



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Verification of Partnership w/ (PREP Grow Your Own)

From/Presenters: Rita Uresti, Executive Director of Human Resources

Description: House Bill 2, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature and signed into law in June 2025, established the PREP Program Allotment to strengthen teacher recruitment, preparation, and mentorship across the state.

The PREP Program Allotment provides funding for Grow Your Own initiatives. South San Antonio ISD applied for funding for the 2026–2027 school year through the LASO Cycle 4 grant process to implement the PREP Grow Your Own Program.

The PREP Grow Your Own Program provides funding to support:

1. Current school system employees who do not hold a teaching certificate in completing a bachelor's degree and enrolling in an educator preparation program to become certified teachers while remaining employed by the district; and
2. High school students in completing career and technical education coursework aligned to the teaching profession.

Funding may be used to support program implementation, including tuition and fees for participating employees and students. For LASO Cycle 4, school systems are eligible to participate in the Grow Your Own Program only if they have also been approved to implement a PREP Residency Preservice Program.

Historical Data: This will be the first year South San Antonio ISD will be participating in a Grow Your Own program.

Recommendation: Approve the Verification of Partnership w/ (PREP Grow Your Own)

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: Not applicable

Funding Budget Code and Amount: PREP Program Allotment LASO Cycle 4 Grant and Local Funding

Goal: 2. SSAISD will recruit, develop, support, and retain effective teachers, principals, and other instructional staff.