

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda Item

August 17, 2026

Item: Renewal of Memorandum for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)

Contact Person: Dr. Cassandra Spearman

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Priority 1: Students - Ensure exceptional learning experiences that bring our “Journey of a Graduate” to life for each and every student.

Background Information:

Bell County operates a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) in collaboration with the educational community, Southwest Key Programs, Inc., and the Bell County Juvenile Services Department. This program is designed for students with severe behavioral issues who require an alternative learning environment.

State law mandates counties with a population of 125,000 or more establish a JJAEP. As such, Bell County has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local school district outlining the program's operation and funding. BISD is a partner in this program, providing educational services to students assigned to the JJAEP.

Fiscal Implications:

Discretionary expulsion per student per day is \$370.

The District's budget for JJAEP for the 2026-2027 school year is \$15,000.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve JJAEP Memorandum of Understanding for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.