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CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consider approval of Districtwide Chromebook Purchase

PRESENTER: Kelsey Ramos, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informational Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only |

SUMMARY: Grant funds will be used to purchase Chromebooks for student use, including the Title I, Part A Grant and Stronger Connections Grant.

For the Title I, Part A Grant, the devices will provide students with access to evidence-based instructional programs, digital interventions, online assessments, literacy and math support platforms, and differentiated learning opportunities aligned to the district's curriculum and district/campus improvement goals. The chromebooks will be used to strengthen foundational skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and problem-solving through individualized and small-group instructional support.

For the Stronger Connections Grant, the devices purchased for each grant campus will provide consistent student access to both academic and non-academic supports through technology-based social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons, counseling resources, intervention programs, digital learning tools, and wellness activities aligned to the goals of the Stronger Connections Grant and the Student Support Framework. The devices will support implementation of instructional resources and student support services focused on improving school climate, student well-being, engagement, and overall student success.

Due to the District's immediate need, Administration utilized cooperative purchasing contracts to satisfy the formal procurement requirements. Using a cooperative purchasing contract allows the District to meet procurement requirements through competitively awarded agreements without issuing a separate RFP. This approach significantly shortens timelines and improves efficiency by leveraging pre-negotiated pricing and vetted vendors.

The District solicited and received three separate quotes, all of which were under approved cooperative purchasing contracts. The responses were graded and scored based upon

established evaluation criteria and deemed responsive to the needs of the District. The proposal from Howard Technology Solutions, utilizing TIPS Coop Contract # 230105, was top ranked as the most highly qualified provider and deemed best value to the needs of the District.

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Performance and Preparedness for Life Beyond High School	1.1 Academic Growth and Achievement
PRIORITY 2: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Faculty and Staff Commitment	N/A
PRIORITY 3: Increasing Community Engagement and Commitment	N/A
PRIORITY 4: Ensuring Effective and Efficient Operations	4.1 Strong Financial Stewardship 4.2 Operational Efficiencies and Processes

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the board approve the Districtwide Chromebook Purchase as presented.

MOTION LANGUAGE: No specific language required.

FUNDING SOURCE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not Applicable

Funding Source: Title I, Part A Grant and Stronger Connections Grant	Financial Impact: \$229,398.00
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