

Agreements between Denton ISD, iTeach Texas, Grow Your Own Teacher Participants, and Grow Your Own Paraprofessional Participants

August 13, 2019

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of agreements between iTeach Texas, Grow Your Own (GYO) Teacher Participants (Participant), Grow Your Own (GYO) Paraprofessional Participants (Para Participant) and the Denton Independent School District (DISD). The GYO Teacher Grant funding was awarded to DISD from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to provide financial assistance to both Teachers and Paraprofessionals with a bachelor's degree. The purpose of this financial assistance is to help teachers earn their master's degree and paraprofessionals to earn teacher certification.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- This grant is part of TEA's initiative to recruit, support, and hire teachers and principals.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- This grant will help offset tuition cost for our two Education and Training teachers at the ATC who are pursuing their master's degree. Acquiring their master's degree opens the door for future dual credit opportunities for our Education and Training students.
- This grant will pay for 8 paraprofessionals to acquire their teaching certificates through a designated alternative program. These 8 paraprofessionals have their bachelor's degree and were selected through a committee process.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- These grants will require standard reporting requirements that current staff is completing.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- N/A

OTHER COMMENTS:

- This GYO Teacher Grant funded by TEA is part of the Commissioner's strategic priorities and enablers. The commissioner's number one priority is to recruit, support, and retain teachers and principals. This opportunity has been given to DISD through the financial support of this grant to aid in accomplishing that priority.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: The superintendent recommends approval of the GYO Teacher Agreement between iTeach Texas, GYO Teacher Participants, GYO Paraprofessional Participants and the Denton Independent School District.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Dr. Jamie Wilson – Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Richard Valenta – Deputy Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- Agreement between iTeach Texas and DISD.
- Agreement between GYO Teacher Participants and DISD
- Agreement between GYO Teacher Paraprofessional Participants and DISD

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____