



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

9G. Action

Date: April 23, 2007

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION CONTRACT FOR PRE-AP TEACHER TRAINING IN THE AREAS OF MATH, LANGUAGE ARTS, AND SCIENCE

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: \$64,875

Background Information:

- According to student performance on the 2006 Advanced Placement exams, approximately 52% of KISD students enrolled in AP courses register for and take the AP exams and only 43% of test takers earn a score qualifying for college credit (i.e. a three or higher). Nationally, approximately 70% of AP test takers receive a 3 or higher. Longitudinal data indicate that student participation in AP courses is increasing at the same rate as student enrollment in our high schools. However, the number of students earning a qualifying score has declined slightly during the past three years (2003-2006).
- To ensure that high school students are prepared for college-level classes, the district needs to establish a Pre-AP curriculum supported by teacher professional development at grades 7-10 in science and Language Arts, and at grades 6 through Pre-Calculus in mathematics.
- LTF® training and material support provide pre-AP teachers detailed lessons developed by master AP* and Pre-AP* teachers in English, mathematics, and science. LTF trainers will demonstrate and instruct teachers on preparing students with the rigor necessary for success on standardized assessments such as TAKS, PSAT*, SAT*, and AP Exams.

Administrative Considerations:

- Strategic Objective 1.4 of the District Improvement Plan directs the district to: increase the participation and achievement of our students in the areas of Advanced Academics. In order to fulfill the objective, the Curriculum and Instruction Department is aligning Advanced Placement course curriculum with course descriptions and expectations from College Board.
- The High School Allotment will fund this initiative with a goal to prepare our high school students for college success.

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The administration recommends that the Board of School Trustees approve the Laying the Foundation Contract as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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