



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function Board of Education Meeting: 08/05/2025

Item Title:	<u>Resolution No. 007/25-26 Region One</u>	<u>X</u>	Action
	<u>ESC, Library Services and</u>		Information
	<u>Instructional Resources COOP</u>		Discussion

## **BACKGROUND:**

Administration seeks approval for participation in the Region One Education Service Center Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative (Co-op) for the 2025–2026 fiscal year, under Resolution No. 007/25-26. This cooperative provides cost-effective access to high-quality educational and digital resources by leveraging volume purchasing, resulting in substantial savings for the district.

Through this membership, the district gains access to a wide range of instructional tools and platforms, including:

- Discovery Education
- News-O-Matic
- MackinVia eResource Management System
- TexQuest (includes Britannica, EBSCO, Gale, Learn360, ProQuest, and TeachingBooks.net)
- Gale Presents Peterson's Test Prep

Additional benefits include professional development opportunities specifically for librarians through MegaBYTE and Region One ESC-led workshops. Continuing with the cooperative provides all services at a significantly reduced cost, resulting in total annual savings of \$937,027.36. The annual membership fee of \$3.38 per student, totaling \$121,521.14, grants districtwide access to these services. Participation supports instructional goals and college and career readiness by ensuring students, educators, and families can access quality digital content both at home and at school.

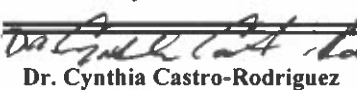
Amount expended for the previous 12 months: Participant Annual Fee: \$124,167.75 and purchases \$149,984.87

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

(Continued on next page)

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of Resolution No. 007/25-26 for the Brownsville Independent School District to participate in the described purchasing programs of Region One ESC, Library Services and Instructional Resources COOP for fiscal year 2025-2026.

  
Dr. Cynthia Castro-Rodriguez

  
Rosario Peña, RTSBA

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

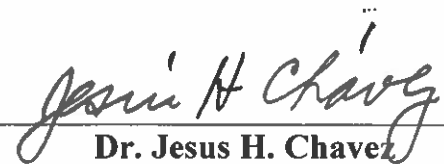
Submitted by: Director/ Procurement Services Director

Beatriz Hernandez

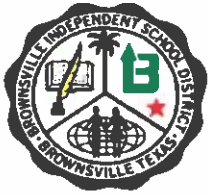
Recommended by: Chief Academic Officer

  
Mary D. Garza

Approved by: Interim Chief Financial Officer

  
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez  
Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.



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## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** (continued)

Estimated Contract Usage from Local and Categorical Funds:

\$149,984.87	(Amount expended – previous 12 months)
<u>      x 7%</u>	(Estimated increase as per current market trends)
\$160,483.81	(Estimated annual usage)



*Daniel P. King, Ph.D.*  
*Executive Director*

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June 11, 2025

Dear Dr. Jesus H. Chavez

The Region One Education Service Center appreciates your district's participation in the Library Services and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative. We impact student achievement by providing high-quality instructional resources and services that help students develop twenty-first century skills. In addition, district and charter schools realize financial benefits from volume purchasing discounts provided through cooperative membership.

The Region One ESC Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative District/Charter Commitment Form for 2025-2026 is enclosed. Membership in the Region One ESC Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative delivers numerous instructional resources/services to your campuses. (See Attachment A) The list of resource subscriptions is listed on Attachment A.

The cost of cooperative membership will be \$3.38 per student enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. The enclosed Cost Benefits Analysis indicates district level savings. The new Innovative Library Professional Development package is included in the commitment total. Cost benefit analysis is enclosed for the professional development package.

Please return the enclosed District/Charter Commitment Form to Region One Education Service Center, ATTN: Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative before **August 4, 2025**. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Library Services and Instructional Resources Department  
Coordinator of Library Services, Vilia Garcia  
Technology Solutions Division

VG:AS     Attachment A  
             Cost Benefits Analysis

Enclosure: District/Charter Commitment Form

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## DISTRICT/CHARTER COMMITMENT FORM LIBRARY SERVICES & INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES COOPERATIVE

**2025-2026 School Year**

**Brownsville ISD**

School District Name

1. Membership Rate Per Student	\$3.38
2. Total Enrollment (PEIMS 2024-2025 Enrollment)	35,953
3. District's Participation Commitment	\$121,521.14
4. Innovative Library Professional Development Package (Optional)	
5. Total	\$121,521.14

**NOTE: DO NOT SEND A PURCHASE ORDER BEFORE September 1, 2025.**

Please email a purchase order *after September 1, 2025*, to [asepeda@esc1.net](mailto:asepeda@esc1.net) for the district's participation commitment.

