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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Ms. Aggie Reyes, Executive Director of Child Nutrition Services
Subject: Farm Fresh Student Engagement Grant
Date: May 13, 2026

HISTORY: The Child Nutrition Services Department was awarded \$10,000 through the Farm Fresh Student Engagement Grant.

The FY 26 Farm Fresh Student Engagement grant provides funding for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) operators to engage in eligible Farm to School activities in alignment with the Texas Department of Agriculture's Farm Fresh Initiative. Funds must be utilized by June 30, 2026.

RATIONALE: Permissible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- a) Food costs – For Farm to School sample tables, taste tests, or promotional use.
- b) Travel – Expenses for field trips to local farms, ranches, or processing facilities.
- c) Transportation - Expenses directly related to the transportation of children to local agricultural sites are allowable under the TDA grant program. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, fuel, vehicle maintenance and parts, and mileage reimbursement.
- d) Supplies – Expenses for building or maintaining edible gardens, supplies needed to process fresh produce from an edible garden, printing costs for promotional items related to local food or producers.
- e) Other - additional items may be charged to the TDA grant that directly contribute to the organization's approved Farm Fresh Student Engagement project(s)

BUDGET IMPACT: No budget impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation.

For Approval? Yes No

If not, please check one: Presentation Report Information

Please check if applicable: Attachment Included

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