

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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Denton ISD/TWU College Student Success Initiative Partnership

Purpose of Report To update the Board of Trustees on the upcoming potential partnership between the district and Texas Woman's University for qualifying students to gain guaranteed admission to TWU upon meeting the necessary requirements.

Objectives To provide more Denton ISD students with immediate access to post-secondary education opportunities and support them in their college decision-making process. This will be achieved through the partnership with:

- Juniors who rank in the top 30 percent of their graduating class, meet all Texas Success Initiatives (TSI) requirements, submit their ACT/SAT scores and complete the application process receiving automatic admission into TWU.
- TWU providing high school campuses with assistance on admissions, financial aid applications and the importance/transference of AP and dual-credit courses on a regular basis.
- TWU providing a minimum of one TSI testing opportunity at each district high school and the LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex.
- TWU will provide a \$2,000 scholarship to each high school to award an eligible junior beginning in the Fall of 2016.
- A joint kickoff event (or events) in the Fall of 2015 promoting the program and its benefits to district students and their families.

Operational Impact The district should see no financial costs associated with the program other than possible minimal expenses incurred by communications and/or counseling in helping inform district families of the program.

Results The potential partnership between the district and TWU is seen as a benefit to district students as it will provide juniors in the top 30 percent of their graduating class relief of having to stress over college admission, should they choose to attend TWU. It will also serve as a precursor and/or example for future partnerships with Texas Woman's University on future programs for current district students and graduates. The program will also improve the communication between TWU, Denton ISD and the community in regards to post-secondary educational opportunities.