SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of an Interagency Cooperation Contract with the Harris County Department of Education to support speech and debate program opportunities.

BACKGROUND: Pasadena ISD is in a partnership with the Harris County Department of Education to provide more opportunities for students participating in the speech and debate program at Pasadena High School. The interlocal agreement allows participation in CASE (Center for Afterschool, Summer, and Enrichment) activities. The students being served have the opportunity to develop communication skills and earn scholarship money.

Funds from the partnership will pay for HCDE CASE Debate tournaments, a CASE Debate class one day a week during non-regular school hours, and supplemental pay for coaches. The supplemental duty pay is not to exceed $2,500. Coaches will maintain responsibility for the supervision of all students participating in the program, maintain student attendance records, and coordinate CASE site visits for mentor coaching during the CASE Debates season.

The interlocal agreement is authorized by Education Code 44.031 and Chapter 771, Texas Government Code.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of an Interagency Cooperation Contract with the Harris County Department of Education to support speech and debate program opportunities.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: December 17, 2024