

# Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Date	June 16, 2025
Agenda Item	Consideration and Adoption of Contingent Fee Legal Services Agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC
Policy Reference	FFEB and FFI
Strategic Goal	Student Success
Department	Student Support Services

#### Recommendation:

Pursue legal action under the Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) in an attempt to recover damages due to youth social media usage and addiction.

## **Summary:**

Consider and adopt contingent fee legal services with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlan, Demerath, & Castillo, PC as discussed in the BISD board workshop conducted on June 9, 2025.

#### Rationale:

Social media platforms have contributed to a nationwide mental health and behavioral crisis among students, placing substantial financial strain on school districts. This litigation seeks to recover those costs. Participation in social media usage and addiction multidistrict litigation in support of the wellbeing of all BISD students.

## Recommended by:

Dr. Kristin Craft, Superintendent

## Submitted by:

Krista Pomeroy, Chief Student Support Officer

## **Suggested Motion:**

Motion to adopt and approve entering into a contingent fee legal services agreement with Eiland & Bonnin, PC and O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC to represent the District in youth social media usage and related litigation.