

Interlocal Agreement for Shared Fiber Services with Univ. of North Texas

January 19, 2010

SUMMARY:

- This item requests that the Board consider this ILA with the University of North Texas as an agreement which shares instructional resources and Internet for the future of DISD.

BOARD GOAL: I, II, VI

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous Board action has been taken on this item.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The District has the need to increase its Internet capacity for the future and this is an opportunity to supply the Internet demand while connecting to TWU and UNT for collaborating instructional services. This project provides UNT with access to one DISD conduit to connect their Discovery Park location to the main UNT campus. In exchange, DISD will receive a connection to the LEARN network which is the premier education network for all of higher education.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Costs will be borne by 2004 Bond money for extending our fiber from Evers Park Elementary to Discovery Park. The Internet charges will be submitted to Erate for discounts and the remaining costs will be borne by the same funds we have been using in the past.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow students and teachers access to TWU, UNT and Internet 2.
- Will provide teachers with access to TWU and UNT for professional development.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- This ILA changes our Internet supplier from Charter Communication to LEARN. DISD posted an E-Rate form 470 which is an RFP requesting service. LEARN supplied DISD with the lowest cost. We will be submitting the changes for the E-Rate process in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Supportive statements

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, Technology Information Officer
- Michael Bernstein, Director of Network Services

ATTACHMENT:

- ILA with UNT and LEARN

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____