

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of Advise TX Contract and MOU Agreement for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$75,000 from federal funds.

BACKGROUND: The Advise TX program, supported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the College Advising Corps (CAC), seeks to increase the number of low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students entering and completing post-secondary education. This mission is being accomplished by placing exceptional recent college graduates from all fields of study on high school campuses as near-peer College Advisers. This program has been a positive addition to the college readiness efforts beginning in 2011-2012 with Pasadena High School and Sam Rayburn High School and expanding in 2016-2017 to South Houston High School and Pasadena Memorial High School, and again in 2022-2023 at Dobie High School. Pasadena ISD has developed a positive partnership with the Texas A&M chapter of the Advise TX CAC and has fully supported and acknowledged that the main goals of the Advise TX CAC are to collaborate with high school staff and other college readiness programs to enhance the high school's college going culture, and to increase the number of students who are pursuing higher education.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$75,000 from federal funds

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of Advise TX Contract and MOU Agreement for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$75,000 from federal funds.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025