Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

October 21, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider approval for GISD administration to pursue a grant from the Economic Development Agency for \$3,000,000.

In coordination with the Galveston Economic Development Partnership (GEDP), GISD would like to pursue an EDA grant. The grant is for \$3,000,000 to reimagine and enhance the Jewell Banks building at Alamo School. The purpose is in support of Emerging Technology Task Force work to enhance the educational opportunities across Galveston Island and continues to seek new investment opportunities for healthcare and emerging technology companies. The grant proposal ideates the creation and provides for the construction enhancements for a dedicated Technology Incubator for Galveston: Galveston Business Resiliency & Innovation Center (Galveston BRIC). This initiative creates an innovative networking environment for emerging technology companies with special attention to providing demonstration space for student learning and opportunities for student internships in a highly technological environment. The timeframe to execute the grant is January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the GISD board of trustees approve the administrations request to pursue a grant from the EDA in the amount of \$3,000,000.

Kelli Moulton Superintendent