HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: November 16, 2026

Agenda Item: E

Board Goal: N/A

Subject: Public Forum

Administrator Responsible/Position: Board Matter

A. Purpose of Agenda Item

☐ **Action needed** ☐ **Information only** ☒ **Receive input**

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ **Local Policy BED** ☒ **Law or Rule** ☐ **N/A**

The Board encourages comments from citizens of the District and from District employees.

Policy BED local states that audience participation at a Board Meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board Meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer. An open forum will be conducted at each meeting. The Board shall allot approximately 30 minutes for comments from members of the public about school district concerns.

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board in Public Forum must complete and submit the Request to Address the Board of Trustees form (green sheet). This form may be obtained and at the entrance to the Board room and must be submitted to Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer, at the entrance prior to the start of the meeting. Public participation in Board meetings is limited to the Public Forum portion of the meeting agenda, as is provided in Board policy.

Board Policy DEC (LOCAL) sets the maximum time for any individual presentation as 5 minutes, unless decreased by the Board President prior to the start of public comment. In order to ensure efficiency in all meetings, our standard practice is to afford 3 minutes for speakers covering current agenda items and 2 minutes for speakers covering non-agenda items. Speakers with comments on posted agenda items will be called to speak first. Speakers with comments on items not posted for tonight's agenda will then be called to speak, if time permits.

Please be aware that the audio and video of Public Forum is recorded as part of the recording of the entire meeting and is published on the District's website without alteration. A person who chooses to speak in Public Forum consents to the online publication of their comments.