

**TIGARD-TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 23J
RESOLUTION NO. 2324-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TIGARD – TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23J BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ACTING AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD, GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO DISTRICT CONTRACTING RULES AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FOR CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Tigard-Tualatin School District No. 23J ("District") is the Local Public Contract Review Board ("Board") for the District pursuant to ORS 279A.060; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously adopted Public Contracting Rules for use by the District ("District Rules"); and

WHEREAS, in 2018-19, IRCO was selected as the sole provider agency with the capacity to provide TTSD's required range of school-based services for students and families from the Pacific Islands, and possessed extensive experience partnering with school districts, and has been successfully providing services since this time; and

WHEREAS, IRCO continues to be the only organization serving in Washington County with the capacity to provide the culturally-specific direct services to youth and families TTSD is seeking (case management, academic support), family engagement, after school programming, and culturally specific and sustaining activities and events for students and families from the Pacific Islands) at scale; and

WHEREAS, IRCO has over 18 years of experience partnering with schools including providing services in Reynolds, Parkrose, PPS, Centennial, and Beaverton School Districts; and

WHEREAS, IRCO has successfully provided culturally specific services for students and families from the Pacific Islands for TTSD since 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, IRCO is able to recruit culturally and linguistically-specific staff from a variety of Pacific Island communities with expertise in several languages spoken within the TTSD community for which linguistic resources are hard to find; and

WHEREAS, IRCO's culturally specific services are backed-up by a variety of additional IRCO services specifically created for immigrant populations including basic needs, social services navigation, legal and immigration support, adult education, employment programs and others, enabling them to provide wrap-around services; and

WHEREAS, in 2020-21, the District sought an increased level of services for students and families from the Pacific Islands to include case management, after-school

activities, family engagement, wrap-around services, and culturally specific activities and events; and

WHEREAS, in summer 2021, TTSD continued engagement and enrichment opportunities for our Pacific Islander students and families including case management, after-school activities, family engagement, wrap-around services, and culturally specific activities and events ; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021-22 school year, TTSD expanded partnerships to the middle school level to scale up support systems for our Pacific Islander students including student advocates, and family engagement specialists; and

WHEREAS during the 2022-23 school year, will include Tier I and II support from IRCO through direct services for the three middle schools within TTSD; and

WHEREAS during the 2023-24 school year, the focus will be Tier II work at the two comprehensive high schools and wrap around supports for Tier III services including families with multiple students across the District; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of services for Pacific Islander students and families in 2023-24 is \$240,000; and

WHEREAS, District Rules Chapter 200 ("Personal Services Contracts") requires a competitive procurement process for all personal services contracts over \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the District identified the IRCO as their culturally specific partner in providing services for students and families from the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, no other program in Washington County fulfills the above criteria.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board finds that the proposed contract is a "personal services contract" within the meaning of District Contract Rules Chapter 200 and is therefore not subject to the special procurement or exemption procedures set forth in Chapters 300 or 400.

2. For the reasons stated above, the Board finds that IRCO is in a unique position to provide culturally specific services to students and families from the Pacific Islands to the District. For this reason, the Board finds that no good public purpose would be served by going to the expense and delay of conducting a competitive selection process in order to directly contract for the services with IRCO.

3. Based upon these findings, the Board hereby grants a special exception to Tigard Tualatin School District Contract and Purchasing Rules Chapter 200, and authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate and execute an agreement with IRCO for culturally specific services for families from the Pacific Islands as described above for 2022-23.

Duly passed this 28th of August, 2023, at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J.



Tristan Irvin, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Dr. Susan Rieke-Smith, Superintendent