



Lamar CISD

Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Consent Item

Primary Contact: Dr. Roosevelt Nivens

Presenter(s)/Add'l Contact(s): Christina Cottongame and Tiffany Mathis

Item Name: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERAGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAMAR CISD AND THE BEHAVIOR TREATMENT AND TRAINING CENTER (BTTC), TEXANA CENTER

Item Summary: Lamar CISD is required to educate all school age children who reside within district boundaries, regardless of where the parent or guardian resides. The BTTC facility in Lamar CISD boundaries has been educating residents at BTTC since the facility opened. In the spring of 2001, the program and fiscal responsibility for the BTTC shifted from the Richmond State School to Texana, Mental Health and Retardation Authority. Education is being provided by the Lamar CISD staff. State foundation special education contact hours and federal special education funds support the services provided at the BTTC.

The agreement with Texana Center governs the responsibilities of both BTTC and Lamar CISD staff. The current agreement is recommended to govern responsibilities for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years and provides a system for Lamar CISD/BTTC teachers to assist other district teachers in the areas of autism and use of behavioral analysis in instruction. Severely intellectually disabled and behaviorally disturbed children, usually 10-12 in number, reside at BTTC with an average length of stay between 3 and 6 months. Due to the severity of needs demonstrated by the students, services are provided to these students at the BTTC.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the interagency agreement between Lamar Consolidated Independent School District and the Behavior Treatment and Training Center (BTTC), Texana Center.

Policy Reference: EHBAC (LEGAL)

Leadership Definition Alignment: Plan for Success

Strategic Plan Alignment: Evolve the Student Learning Experience

Currently Budgeted? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: August 14, 2023