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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES
DATE: 11/04/2024

HISTORY:

Tornillo ISD utilizes contracted professionals to provide certain special education services and therapy to students receiving special education services. These areas include Diagnosticians, Adapted PE Coach, and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology.

RATIONALE:

The use of contracted service providers allows Tornillo ISD to provide the needed and required special education and related services to students as part of their Individual Education Plan (IEP) that result in a Free Appropriate Public Education in a cost-effective manner. Each student receives an IEP that is reasonably calculated by the Admission, Review and Dismissal Committee (ARD) and must be implemented in order to meet the federal requirements for eligible students. The full implementation of the IEP will allow the special education student to progress through the general curriculum. The number of special education students that require these services in the Tornillo ISD does not justify the employment for full time service providers in these areas.

BUDGET IMPACT:

All special education contracted services are currently paid through IDEA-B federal funds (224) and local funds (199). The amounts paid are based on student needs and service times in the individual student's IEP as well as any needed evaluations or re-evaluations needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the Administration is recommending that the following Special Education Professional Service Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year be approved:

1. Adapted PE Coach
2. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
3. Licensed Diagnostician services
4. Special Education Counselor
5. Speech therapy service providers and evaluators

***Vision:** Believe we can succeed; with pride we will achieve.*

***Mission:** The mission of the District is to educate and inspire students in a safe and supportive environment which will result in closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.*