



To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees

From: Josette Dobbins, Director of Purchasing

Date: August 9, 2022

Re: *Informational Report on Purchasing Cooperative Fees Paid by Coppel ISD*

Background Information:

House Bill 273 Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., Ch. 855 (S.B. [799](#)), Sec. 18, effective September 1, 2021, requires that school districts disclose the amounts spent on purchasing cooperative fees on an annual basis. Specifically, it states:

Sec. 44.0331. MANAGEMENT FEES UNDER CERTAIN COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACTS.

(a) A school district that enters into a purchasing contract valued at \$25,000 or more under Section [44.031](#)(a)(5), under Subchapter [E](#), Chapter [271](#), Local Government Code, or under any other cooperative purchasing program authorized for school districts by law shall document a contract-related fee, including a management fee, paid by or to the district and the purpose of each fee under the contract.

(b) The amount, purpose, and disposition of any fee described by Subsection (a) must be presented in a written report and submitted annually in an open meeting of the board of trustees of the school district. The written report must appear as an agenda item.

(c) The commissioner may audit the written report described by Subsection (b).

By law, school districts are allowed to utilize awarded bids established through cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchasing cooperatives allow flexibility to find needed goods and services in an effective and efficient manner as well as keeping the district legally compliant. Thus, the following purchasing cooperatives adhere to all bidding laws in awarding contracts to vendors:

The fees to be paid by Coppel ISD to the following purchasing cooperatives for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are as follows:

- 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) – No membership fee
- BuyBoard (Texas Association of School Boards (TASB))– No membership fee
- Central Texas Purchasing Alliance - *\$150 annual fee covers administrative costs*
- DIR Texas Department of Information Resources – No membership fee
- E&I Cooperative Services – No membership fee
- Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) – *\$100 annual fee covers administrative costs*

- Equalis Group Purchasing Cooperative – No membership fee
- Harris County Department of Education (HCDE), Choice Partners – No membership fee
- Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Purchasing Cooperative (H-GAC) – No membership fee
- NJPA National Joint Powers Alliance – No membership fee
- Omnia Partners – No membership fee
 - National IPA
 - TCPN
 - U.S. Communities
- Prospering Pals Commodity Processing Cooperative – No membership fee
- Purchasing Solutions Alliance (PSA) Brazos Valley Council of Governments – No membership fee
- Region 2 ESC (GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative) – No membership fee
- Region 3 ESC (Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA)) – No membership fee
- Region 10 ESC (EdTech Exchange) – No membership fee
- Region 14 ESC (NCPA National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) – No membership fee
- Region 16 ESC (TexBuy) – No membership fee
- Region 17 ESC (West Texas Food Service Cooperative (WTFSC)) – No membership fee
- Region 18 ESC – No membership fee - *\$850 annual fee covers administrative costs*
- Region 19 ESC (Allied States) – No membership fee
- Region 20 ESC (Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE)) – No membership fee
- Statewide Procurement Division (Divisions: CMBL, TPASS, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (TXMAS), and TXSmartBuy) – *\$100 annual fee covers administrative costs*
- Tarrant County, Texas Purchasing Cooperative – No membership fees
- The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS USA) – No membership fees

Total annual fees paid: \$1,200

Fiscal Implications:

All membership fees are paid out of the Business Office's General Operating Fund budget. By providing and sharing this information with the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees, Coppell ISD is in compliance with House Bill 273.

cc: Mrs. Diana Sircar and
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