

October 16, 2019 Q&A
Questions from Gilbert Rodriguez

CONSENT

General Questions Not Related to Individual Consent Items:

3. Has SSAISD submitted a 2019-2020 IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) grant application? If so when was it submitted? Has SSAISD received a response? If so what, if any, amount was awarded?

Answer: Yes, the grant was submitted in August and South San ISD was awarded \$1,889,921.00

4. Has SSAISD been audited and found compliant in providing the required services to special education students? What is the date of the last audit?

Answer: The Special Education Department has had both a School Health and Related Services (SHARS) and Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) audits in 2017-2018 and we were in compliance for each one.

5. There is a total of \$103,500 from 199 being allocated to pay for these contracted services. Is the option to utilize federal funds (IDEA, A,B,C) available? If yes, why weren't they and if not why?

Answer: We have utilized all possible funds out of IDEA B. We do not receive funding from IDEA A. We do not have any students listed in PEIMS who qualify for IDEA C.

6. Our last TAPR report indicated that our Special Education students require more assistance in achieving better outcomes. To date a total amount of \$374,000 will have been allocated should these consent items be approved. How is progress being measured and reported to ensure our special education students are making progress and that these contracted services are achieving the expected results?

Answer: All of the contracted services being presented are for related-services--these are not directly related to instructional services. Services being provided by these contracted staff include:

- speech therapy,
- physical therapy,
- Visual impairment services,
- Auditory impairment services,
- orientation and mobility services,
- adaptive physical education services, and
- behavior support.