i) protect PHI from unauthorized uses or disclosures and (ii) maintain the confidentiality and integrity of PHI. Prior to any permitted disclosure of PHI, Business Associate shall require the person or entity to which it intends to disclose PHI to assume all of the same duties with respect to PHI that Business Associate has under this Agreement. Business Associate shall be fully liable to Facility and any affected individuals for any acts, failures or omissions of Recipients as though they were its own acts, failures or omissions.

10. **Terms and Termination.**

10.1 This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with the terms of this section 10, provided, however, that any termination shall not affect the respective obligations or rights of the parties arising under this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination, all of which shall continue in accordance with their terms; and provided that the effective date of Sections 4 and 5 shall be in accordance with the provisions of those sections.

10.2 Facility shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to Business Associate.

10.3 Facility, at its sole discretion, may immediately terminate this Agreement and shall have no further obligations to Business Associate hereunder if any of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing:

- (a) Business Associate shall fail to observe or perform any material covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement for ten (10) days after written notice thereof has been given to Business Associate by Facility;
- or
- (b) A violation by Business Associate of any provision of the Privacy Standards or applicable federal or state privacy law.

10.4 Under the termination of all Business Arrangements, either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other party.

10.5 Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Business Associate agrees either to return to Facility or to destroy all PHI received from Facility or otherwise through the performance of services for Facility, that it is in the possession or control of Business Associate or its agents. In the case of information for which it is not feasible to "return or destroy," Business Associate shall continue to comply with the covenants in this Agreement with respect to such PHI and shall comply with other applicable state or federal law, which may require a specific period of retention, redaction, or other treatment. Termination of this Agreement shall be cause for Facility to terminate any Business Arrangement.

11. **Indemnification.** Business Associate will indemnify, defend and hold Facility and its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns harmless, from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or related to any third-party claim based upon any breach of this Agreement by Business Associate or similar breach by Recipients ("Claim"). If Business Associate assumes the defense of a Claim, Facility shall have the right, at its expense; to participate in the defense of such Claim and Business Associate shall not take any final action with respect to such Claim without the prior written consent of Facility.

12. **No Warranty.** PHI IS PROVIDED TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATE SOLELY ON AN "AS IS" BASIS. FACILITY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

13. **Ineligible Persons.** Business Associate represents and warrants to Facility that Business Associate (i) is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care program as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7b(f) ("the Federal Healthcare Programs"); (ii) has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not yet been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs, and (iii) is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in Business Associate being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs. This shall be an ongoing representation and warranty during the term of this Agreement, and Business Associate shall immediately notify Facility of any change in the status of the representations and warranty set forth in this section. Any breach of this section shall give Facility the right to terminate this Agreement immediately for cause.

14. **Miscellaneous.**

14.1 **Notice.** All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be effective upon receipt or attempted delivery, and shall be sent by (a) personal delivery; (b) certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested; (c) overnight delivery service with proof of delivery; or (d) facsimile with return facsimile acknowledging receipt. Notices shall be sent to the addresses below. Neither party shall refuse delivery of any notice hereunder.

EBS Healthcare
P.O. Box 911
Concordville, PA 19331

The School Board of Palm Beach County
3310 Forest Hill Boulevard, C-225
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-5813

Attention: John Gumpert
Tel. No.: 800-578-7906
Fax No.: 610-558-9442

Attention: Sue Alex
Tel. No.: 561-434-8066
Fax No.: 561-434-8384

Copy to _____ COUNSEL:

Attention: _____
Tel. No.: _____
Fax No.: _____

Copy to: **School Board Counsel**
Kalinthia R. Dillard
3300 Forest Hill Blvd. #C302
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Attention: K. Dillard
Tel. No.: 561-649-6118
Fax No.: _____

14.2 **Waiver.** No provision of this Agreement or any breach thereof shall be deemed waived unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived such provision or breach. No waiver of a breach shall constitute a waiver of or excuse any different or subsequent breach.

14.3 **Assignment.** Neither party may assign (whether by operation or law or otherwise) any of its rights or delegate or subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Facility shall have the right to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to any entity that is an affiliate or successor of Facility, without the prior approval of Business Associate.

14.4 **Severability.** Any provision of this Agreement that is determined to be invalid or unenforceable will be ineffective to the extent of such determination without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of such remaining provisions.

14.5 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between Business Associate and Facility relating to the matters specified in this Agreement, and supersedes all prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Business Arrangements or any such later agreement(s), the terms of the Agreement shall control unless the terms of such Business Arrangements are more strict with respect to PHI and comply with the Privacy Standards, or the parties specifically otherwise agree in writing. No oral modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding on either party. No obligation on either party to enter into any transaction is to be implied from the execution or delivery of this Agreement. This Agreement is for the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the parties, their affiliates and respective successors and assigns. No third party has any rights as a result of this Agreement.

14.6 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State in which Facility is located, excluding its conflicts of laws provisions. Jurisdiction and Venue for any dispute relating to this Agreement shall exclusively rest with the state and federal courts in the county in which Facility is located.

14.7 **Equitable Relief.** Business Associate understands and acknowledges that any disclosure or misappropriation of any PHI in violation of this Agreement will cause Facility irreparable harm, the amount of which may be difficult to ascertain, and therefore agrees that Facility shall have the right to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for specific performance and/or an order restraining and enjoining any such further disclosure or breach and for such other relief as Facility shall deem appropriate. Such right of Facility is to be in addition to the remedies otherwise available to Facility at law or in equity. Business Associate expressly waives the defense that a remedy in damages will be adequate and further waives any requirement in an action for specific performance or injunction for the posting of a bond by Facility.

14.8 **Nature of Agreement.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create (i) a partnership, joint venture or other joint business relationship between the parties or any of their affiliates, or (ii) a relationship of employer and employee between the parties. This Agreement does not express or imply any commitment to purchase or sell goods or services.

14.9 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. In making proof of this Agreement, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart executed by the party against whom enforcement of this Agreement is sought.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

EBS Healthcare

By: John Gumpert

8-3-06
Date

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

By: _____

Date