11B. Preview Date: March 26, 2007

SUBJECT: <u>TEXAS SCHOOLS PROJECT</u>

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: \$1850 annual contract to be paid thru HS allotment funds

ANTICIPATED

DATE FOR ACTION: April 9, 2007

Background Information:

- Project tracks graduates and subsequent enrollment in college
- Grant-funded through UT-Dallas
- Information is obtained from statewide PEIMS data and National Student Clearinghouse

Administrative Considerations:

- The Texas Schools Project is a research-based project that provides school districts with data showing transition rates into college.
- An annual report is provided to participating school districts showing the number of graduates from each district high school that enrolled in 2-year and 4-year colleges.
 The report provided is a breakdown based upon ethnicity and socioeconomic status.
- The initial data provided is retroactive and supplies transition information dating back to the graduating class of 2002.
- The report provided does not rely on surveys, and does not provide anything beyond the scope of students who enrolled in college. About 94% of all 2- and 4-year colleges nationwide provide enrollment data for the purposes of this project.
- The administration recommends entering into a contract with the Texas Schools Project to track our graduates and their future successes in college.

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