

Consent Action Item – F3

Subject: Consider/Approve
Organizational Memberships for
2017-2018

ACTION

Background Information:

The Region 3 ESC maintains several organizational memberships. Legislative ruling prohibits regional education service centers from using appropriated funds for membership dues for any associations that lobby. Following are the names and brief descriptions of benefits:

- Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), for 2017-2018 membership. Services include publications (Texas Lone Star), legal seminars and workshops including board training, discounted registrations to TASB's convention, legislative information, and some legal services;
- Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Personnel Services, for 2017-2018, human resource services (A service rather than membership but included for information);
- Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA);
- Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS), for 2017-2018, communications/issues of small districts;
- American Association of Education Service Agencies (AAESA), networking and communications affecting service agencies nationwide, July, 2017 – June 30, 2018;
- Texas Association of Education Service Centers (TAESC), organization of twenty ESCs, no fee as yet for 2017-2018;
- Texas Rural Education Association (TREA);
- Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (PCAT);
- Texas Association of Middle Schools (TAMS); and
- Infant Massage USA (ECI).

Administrative Consideration:

The newsletters, professional development opportunities, and the networking with other education service agencies are excellent vehicles for communicating educational issues. If there is a substantial increase in membership dues over last year, the Board will be informed and consideration given to retaining the membership.

Administrative Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve to continue memberships in the organizations as presented for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Board Action Requested:

Motion for approval.