

Hitchcock Independent School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: September 28, 2026

Presented by: Dr. Darryl J. Henson, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Contract: Harris County Department of Education

Consent Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Administration recommends approval of the 2026–2027 Interlocal Agreement between Hitchcock ISD and Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) for Academic Behavior School (ABS) East. The agreement provides two specialized program placements for eligible Hitchcock ISD students with disabilities from September 8, 2026, through June 3, 2027. ABS East will provide specialized educational, instructional, behavioral, and counseling services using appropriately certified/licensed personnel.

The annual cost for the two placements is \$60,700, calculated at \$30,350 per placement, with the annual amount invoiced in September 2026. Additional services, if required by an individual student's ARD Committee, may result in additional costs, including 1:1 educational aide services or dyslexia services.

Students placed at ABS East will remain enrolled in Hitchcock ISD, and the District will continue to serve as the Local Education Agency (LEA) responsible for ensuring each student's IEP and FAPE requirements are met. Placement at ABS East is determined through the student's ARD Committee based upon individual educational and behavioral needs.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

I move that the Board approve the contract with the Harris County Department of Education as presented.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

Mrs. Andrea Vara, Executive Director of Special Education

FUNDING SOURCE:

General Fund (199)

IDEA-B Formula (224)

High Cost Funds Grant Reimbursement (226)

ENCLOSURES:

Contract: Harris County Department of Education