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Subject: TJ/PF Contracts

Hi, Fabio.

Per your request, here is a short summary of how we have been re-evaluating contracts that intersect between TJHSST and the TJ Partnership Fund (TJPF), an independent non-profit organization that supports TJ and greater STEM outreach initiatives throughout the FCPS community.

High School Technology Institute

- Summer enrichment program offered for the first time in 2017
- Open to any student in FCPS or other VA counties
- TJ teachers were compensated by FCPS for teaching at the FCPS standard summer rate
- TJPF signed an independent contract with the teachers offering 40% salary above the standard rate in exchange for "deliverables" that included course descriptions, syllabi, and various course materials
- FCPS did not have the opportunity to evaluate the contracts regarding compensation packages and services being rendered
- Teachers and TJPF had appropriate intents to create outreach opportunities for students

AMESON and Tsinghua University

- Four-year contracts were initiated between TJPF and these respective independent organizations in 2014
- Note- no representative from TJ or FCPS signed the contracts
- Contracts generate revenue for TJPF
- Contracts obligate TJHSST staff to host Chinese visitors multiple times per year
- Visits include meetings with staff, sharing curriculum ideas, advising facilities planning for STEM schools
- Contracts obligate TJHSST staff to international travel, all expenses paid
- FCPS did not have the opportunity to evaluate the contracts regarding TJ services and travel
- TJPF and TJ leadership had mutual interests for generating revenue that would help the TJ community and create global connections

In brief, we have enjoyed a rewarding and beneficial relationship with the TJ Partnership Fund. I can affirm TJPF leadership and I are committed to working together to ensure any contracts that connect our respective organizations follow all FCPS policies and regulations.

Please let me know if you need further information beyond this summary and the copies of contracts previously provided.

Regards,

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