



## Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

*The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.*

### Date

March 9, 2026

### Administrator(s) Preparing Report

Marie Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Academics

### Subject

Approval of Contract with Great Minds as the Approved Provider for LASO LIFT Grant and PLC Add-On

### Background Information

Weatherford ISD has been awarded state funding through the LASO LIFT Grant and the PLC Add-On Grant to support the implementation of high-quality instructional materials and strengthen professional learning systems across the district.

Under grant requirements, districts must select and partner with one TEA-approved provider to support implementation across kindergarten through grade 12.

- **LASO LIFT Grant Award:** \$674,000
  - 70% of funds must be used with the approved provider
- **PLC Add-On Grant Award:** \$120,000
  - 50% of funds must be used with the approved provider

To meet these requirements and support the district's implementation of Bluebonnet Learning mathematics, the administration is recommending Great Minds as the approved provider.

The proposed partnership with Great Minds will provide:

- Instructional coaching for teachers
- Leadership coaching for campus administrators
- Professional Learning Community (PLC) support
- Implementation guidance aligned to Bluebonnet Learning mathematics

These services are designed to strengthen instructional practices, support fidelity of implementation, and improve student outcomes in mathematics.

- **Provider:** Great Minds
- **Contract Amount:** \$531,000
- **Funding Source:** LASO LIFT Grant and PLC Add-On Grant
- **District Cost:** No local funds required for the 2026–2027 school year

- The LASO LIFT Grant is a **three-year implementation grant**, with additional state funding anticipated for the:
  - 2027–2028 school year
  - 2028–2029 school year
- This agenda item requests approval of the contract for the **2026–2027 school year only**. Contracts for subsequent years will be brought back to the Board for approval.

#### **Strategic Plan Information**

- Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

#### **Administrative Recommendation**

Administration recommends approval of the contract with Great Minds as the approved provider for the LASO LIFT Grant and PLC Add-On Grant for the 2026–2027 school year in the amount of \$531,000.