**Committing to the Library Services & Instructional Resources Cooperative ensures that your district will continue to receive services for the 2025-2026 school year.**

*Please return this commitment form to confirm participation in the Library Services & Instructional Resources cooperative for the 2025-26 school year before August 4, 2025. Signed form can be emailed to [asepeda@esc1.net](mailto:asepeda@esc1.net).*

AUTHORIZATION	
Region One ESC	Participating District
Signature	Signature
Dr. Daniel P. King Executive Director	Superintendent or Designee
Date:	Date:
Email: <a href="mailto:dking@esc1.net">dking@esc1.net</a>	Email:
Phone: 956.984.6000	Phone:

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## ATTACHMENT A

### 2025-2026 Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative

**MackinVIA:** an eResource Management System that contains all the digital resources students and staff will utilize in their schools. MackinVIA will house our shared eBooks and databases.

**eBooks:** The MackinVIA regionally shared eBook library will continue to be added to and will be co-owned by all participating districts/charters. Members from previous years will see their collection grow this year.

#### Virtual Library Databases:

Resource Type	Resource Title	Description
Video	Discovery Education	Discovery Education
College & Career Reference Center	GALE Presents: Peterson's Test Prep w/Career Module	College and Career Testing and Education Reference Center
News Articles, etc.	News-O-Matic	Non-fiction stories to keep students reading and build key literacy skills
	TexQuest Partners (* listed below)	
Database	* Britannica School * Britannica Fundamentals	Multi-level Encyclopedia & Resources
Database	* Britannica Escolar * Britannica Moderna	Spanish Multi-Level Encyclopedia & Resources
Database College & Career Reference Learning	* EBSCO Learning Express	Selected Resources for All Levels
Database	* Gale Cengage Learning	Selected Resources for All Levels
Database	* ProQuest SIRS Discoverer	Articles and Websites for K-8
Database	* TeachingBooks	Resources about Books and Authors

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## **Professional Development:**

- Professional Development sessions specifically for librarians at Region One at cost.
- Fall and Spring Workshops
- MegaBYTE membership for librarians only. Access to On Demand learning and discounted cost to MegaBYTE conferences. Professional learning opportunities related to effective technology use.
- Monthly Library Leadership Network meetings for district library contacts.

## **Library and Technology Purchasing Cooperative:**

Membership in Region One's Library Services and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative allows the member to participate in the Library and Technology Purchasing Cooperative for school purchases from the following categories:

1. **Audio Visual Equipment** – includes audio visual equipment, multi-media projectors, mobile devices, eReaders, smartboards, etc.
2. **Consultants** - includes authors, illustrators, storytellers, trainers, and other presenters
3. **Instructional Software/Applications** - includes library automation, instructional resources/databases, etc.
4. **Library Books** – includes eBooks, digital, audio, and print to include cataloging and processing
5. **Library Furniture** – includes shelving, workstations, stands, tables, chairs, desks, stools, etc.
6. **Library Supplies** – includes book care, protection and repair supplies, book jackets, spine labels, organization and packaging, etc.
7. **Magazine Subscriptions** – includes print and digital magazines, periodicals, journals, etc.
8. **Technology Hardware** – includes computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse, hard disk drive, motherboard, video card, etc.
9. **Technology Equipment** – includes electronic data management or analysis devices, associated peripherals, accessories, etc.
10. **Other Library and Technology Resources/Services** – includes resources or services that do NOT fall under the categories listed above.

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## Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative 2025-2026 Cost Benefit Analysis

District: **Brownsville ISD**

The Region One ESC Library Services and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative makes every effort to provide the highest quality resources and most cost-effective solutions to school districts. We provide resources and services that support the educational needs of today's students by providing resources that support the skills necessary in the twenty first century and resources that better support the state assessments.

