

**Hitchcock Independent School District**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Date:** February 23, 2026

**Presented by:** Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** LASO Grant Update

**Information Item**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 4 LIFT Grant represents a strategic, three-year commitment to elevating the instructional standards and operational efficiency of Hitchcock ISD. This program is designed to move beyond surface-level interventions by deeply embedding high-leverage instructional systems across all campuses. By aligning district-wide goals with classroom-level execution, the LIFT grant ensures that our educational framework is both scalable and sustainable, providing a consistent experience of academic excellence for every student in the district.

A central component of this initiative is the intensive capacity-building surrounding Bluebonnet High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM). The grant provides the resources necessary for our educators to transition from simply delivering curriculum to mastering the specific pedagogical shifts required for rigorous, grade-level instruction. This professional development is paired with a robust leadership coaching model, which equips campus administrators with the tools to conduct frequent, actionable observation and feedback cycles. By sharpening the "instructional eye" of our leaders, we ensure that teachers receive the precise support they need to improve student outcomes in real-time.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

NA

**POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

NA

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Keri Launius, Executive Director of Academics

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

NA

**ENCLOSURES:**

NA