



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 19, 2023 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for a group of 7 administrators (district leadership and high school administrators) along with 7 teachers to attend a *Professional Learning Community (PLC)* training in Phoenix, Arizona. The workshop will be led by many nationally known experts in the PLC field, all specializing in building school leaders to supporting PLC implementation. The conference is held February 13-15, 2024 and all costs associated with attending this training will be paid for by Title Funds. Upon completion of the training, Director Durrant will share the information learned from the conference with the district leadership team and formulate a plan to support further implementation of PLC at the high school level.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

TRSD Board Goals center on Student Success and Life-Ready Learners. Professional Learning Communities (PLC) are at the heart of these district goals. The PLC process is ongoing where educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Teacher collaboration teams operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. TRSD has had many teams across the district attend initial PLC training and they are currently implementing these strategies in all elementary schools and middle schools. High school administrators and teachers need additional training in implementing effective PLC strategies. Continued training will ensure student learning will excel in all buildings.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Attending the training will increase understanding of PLC implementation, how it affects academic growth, and how schools can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. The training will also provide guidance on district-wide systems that need to be in place for implementation to be successful.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None known.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

The only other training is offered in July, however that would impact the time off for the administrators and teachers.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