

Abilene Independent School District Board Document - Agenda Item II.C.

Meeting Date: 3/6/2024

Meeting Type: Workshop

Item Type: Information

Future Action Required: Yes

If Yes, Month: March

Subject: Consideration of Participation in Social Media Litigation

Background Information: Over 200 school districts nationwide are participating in a lawsuit against various major technology and social media companies as a result of the mental health crisis affecting the youth which has been exacerbated by irresponsible corporate decision-making. Public schools have borne many costs as a result of these companies' actions. This drain on public school budgets could have been avoided. The lawsuit is an attempt to recoup some of those lost dollars for investment in educational needs of students.

Attached Supporting Documents: Houston Landing article about the lawsuit

Fiscal Implications: Participation in this lawsuit will not cost AISD anything from the AISD general fund. In the event that AISD receives a financial award as a result of the lawsuit, the law firm would retain 30% of that award.

Administrative Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that AISD join this lawsuit.

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