

**Hamilton County Department of Education
3074 Hickory Valley Road
Chattanooga, TN. 37421**

MEMORANDUM:

To: Hamilton County Department of Education
Dr. Bryan Johnson, Superintendent

From: Dr. Justin Robertson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

Date: December 21, 2017

Re: Exceptional Education - Speech/Language, OT/PT Services Agreement
Amendment

I am respectfully requesting that you approve this first amendment to the agreement with Stellar Therapy Services, LLC Bid File 14-40 staffing contract for the 2017-2018 SY. This agreement is to provide Speech and Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy services as required by Individual Education Plans and supervised by Exceptional Education Administrators. The amendment is needed to cover additional staffing needs to cover three full time un-filled SLP positions that have been vacant all school year. Ex Ed has not been able to cover these with current staff and have had to use Stellar Therapy staff to provide contract services to students. The contract amendment is for an additional \$370,000 for the 17-18 school year making the total contract not to exceed \$ 2,359,972. No additional funds are needed or requested for this amendment; current GP, IDEA and Self-Funded funds will be used.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
SERVICES AGREEMENT
Stellar Therapy Services, LLC**

This **FIRST AMENDMENT** (“Amendment”) is made and entered into as of the 21st day of December, 2017 (“Effective Date”), by and between Hamilton County Department of Education (hereinafter the “Department”) and Stellar Therapy Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “provider”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Department and Agency entered into that certain Employment Agreement dated June 15, 2017 (the “Agreement”); for the 2017-2018 school year and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Agreement as more fully set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Paragraph numbered 3 in the Agreement is hereby amended to read:

3. **Compensation.**

(a) In consideration for the Therapy Services provided by Contractor, HCDE agrees to pay Contractor its Fees for Therapy Services per the following rate schedule:

THERAPY SERVICES:	
Speech and Language Pathologist	\$62/hour
Speech and Language Pathologist – Clinical Fellow	\$50/hour
Speech and Language Assistant	\$37/hour
Occupational Therapist – Registered	\$62/hour
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$50/hour
Physical Therapist-Registered	\$62/hour
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$50/hour
Physician’s Assistant	\$25/visit

Therapy Service fees for the agreed upon staffing plan will not exceed \$2,359,972.00 under the terms of this contract. Contractor agrees to not exceed the maximum limits of this staffing plan without written request from the Director of Special Education.

Therapy Services reimbursed under the above rate schedule include direct and indirect service time, assessments, evaluations, treatments, consultation, documentation, progress reports, meeting attendance, travel time between schools, documentation and prep time performed onsite or offsite. Other services may be added as needed with rates to be agreed upon in advance by both parties. All amounts payable to Contractor pursuant to this Section 3(a) shall be referred to herein as the “Fees for Therapy Services.”

2. Except as expressly set forth above, the Agreement as written shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands hereto as of the date written above.

Melissa Christopher, Executive Director
Stellar Therapy Services, LLC

Holly Christopher, Administrator
Stellar Therapy Services, LLC

Dr. Bryan Johnson, Superintendent
Hamilton County Board of Education

Board Chairman
Hamilton County Board of Education