



Consent Item

Date: October 21, 2024

Division: Finance

Subject: Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Background Information:

- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a national network of service programs that connects older Americans with community needs. This RSVP program, which specifically serves Denton County, is open to community members aged 55 and older, with a goal to provide readers and mentors to students and participants in Denton County school districts, including Lewisville ISD, Denton ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, and Aubrey ISD.
- Since 2000, an MOU with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has been in place for the program to serve in LISD classrooms. The RSVP Rocking Reader program is currently offered at Bluebonnet ES, Ethridge ES, Peters Colony ES, and Lewisville ES.
- RSVP volunteers help students in Pre-K, kindergarten, and first grades develop their reading skills by reading aloud 30 minutes per week. RSVP provides volunteer recruiting, interviewing, orientation, and assignments and monitors volunteer activities.
- The RSVP program of Denton County receives its funding from several sources, including Americorp, the Texas Health & Human Services Commission, multiple local municipalities, and grant funds.
- This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Lewisville ISD would be for a three-year term and establishes the relationship and responsibilities of both parties in the assignment and supervision of RSVP volunteers.
- The MOU also fulfills RSVP – Denton County’s requirements from AmeriCorps in reestablishing LISD as a Volunteer Station and reporting hours of service for the volunteers.
- RSVP’s goal is to increase the number of volunteers in LISD and introduce the Rocking Reader program to our Highland Village campuses.
- The LISD Director of Strategic Partnerships helps with the coordination of RSVP volunteers.

Administrative Consideration:

- The MOU with RSVP will continue the partnership with LISD and allow the program to effectively place volunteers.
- There is no cost to LISD to implement and continue the RSVP volunteer program.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Memorandum of Understanding for three years.

Timeline/Report:

- October 2024 – September 2027