



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

10C. Action

Date: May 14, 2007

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH COLLEGE BOARD FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PSAT TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: High School Allotment Funds

Background Information:

- In order to improve student achievement and performance on college entrance exams, Keller ISD has a practice of administering the PSAT to students in grades 10 and 11 for participation in the National Merit Semifinalist Qualifying Test and to practice for the SAT
- For the first time, all ninth grade students were given the opportunity to take this assessment and receive the feedback and benefits from CollegeBoard including comprehensive assessment results and the CollegeBoard *My Road* application.
- For the 2006-2007 academic year, the Keller ISD spent \$49,059 for 5,451 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to take the PSAT.
- In 2007, the high school allotment was used to fund the cost of that assessment

Administrative Considerations:

- The Curriculum and Instruction department believes this is practice is important in the plan to align curriculum to state and national standards.
- Student enrollment projections indicate that approximately 6,100 ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will take the PSAT for 2007-2008. The cost to provide PSAT testing will be \$54,950.
- In order to participate at a discounted rate, the agreement must be signed and returned to CollegeBoard by June 1. By doing so, the KISD will save \$6,100.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the KISD Administration to enter into agreement with CollegeBoard for Administration of PSAT to students in grades 9-11.

Respectfully submitted,
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