SUBJECT: LITERACY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

SOURCE: Department of Parks & Leisure Services

COMMENT: Staff has prepared a Memorandum of Agreement, A Partnership for Literacy, to help communicate and coordinate the Literacy Programs between the Porterville School District and the City Of Porterville.

The City of Porterville Public Library Literacy Program and the Porterville Public Schools Literacy Program work together to provide the most efficient and effective services possible to those seeking help. Both programs serve different levels of literacy for youth and adult citizens of the community and work together to accomplish that goal. The City of Porterville and the School District also work with the children’s programs through the English Language and Literacy Intensive (E.L.L.I.) Program during the Youth Experiencing Success (Y.E.S.) after school program, one hour per day, at the Porterville Elementary Schools.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Porterville School District and the City of Porterville.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum of Agreement
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
(Partnership for Literacy)

WHEREAS, the Porterville Unified School District is charged with being primarily responsible for the development of literacy within the Porterville community;

WHEREAS, the Porterville Adult School advances literacy in the community through programs including English as a second language and adult basic education;

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville maintains and operates a Public Library and tutoring library clients in literacy has become an important activity to further civic awareness and participation;

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville is initiating an English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program with grant assistance to provide tutoring to about 500 Porterville Unified School District elementary students;

WHEREAS, the program will include participation from parents and adults and the Porterville Adult School has agreed to provide assistance and facilitation for the adults through their enrollment in special classes at the Porterville Adult School;

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville and the Porterville Unified School District have cooperated for many years with after school programs to the youth of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Porterville Unified School District and the City of Porterville now enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to undertake the Porterville English Language Literacy Partnership as follows:

1. The City and the School District shall cooperate to the joint end of increasing English Language Literacy in the community;

2. The City will initiate an English Language Partnership with the School District and will look to the Porterville Adult School for assistance with the training of parents who serve as tutors;

3. Representatives of the City and School District shall meet periodically to coordinate programs and to minimize program overlap;

4. The representatives of the various entities shall be:
   
   City of Porterville: Gil Meachum
   Porterville Unified School District: Dr. Val Staley
   Porterville Unified School District: Gary Ingraham
   Porterville Adult School: Robert Perez
THIS AGREEMENT shall be in force, and effective from the date of signature for one-year and may be renewed by the City of Porterville and the Porterville Unified School District by action of their Chief Administrative Officers, for a term not to exceed five years.

Mayor, City of Porterville  
Chair, Board of Education, Porterville Unified School District

Date: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________