



## Lamar CISD

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**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Item Category:** Future Consent Item

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**Item Name: DISCUSSION OF INTERAGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAMAR CISD AND BEHAVIOR TREATMENT AND TRAINING CENTER (BTTC), TEXANA CENTER**

**Item Summary:** Lamar CISD is required to educate all school age children who reside within District boundaries, regardless of where the parent or guardian resides. The BTTC facility in Lamar CISD boundaries has been educating residents at BTTC since the facility opened. In Spring 2001, the program and fiscal responsibility for the BTTC shifted from the Richmond State School to Texana, Mental Health and Retardation Authority. Education is being provided by the Lamar CISD staff. State foundation special education contact hours and federal special education funds support the services provided at the BTTC.

The agreement with Texana Center governs the responsibilities of both BTTC and Lamar CISD staff. The current agreement is recommended to govern responsibilities for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years and provides a system for Lamar CISD/BTTC teachers to assist other District teachers in the areas of autism and use of behavioral analysis in instruction. Severely intellectually disabled and behaviorally disturbed children, usually 10-12 in number, reside at BTTC with an average length of stay between 3 and 6 months. Due to the severity of needs demonstrated by the students, services are provided to these students at the BTTC.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the interagency agreement between Lamar CISD and the Behavior Treatment and Training Center (BTTC), Texana Center.

**Policy Reference:** EHBAC (LEGAL)

**Leadership Definition Alignment:** Plan for Success

**Strategic Plan Alignment:** Evolve the Student Learning Experience

**Currently Budgeted?**  Yes  No  No Budgetary Impact

**Completion or Implementation Timeline:** August 14, 2023