

Terrell Independent School District

Executive Summary Report

Date	District Guiding Pillar	
Sept. 21, 2026	Goal 1: Student Achievement: Accelerate student learning to dramatically increase the number of students who perform on or above grade level. Goal 2: School Culture: Create safe and secure learning environments that focus on the social, emotional, and cultural needs of every student. Goal 3: Human Capital and Resources: Develop the capacity of every teacher and staff member to deliver rigorous, enriching learning experiences to every student and ensure safety of all. Goal 4: Organizational Efficiency: Develop a resource allocation plan and long-term facilities plan that supports and maintains the financial stability of the district, is aligned with identified priorities, addresses future growth and facility improvement needs, and represents being good stewards of taxpayer funds. Goal 5: Community Engagement and Outreach: Elevate district pride by strengthening partnerships with families, community, and the business community.	

Agenda Item: Consider Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Southern Arkansas University (SAU), through its College of Education and Human Performance, and Terrell Independent School District (the District) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the preparation and development of future educators.

Summary:

The MOU establishes the shared goals and responsibilities of SAU and the District for yearlong residency placements. It applies to all SAU residents hosted by the District. When the District hosts residents in more than one pathway, the shared terms of this MOU and the requirements of each applicable pathway will apply.

Collaborative Goals

1. Implement a clinically intensive, district-based residency model that provides residents with the mentoring, practice, feedback, and support needed to become effective educators.
2. Use appropriate residency and program data to monitor resident development, evaluate program effectiveness, strengthen educator preparation, and respond to the staffing needs of partner districts.
3. Maintain a collaborative partnership in which SAU and District representatives communicate regularly, address concerns promptly, and share responsibility for the quality of residents' clinical experiences.

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the MOU's as presented.

Budget/Funding

N/A