Belton Independent School District

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

November 16, 2026

Item: Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grant Applications

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Presented for: ☑ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☑ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Priority or Strategic Objective:

Priority 1: Students - Ensure exceptional learning experiences that bring our "Journey of a Graduate" to life for each and every student.

Priority 2: Staff - Attract, support, and retain exceptional educators and staff to ensure every student is guided and supported by an outstanding team.

Background Information:

The Texas Education Agency provides opportunities for school districts across the state to pursue Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities(LASO) Grants. The LASO Grant initiative is a competitive streamlined, consolidated grant application that bundles various state and federal funding opportunities to support academic acceleration across Texas public schools. Multiple competitive grants follow under the LASO initiative that focus on key strategies including implementing High-Quality Instructional Materials, strengthening instruction, and retaining and preparing teachers.

New this year, districts are required to obtain board consent for grant applications. Consent is requested to pursue multiple LASO grants as follows:

- **Leadership and Instructional Foundations Accelerator (LIFT)**:
  - Continued support for Implementation of Bluebonnet high quality instructional materials at Southwest Elementary and Hubbard Branch Elementary.
- **School Improvement Curriculum & Instruction Grant (SI CISG)**:
  - Southwest Elementary and Hubbard Branch Elementary professional learning community support for reading language arts.
- **Educator Preparation Residency Preservice (PREP)**:
  - The PREP Residency Preservice Program places paid teacher residents in classrooms led by experienced host teachers for a full academic year, allowing candidates to earn enhanced standard teaching certificates while gaining hands-on experience.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Authorize the administration to apply for competitive Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grants as presented.