The Region One ESC Library Services and Instructional Resources Virtual Library Cooperative is able to provide resources at a reasonable cost to school districts due to volume purchasing. Below is a cost comparison of the Co-op versus the cost of the resources purchased separately.

Service	# Students	Co-op Membership Cost (\$3.38 per student)	Cost for district to purchase directly from vendor		
			Cost	Student/ Campus/ District	Total
Discovery Education	35,953	Included in Coop	\$ 2.75	/campus	\$ \$2.75
News-O-Matic	35,953	Included in Coop	\$ 2.75	/student	\$ \$2.75
MackinVia eResource Management System	35,953	Included in Coop	\$ 20,000.00	/district	\$ 20,000.00
TexQuest (State Funded Databases including Britannica, EBSCO, Gale, Learn360, ProQuest, and Teachingbooks.net))	35,953	Included in Coop	\$ 15.00	/student	\$ \$15.00
Gale Presents Peterson's Test Prep	35,953	Included in Coop	\$ 2,231.00	/campus	\$ \$2,231.00
MegaBYTE: Professional Development provided by MegaBYTE for LIBRARIANS ONLY	6 days @ \$1,200 per day	Included in Coop	\$3,000 per district	per day	\$ 18,000.00
Professional Development sessions for librarians at Region One at no cost. Non-members pay from \$150 per workshop. (Estimate based on number of librarians)	participants @ \$150 per workshop	Included in Coop	participants @ \$500 per workshop	per workshop	\$ \$500.00
Membership in Region One's Library Purchasing Co-op	Amount of savings	Included in Coop	Not available		\$ -
<b>Total</b>		\$ \$121,521.14			\$ \$1,058,548.50





## Innovative Library Services Professional Development Package

District: **Brownsville ISD**



**LENGTH OF CONTRACT: September 1, 2025- August 31, 2026**

SERVICE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	COST FOR NON-MEMBER	ILS PD MEMBERSHIP COST
Innovative Library Services PD	2 District On-Site Professional Development workshops	\$1,500 per day X 2 = \$2,400	included in membership
	Access to Selected Online Courses and Webinars	\$150 per course \$40 per webinar	included in membership
	Library Media Specialist Professional Development at Region One ESC: AI for school librarians Makerspace workshops Ed Tech workshops Legislative Update trainings	\$150 per workshop X 4 workshops = \$600	included in membership
	Academies: New Librarian Academy Library Staff Academy School Library Mentors Academy Google/Apple Academy	\$550 per academy X 4 academies = \$2,200	included in membership
	Librarian Conferences: Fall Media Fair Spring Refresh	\$50 per conference X 2 \$20 per virtual conference = \$120	included in membership
	Professional Growth: 2 Book Studies	\$650 per book study X 2 = \$1,300	included in membership
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	participants @ \$6,810 = \$	\$7,500.00 \$
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ \$360,930.00	\$ <b>\$7,500.00</b>



**RESOLUTION NO. 007/25-26**  
**AUGUST 05, 2025**

TO THE REGION ONE ESC, LIBRARY SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Brownsville Independent School District, pursuant to the authority granted by Article 4413 (32c) Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended, desires to participate in the described purchasing programs of the Region One ESC, Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Brownsville Independent School District is of the opinion that participation in these programs will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers of this district through the anticipated savings to be realized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brownsville Independent School District does request that the Region One ESC, Library Services and Instructional Resources Cooperative program include its stated need for the purchase of all products and services available and whereby, the Brownsville Independent School District may be allowed to purchase those items from the annual contract; and that Rosario Peña, Director for Purchasing is authorized and directed to sign and deliver therewith for and on behalf of the Brownsville Independent School District.

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DANIELLA LOPEZ VALDEZ  
BOARD PRESIDENT

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DR. JESUS H. CHAVEZ  
SUPERINTENDENT

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct of the resolution duly adopted by the Brownsville Independent School District Board of Trustees this the 5th day of August, 2025, and that the same now appears on records in my office.

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MINERVA M. PENA  
BOARD SECRETARY

In witness thereof, I have here unto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 5th day of August, 2025.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 5th day of August, 2025.

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Notary Public Signature