



Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.

Date

September 14, 2026

Administrator(s) Preparing Report

Leslie Ackmann, Executive Director of Special Programs

Subject

Tuition for Brazos River Regional Day School

Background Information

Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), all students with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 are guaranteed the right to a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) designed to meet each student's individual needs. All students receiving special education services have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) designed to provide the student with the support and services necessary to meet their individualized needs.

Weatherford ISD has students that are deaf/hard of hearing who to receive FAPE students receive services from the Brazos River Regional Day School. The Brazos River Regional Day School tuition provides teachers, certified interpreters, communication assistants, and audiological support.

Each students IEP committee determines the intensity of support of these services students receive.

The cost of tuition for the Brazos River Regional Day School for the 2026-2027 school year is: \$175,000 which exceeds the \$100,000 limit set by the Board of Trustees. This tuition is budgeted out of special education allotment funds and included in the yearly budget.

Strategic Plan Information

- ☒ Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- ☐ Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends the approval of the purchase order to the Brazos River Regional Day School to ensure students receive their services.