Consent Item

Date: November 9, 2026 **Division**: Finance

Subject: Texas Education Agency RFP #701-26-005 College Preparation and Career Readiness Assessments

Background Information:

- House Bill 3 (HB 3), enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature (2019), required the state to reimburse districts for fees associated with administering college preparation assessments (TEC §39.0261) to eligible juniors and seniors. House Bill 2 (HB 2), enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature (2025), expanded these criteria to include career readiness assessments beginning in the 2025–2026 school year.
- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) awarded College Board and ACT Education Corp. 10-year contracts under RFP #701-26-005 (through September 30, 2036) to provide valid, norm-referenced college preparation assessments widely accepted for higher education admissions. Additionally, College Board is an awarded vendor under Lewisville ISD's RFP #F1072-23 for Instructional Materials, Teaching Aids, Supplies, Software, Equipment, and Other Related Products and Services, giving the District an additional competitively awarded procurement option for assessment services.
- College preparation assessments are used for admission to most universities. Texas public universities accept one set of test scores and do not require a written essay. The standardized assessments measure a student's preparation for the rigor and content of college-level coursework. They are considered a gateway to scholarship opportunities and admission to institutions of higher education.
- Beginning with the 2020–2021 school year, Lewisville ISD offered students the choice of taking the SAT (fall), Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA, fall/spring), or ACT (spring). Per TEC §39.0261, the state reimburses the District for one complimentary basic assessment per eligible student; additional exams or optional sections (such as essays) are paid for by the student/parent.
- PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT for 10th-grade students are funded through the District's Assessment Department budget. Multiple middle school campuses also cover the cost of the AP Spanish exam for their students, while most high school students pay $99 per College Board AP exam (or $27 per exam for those qualifying for the AP Fee Subsidy).

Administrative Consideration:

- Funds for testing come from various sources. While students typically pay for ACT and SAT School Day (SD) exams, individual campuses cover the cost when mandatory testing is required. Additionally, students may utilize their one state-funded complimentary exam (HB

3 reimbursement), which is initially funded through the District's Assessment Department budget.

- Previous annual expenditures, 2025–2026: $1,077,946 (College Board and ACT)
- Estimated annual expenditures, 2026–2027: $1,100,000 but will not exceed the approved budgets
    - This amount is based on approximately half (4,100 students) of the junior and senior classes taking exams. Students must register if they want to take a test, and the District is only charged for students who complete testing.
    - The cost and reimbursable rates for ACT and SAT SD administration are $35 per student for the ACT exam and $41 per student for the College Board SAT exam.
- This procurement complies with Texas Education Code Section 44.031, EDGAR regulations (2 CFR 200), and all other applicable state, local, and federal procurement laws.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the utilization of Texas Education Agency RFP #701-26-005 College Preparation and Career Readiness Assessments and the anticipated expenditures for two years.

Timeline/Report:

- Term: November 2026 – November 2028