



## Board of Trustees Agenda Item

<b>Date</b>	<b>January 27, 2025</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Teacher Clinical Practice and Principal Preparation Letter of Agreement with Walden University</b>
<b>Policy Reference</b>	<b>DBA (Legal); DK (Local)</b>
<b>Strategic Goal</b>	<b>Talent, Student Success</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>

Recommendation:

Consider and approve the Letter of Agreement between Boerne ISD and Walden University for Teacher Clinical Practice and Principal Preparation.

Exhibit A: Boerne ISD Letter of Agreement with Walden University

Summary:

Presentation of a Letter of Agreement between Walden University and Boerne ISD regarding the placement of teacher candidates with cooperating/host teachers and principal candidates with principal mentors to meet all requirements for clinical practice and/or observation necessary for initial teacher or principal certification, respectively. The agreement will be in effect for three years from the date of inception.

Rationale:

Providing opportunities for university educator preparation programs to place student teachers and principal certification candidates is an important component of recruitment of teachers and campus administrators in BISD. Approval of this Letter of Agreement will bring Walden University teachers and principal candidates into BISD. Note: BISD has similar existing MOUs for student teaching with Texas State University, the University of Texas San Antonio, Texas A&M San Antonio, etc. BISD has a similar existing MOU for principal preparation with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

DBA (Legal) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit. Texas Education Code Sec. 21.002, EDUC § 22.0835 requires all criminal history record information that relates to: (1) a person participating in an internship consisting of student teaching to receive a teaching certificate.

Recommended by: Dr. Kristin Craft, Superintendent

Submitted by: Jill Rhodes Pruin, Chief Human Resources Officer

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Trustees approve the Letter of Agreement for teacher clinical practice and principal preparation between BISD and Walden University as presented by the administration.