

Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL (SHAC) [BG-G]**

DATE: October 20, 2009

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) was established for the public purpose of recommending health curriculum to the Ector County Independent School District (ECISD) Board of Trustees, as recommended by state law. The District must consider the recommendations of the local school health advisory council before changing the District's health education curriculum or instruction. A majority of the Council must be parents of students enrolled in the District and who are not employed by the District. The Board may also appoint one (1) or more school teachers, public school administrators, District students, healthcare professionals, members of the business community, law enforcement representatives, senior citizens, clergy, representatives of non-profit health organizations, or representatives of another group.

There are currently fourteen (14) SHAC positions that expired in August, 2009. The District has placed an ad in the Odessa American to assist in recruiting applicants.

You will receive under separate cover a copy of all current applications.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees appoint members to the Council for either one or two-year terms. By coin toss, the District shall decide which seven (7) shall serve a one-year initial term and which seven (7) shall serve a two-year initial term.

Respectfully submitted,

Hector Mendez
Superintendent of Schools