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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Sandra Sanchez, CTE Administrator
Subject: Consider and possible Board action to approve the implementation of the Special Education CTE Innovative Student to Industry Connection course (N1270154)
Date: May 28, 2025

HISTORY: On May 9, 2025, I met with Ms. Ofelia Torres, Transition Contractor from Workforce Solutions that works with our Special Education Department, to discuss the development of a 4-year plan for Special Education. On May 15, 2025, Ms. Torres introduced me to Ms. Tara Burton, Transition Administrator for Workforce Solutions for Special Education. During this meeting, I also introduced Ms. Burton to Ms. Ana Luna from Workforce Solutions for General Education. Together, we explored opportunities to better connect our Special Education students with industry partners.

One key area of focus is the integration of work-based learning opportunities was to ensure a smooth transition from high school to employment or post-secondary education. The proposed course, Student to Industry Connection, will provide targeted support during students' senior year, a capstone experience that will include internships or direct employment with the assistance of our industry partners.

RATIONALE: The Student to Industry Connection course is designed to support Special Education students in developing workplace skills through a structured work-based learning curriculum. Participation in this course during their senior year will strengthen their competencies and facilitate a smoother transition into the workforce or further education, ultimately helping close the gap between high school and post-secondary success.

BUDGET: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the implementation of the Student to Industry Connection course. This course will serve as a critical component in supporting Special Education students through work-based learning, equipping them with the skills necessary to achieve meaningful post-secondary outcomes.

For Approval? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please check one: ☐ Presentation ☐ Report ☐ Information

Please check if applicable: ☒ Attachment Included

The mission of the San Elizario Independent School District is to graduate students with innovative skills for 21st-century careers by focusing on academic and social skills, fostering transformative practices, and building community support through positive relationships between home and school.