



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

8C. Action

Date: February 26, 2007

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROJECT LEAD THE WAY AGREEMENT

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: Federal Funds – Carl Perkins

- Tom Myers and Sheila Grubbs, Director of Career & Technology Education, have worked with Project Lead the Way, following input received from February 12, 2007 Board meeting, to revise subparagraph 13B(ii) to allow early termination by PLTW, INC., providing written notice of its election to revoke the license at the end of that then-current school year to the School District no later than December 15 of that school year.

Background Information:

- Gateway To Technology (Project Lead The Way) is a year long elective course to be offered at Trinity Springs Middle School and Indian Springs Middle School 2007-2008 school year
- Uses a hands-on approach to show students how technology is used in engineering to solve everyday problems, and to expose students to a broad overview of the field of technology and its related processes
- Essential purpose of the Project Lead The Way School District Agreement is the district's promise to adhere to the Project Lead the Way program's standards for the continued success of the program
- Curriculum, and any updates, are provided to school districts without charge, in return for the district's promises under the school district agreement
- The school district agreement does not require any payments to Project Lead The Way

Administrative Considerations:

- The Keller ISD Career Technology Education Long Range Plan includes Project Lead the Way Courses to be implemented at KISD campuses.
- Project Lead the Way measures success of its programs by contracting with TrueOutcomes of Fairfax, VA to complete a multi-year study to see how well Project Lead the Way is meeting its mission and goals.

- Project Lead the Way course will be offered as a pilot at Trinity Springs Middle School and Indian Springs Middle School this year, with expectation to expand to all middle schools in 2008-2009.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the KISD Administration to enter into agreement with Project Lead the Way.

Respectfully submitted,

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