

Consider approval of a contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) for
School Improvement PLC Supports

1. Background:

Curriculum & Instruction is requesting the approval of the contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET). This contract is a part of the Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Math Grant that was awarded to Southwest ISD in February of 2025. The grant is for the support of implementation of the Texas Open Education Resource (OER) instructional material (Bluebonnet Math) for 6-8, Algebra 1 through PLCs. The grant requires that districts choose a provider for School Improvement PLC support. The district has chosen the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) as our approved provider.

2. Process:

Southwest ISD was awarded the LASO Grant Cycle 3 for \$225,000. Southwest will work alongside the approved provider NIET using the Five Steps for Effective Learning focused on unit and lesson internalization of Bluebonnet Learning in math at three of the middle schools (McNair, Scobee, and Resnik). The Executive Director of Middle School, Anitra Crisp, will be working with stakeholders across the district to collaborate, plan, and provide feedback through learning walks with facilitation and guidance from our provider NIET. The contract with NIET exceeds the \$50,000, which requires board approval.

3. Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) contract is \$126,500.00. This amount will be paid out of the \$225,000.00 LASO Grant Cycle 3 awarded to the district.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approves the contract with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) at the cost of \$126,500.00.

5. Required:

Board Action