



## Consent Item

**Date:** June 9, 2025

**Division:** Schools/Special Education

**Subject:** Denton Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Shared Services Arrangement (RDSPD SSA) Agreement

### Background Information:

- The Denton RDSPD SSA is a cooperative established by and through a Shared Services Agreement of school districts to operate certain aspects of their special education program for students with disabilities.
- The primary goal is to create a cooperative system among Member Districts to efficiently deliver legally required special education and related services to eligible students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in the Denton area in compliance with federal and state laws.
- Eligible students are those with a hearing loss that severely impairs processing linguistic information through hearing, even with amplification, and which adversely affects educational performance. Students whose hearing loss is not severe enough to impede academic progress continue to receive services in our district.
- The Denton RDSPD SSA provides a range of services including a) periodic assessments and IEP documentation, b) appropriate educational classes and instructional equipment, c) extended school year services as determined by ARD/IEP meetings, d) transition planning and collaboration with community agencies, e) collaboration with ECI Intervention Specialists for students from birth to 3, and f) consultation services for member districts.
- Denton Independent School District (ISD) serves as the Fiscal Agent for the Denton RDSPD SSA. The program is funded through state deaf funds, IDEA-B Discretionary Deaf funds, IDEA-C ECI funds, and local fees based on a December 1 child count. If these funds are insufficient, the deficit is divided among member districts based on the number of students enrolled.
- Students who receive services through the Denton RDSPD SSA remain Lewisville ISD students and the department maintains responsibility for Child Find, initial evaluations, initial ARD placement, and transportation of our students.

### Administrative Consideration:

- The previous SSA with Denton ISD was approved by the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2021.
- Lewisville ISD currently has 11 students accessing services via the Denton RDSPD SSA.
- Approval of the SSA will provide the means necessary to continue providing required services to our Lewisville ISD students with severe hearing loss.

- The Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 estimated expenditures for the Denton RDSPD on May 12, 2025.

**Recommendations:**

- The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the Denton RDSPD SSA as presented.

**Timeline/Report:**

- Effective upon approval.