

ACTION: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The responsibilities of the school district and the County Juvenile board must be outlined and approved in a joint Memorandum of Understanding. The attached Memorandum of Understanding is entered into pursuant to the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 791 and Texas Education Code, Ch. 37, and is entered into to be effective the 1st day of August 2010, between the Dallas County Juvenile Board, Region X Education Service Center and DeSoto Independent School District.

During the 2009-10 school year DeSoto ISD students attended 767 days at \$88.00 per diem totaling \$67,496.00 + an estimated \$20,000.00 cooperative fee totaling \$87,496.00.

For the 2010-11 school year, if DeSoto ISD students attended the same length of time (767days at the \$114.00 per diem), the total would be \$87,438.00. There is no longer a cooperative fee.

The memorandum of understanding includes the following:

- outlines the juvenile board's responsibilities regarding the establishment and operation of a JJAEP;
- defines the amount and conditions of payments made from the school district board for students in a JJAEP expelled under the discretionary provisions;
- identifies categories of conduct that the school district has defined in its student code of conduct as constituting serious or persistent misbehavior for which a student may be placed in a JJAEP;
- identifies and requires a timely placement and term of placement for expelled students;

- establishes services for the transitioning of expelled students from the JJAEP back to the school district prior to the completion of JJAEP placement;
- establishes circumstances and conditions under which a juvenile may be allowed to remain in a JJAEP once he or she is no longer under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; and
- establishes a plan to address special education required by law.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as presented.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Record vote.

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ENCLOSURES:

Committee List
Letter from Program Coordinator
Signature Sheet