

# Terrell Independent School District

## Executive Summary Report

Date	District Objective	
May 19, 2025	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Student Achievement: Accelerate student learning to dramatically increase the number of students who perform on or above grade level.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> School Culture: Create safe and secure learning environments that focus on the social, emotional, and cultural needs of every student.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Human Capital and Resources: Develop the capacity of every teacher and staff member to deliver rigorous, enriching learning experiences to every student and ensure safety of all.</p> <p><b>Goal 4:</b> Organizational Efficiency: Develop a resource allocation plan and long-term facilities plan that supports and maintains the financial stability of the district, is aligned with identified priorities, addresses future growth and facility improvement needs, and represents being good stewards of taxpayer funds.</p> <p><b>Goal 5:</b> Community Engagement and Outreach: Elevate district pride by strengthening partnerships with families, community, and the business community.</p>	

**Agenda Item:** The Board of Trustees Will Convene in Closed Session to Discuss Participation in Multi-District Litigation Involving Youth Social Media Usage and Related Litigation and Entering into a Contingency Fee Contract with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to Represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)

### Summary:

To discuss participation in multi-district litigation involving youth social media usage and related litigation and entering into a contingency fee contract with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District (Texas Government Code §551.071)

More than 60 Texas districts—representing over 2.2 million students—have already joined the national Multidistrict Litigation (MDL No. 3047) in California. The Court recently allowed these claims to proceed, with the first trial set for October 2025. We can currently only accept new Texas districts until the end of May.

### Why Join?

Districts may be eligible for recovery due to:

- Increased staffing for student behavioral and mental health issues
- Crisis response to social media-related incidents
- Investments in infrastructure to limit device use
- Adjustments to curriculum and learning environments

We offer a simple, no-cost process for joining. There's no financial risk—attorney fees apply only if we win

### Attachments:

- **Exhibit A** – Required 3-Page Notice & Agenda Language
- **Exhibit B** – Sample Meeting Minutes
- **Exhibit C** – Resolution
- **Exhibit D** – Contingency Fee Agreement
- **Personnel Contact Datasheet**

### Administrative Recommendation:

A. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Approving Contingent Fee Legal Services Contract, including Findings Needed for Submission of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement and Request for Expedited Review by the Texas Attorney General.

B. Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC.

### Budget/Funding

N/A