



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners
VIA: Chief Clint Belk, Acting City Manager
FROM: Jay Hatch, Recreation Director
DATE: March 31, 2026
RE: **Pinellas County School Board – Park and Joint Use Agreement**

Background

The City of Madeira Beach has maintained long-standing joint use agreements with Pinellas County Schools for shared use of recreational and educational facilities.

The first agreement pertains to Bicentennial Park, which was originally developed by the City in 1976 on approximately two acres located on the southwest corner of Madeira Beach Fundamental School property. The site has been continuously used as a public park serving residents and students since its development .

The second agreement is a Joint Use Playground Agreement, originally approved in 1985, which allows reciprocal use of facilities between the City and the School District. This agreement enables both parties to utilize each other's spaces for educational and recreational programming while maintaining insurance requirements and cost recovery provisions when applicable .

Both agreements include provisions allowing renewal in five (5) year increments upon mutual written approval by the City and the Superintendent of Schools.

Pinellas County Schools has submitted formal letters requesting renewal of both agreements for an additional five-year term, beginning May 12, 2026, through May 11, 2031.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the renewal of these agreements.

The agreements allow for shared use of facilities, which continues to provide cost-effective recreational opportunities for residents while minimizing the need for additional City-owned infrastructure. Any cost recovery for facility use will continue to be handled in accordance with existing agreement terms.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the renewal of both the Bicentennial Park Agreement and the Joint Use Playground Agreement with Pinellas County Schools for a five-year term from May 12, 2026, through May 11, 2031.

Continuation of these agreements ensures ongoing access to shared recreational and educational facilities, supports programming opportunities for residents, and maintains a strong partnership between the City and the School District.

Attachments

Bicentennial Park Renewal Letter

Joint Use Playground Agreement Letter

2021 – Bicentennial Park Use Agreement

2021 – Joint Use Playground Agreement