



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

3E. Report

Date: November 8, 2004

SUBJECT: AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC UNIT FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: Budgeted from General Fund

Background Information:

- 2001: A goal to bring JROTC unit to KISD was established.
- Goal was to secure a JROTC unit located at CHS to serve all 3 high schools.
- JROTC application was completed and sent to Navy and Air Force.
- 2002: Air Force tours Central High School while under construction.
- 2002: Due to economy, all new JROTC units postponed nationwide.
- 2003: Navy tours Central High School.
- 2003: All JROTC units postponed nationwide due to economy.
- October 2004: A preliminary announcement was made that CHS unit is pending and awaiting Air Force approval.

Administrative Considerations:

- This unit will benefit both academic and citizenship goals.
- Leadership opportunities for our students will be provided.
- Attendance and discipline issues will improve.
- Their presence will be felt at events throughout the district.
- Numerous scholarship possibilities will be available for our students.
- Approximately \$100,000 will be budgeted by the Air Force for the start up year.
- A continuing support exceeding \$65,000 will be budgeted by the Air Force for KISD.
- Some renovation to CHS will be needed to store equipment and uniforms.
- Yearly cost to the district will be \$34,000-\$50,000 in salary and benefit costs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent