Alvord Unified School District
Riverside, California

Date: August 20, 2020

To: Allan J. Mucerino, Superintendent of Schools

From: Paulina Nwuba, Director III, Special Education Department

Subject: Item 7.d.2: Ratify Professional Services Agreement– Galaxy Speech Care, LLC

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board ratification is requested for an independent contractor agreement between Galaxy Speech Care, LLC and Alvord Unified School District to provide contract Speech-Language Therapy services for the 2020-2021 school year. Galaxy Speech Care can provide contractors including Speech-Language Pathologists or Assistants, to provide therapy services, attend Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and/or assessments for special needs students as required by their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Special Education Department has been unable to find qualified Speech-Language Pathologists to fill open positions in previous years. The District currently has one open Speech-Language Pathologist position for the 2020-2021 School Year due to one of our Speech Pathologists resigning in July.

Galaxy Speech Care, LLC has an experienced and licensed Speech-Language Pathologist available to support the speech services for students in the moderate to severe programs for the 2020-2021 school year. Galaxy Speech Care's agreement does not include a non-compete clause making it possible to hire the contract employees for the following year if they are a good fit for our District.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Board ratification of this item will allow the Special Education Department to contract with Galaxy Speech Care, LLC for experienced and licensed Speech-Language Pathologists and/or Speech-Language Pathologists Assistants during the 2020-2021 School Year.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Cabinet; Director III, Special Education

FISCAL IMPACT: Not to exceed $150,000.00 (General Fund/Restricted-Special Education)

ATTACHMENTS: Independent Contractor Agreement including
                          Scope of Services and Rates

CONSENT ITEM