



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**9H. Action**

**Date: August 26, 2008**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ANCOMM SCHOOL PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR TALK ABOUT IT SERVICE**

**BOARD GOAL: Keller Independent School District facilities and services will be operated in a safe manner so that all students and employees may thrive in a secure and nurturing environment.**

**FISCAL NOTE: Title IV funds**

### **Background Information:**

- Four years ago, all KISD campuses implemented Got UR Back boxes as a way for students to anonymously report concerns about self or other students
- Meaningful student utilization of the Got UR Back boxes has been almost completely absent for the past 1-2 years
- Focus groups of students have indicated that an anonymous reporting system is needed
- Students also indicate that Got UR Back boxes are not an effective means for students to anonymously report

### **Administrative Considerations:**

- Talk About It is a means with which students can anonymously report concerns, to specific staff members, by a variety of electronic means, primarily email and text messaging.
- The Talk About It system is currently utilized by all of the middle and high schools in Waco ISD and is employed by more than 175 middle and high schools across the state of Texas and the nation
- The system provides a way for students to comfortably report concerns ranging from bullying, gangs, threats of violence, suicide and cheating to drug and alcohol abuse, pregnancy, depression, stress, physical abuse, self-mutilation, sexual harassment and date rape.
- The contract has been reviewed by legal counsel.

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**The administration recommends the approval of the contract with AnComm to implement the Talk About It program in our middle and high schools.**

Respectfully submitted,

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