**MEETING DATE:** May 18, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Tarleton

State University Regarding Distinguished High School Partnership Program

PRESENTER: Scott Kessel, Executive Director of Student Services

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Tarleton State University and Aledo Independent School District share the same educational mission of ensuring higher education opportunities for students
- Aledo ISD seeks benefits for high-achieving students by ensuring higher educational opportunities for graduates
- Tarleton State University seeks to derive benefits from targeted and intentional educational opportunities by providing enrollment incentives to high-achieving high school graduates
- The Distinguished High School Partnership Program offers benefits to AISD graduates by:
  - o granting automatic admission to a large portion of graduates;
  - waiving the requirement to submit SAT/ACT scores to Tarleton State University to the top 33% of AISD graduates; and
  - making scholarships available to AISD graduates above the Guaranteed Award Program amounts
- If approved, this partnership would begin with the 2020-2021 school year and continue for up to four successive annual terms, unless terminated by either party

FISCAL NOTE: None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Tarleton State University Distinguished High School Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Tarleton State University as presented.