**Board Memo**

**DATE:** 6/27/2022

**AGENDA ITEM DETAILS:**

**School/Department**

Learning Support Services

**Product Vendor or Grant Issuer**

Memorandum of Understanding Refugee Connect

**Product or Grant Name**

N/A

**Date/Term (Beginning and End Dates/Year)**

07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

N/A

**DESCRIBE USE OF CONTRACT/PURCHASE/AGREEMENT**

Boone County has established a partnership with Refugee Connect as outlined in the MOU to help meet the unique needs of our refugee families.  Refugee Confect’s mission is to connect refugees (people forced to flee their country to escape persecution or war) with resources to rebuild their lives as United States citizens.

One of the resources Refugee Connect offers is their Community Navigator program.  This is a supplemental service to regular district and school supports for English Learner families, such as interpreters and ESL instructors.  Each Community Navigator is a member of the immigrant or refugee community who is trained by Refugee Connect to provide cultural orientation and native language support for parents and families to connect to school and community resources, as needed. District and school staff can refer families for a Community Navigator’s support.  Community Navigators speak the following languages: Arabic, French, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Lingala, Nepali, Swahili, Hakha Chin, Somali, and Spanish.  For the 2022-2023 school year, Refugee Connect will provide a part time navigator who will be on site in our schools to serve our students and families, and connect school administrators and teachers to the resources available to them through Refugee Connect.

**FUNDING FOR PURCHASES AND OTHER REQUESTS:**

**Total Cost**

0.00

**Funding Source**

N/A

**\*If more than one funding source, list below along with amount or percent for each source**

N/A

**THIS IS A GRANT, ENTER AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the board approve this agreement as presented.

Dr. Michael Poiry, Assistant Superintendent MS/HS

**CONTACT PERSON: (submitter)**

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