



Consent Item

Date: August 11, 2025

Division: Finance

Subject: Consider Approval of 2027-2029 High School Graduation Venue

Background Information:

- Lewisville ISD Administrative Leadership has identified the need for a graduation venue that can meet the needs of all five Lewisville ISD high school graduations.
- On March 20, 2023, the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approved a three-year contract (2024-2026) with Blue Star Frisco Events, L.P. for all five Lewisville ISD high school graduations.
- The TEA manual, the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (FASRG), allows for non-competitive procurement to be utilized for extracurricular venues such as a graduation venue. Based on availability or schedule, a rental property, facility, or location can be chosen when other locations are unavailable or are not conducive to the needs of the school district.
- The “Star” provides a large variety of space options utilizing over four hundred thousand square feet to comfortably accommodate all five Lewisville ISD high school graduations.

Administrative Consideration:

- The proposed venue capacity meets the seating needs of graduates and attendees and addresses the current safety and security needs of the district.
- The venue is experienced and provides graduation ceremonies to multiple large districts that are close in proximity and/or adjoin Lewisville ISD boundaries.
- The Star allows and provides opportunities for multi-year revenue generation to help offset costs of this pinnacle student event.
- The Star provides a viable option for continuity and ongoing venue capacity for the district through a multi-year graduation venue agreement.
- Funds for this event will come from the general funds operating budget.
- The estimated 2026 Lewisville ISD high school graduation venue expenditures at The Star, including security enhancements: \$275,000 - \$325,000 but will not exceed the approved budget.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the Superintendent or designee the authority to negotiate and execute a three-year venue lease agreement with Blue Star Frisco Events, L.P. and the estimated 2027-2029 graduation venue expenditures.

Timeline/Report:

- Term: 2027-2029