



Ector County Independent School District

Action Page

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

DATE: November 15, 2022

Ector County ISD is requesting approval to participate in the General Services Administration Advantage co-op. This co-op requires no registration or approval documents. It is available to us as a public school district.

Utilizing purchasing cooperatives instead of performing competitive bidding allows ECISD to easily receive better value on goods and services through a pooled purchasing power. ECISD uses cooperatives to purchase a variety of goods and services.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Purchasing cooperatives are funded through fees paid by vendors, and sometimes by members.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- The Texas Education Code, Section 44.031
- The Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.102
- The Texas Business Organizations Code, Chapter 251

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the usage of the GSA Co-op Agreement as presented.

Board Approval

Date