

EXPLANATION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
DR. PHILIP SMITH, O.D.

August 9, 2005

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT: San Diego Unified School District and
Dr. Philip Smith, O.D.

AGREEMENT SUMMARY: Dr. Philip Smith will provide direct vision therapy to
children with special needs and will provide consulting
services to district staff.

TERM: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

AMOUNT OF FUNDING: Not to exceed \$180,000.00

SOURCE OF FUNDING: 5377-65000-00-5156-3140-5001-01000-0000
(SpEd/Regular Year)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: District does not have sufficient staff to provide vision
therapy to students where their services are required by
their Individualized Educational Programs (IEP's).
Rationale for Ratification: Due to the implementation of
ENCORE! during 2004-2005, the SpEd Programs Division
had been in negotiations with vision therapy providers in
anticipation of a change in contract language; and, as a
result, 2004/2005 contracts were split into two terms
(July – mid-December and mid-December – June).
Because the issue has been tabled pending further review,
there was a delay in processing 2005-2006 contracts while
determining the contract term for this fiscal year (full year).
After obtaining appropriate signatures, August 9 is the first
available board date.

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