

## **Decatur Independent School District**

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

**To:** Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Karen Rue, Ed.D., Interim-Superintendent of Schools Subject: Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program 2024-2025

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

**Type of Item:**  $\square$  Information  $\square$  Presentation X Consent Agenda  $\square$  Discussion  $\square$  Action

**Supporting Documents:** X Yes  $\square$  No

# **Background Information and Rationale-**

Denton County, Texas, has a population greater than 125,000 and the Denton County Juvenile Board has been mandated by TEC Section 37.011 to develop a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program subject to the approval of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The State of Texas has determined that public school students who engage in conduct that endangers the school population should be removed from the regular school setting and educated in a separate setting in order for school districts to fulfill their primary mission of educating Texas youth. JJAEP is a cooperative effort between the educational community and the juvenile justice system with the primary goals of the program being the education of students with behavioral problems and rehabilitation of juveniles. Discretionary placements may be made on an individual basis as determined in the best interest of the student and district (Section II, Paragraph 2.05).

**Strategic goal-** Goal 1: DISD supports students in a multitude of ways to nurture learning and ensure high performance.

### **Fiscal Implication:**

A discretionary placement of a DISD student to JJAEP, the cost is 125.00 per day per student.

#### Administrative Recommendation -

Approve the MOU for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

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Respectfully submitted,

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