

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of books and access to educational library media from GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO for the libraries districtwide.

BACKGROUND

The District libraries continually require a broad range of educational library media to support student learning and instructional needs. These materials include print resources, audio and video media, electronic resources, and specialized library and archival supplies necessary to maintain high-quality collections.

Reference Number (SCON-101317) was established to track expenditures with GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO, the District's provider of books and educational library media resources. Pursuant to Texas Education Code §§44.031 and 130.0101, the procurement of library goods and services for a library operated by a junior college district is exempt from competitive bidding requirements.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Increasing funding for books and library media ensures students have access to current, diverse, and academically relevant resources. This investment supports literacy development, enhances classroom instruction, promotes equitable access to information, and strengthens student success in an increasingly information-driven environment.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

- Board Approved Authorization: \$200,000
- Additional Authorization Request: \$50,000
- Funding Source: Library Department's FY26 operating budget
- Current Contract Spend: \$199,050

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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