



## **Ector County Independent School District**

### **Action Page**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Alicia Syverson, Assistant Superintendent for Student and School Support

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Request for Approval Contracted Services Agreement with Center for Education Policy Research Harvard University Strategic Data Project Fellowship Agreement

**DATE:** May 27, 2020

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District request for approval of contracted services with President and Fellows of Harvard College acting through the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Center for Education Policy Research. This agreement sets the terms and understanding for a research practice partnership between the Ector County Independent School District “ECISD” and the Harvard Graduate School of Education “Harvard”.

#### **Background**

The Strategic Data Project “SDP” fellowship program recruits and selects researchers and data strategists. SDP was formed on two fundamental premises: (1) policy and management decisions can directly influence schools’ and teachers’ ability to improve student achievement; and (2) valid and reliable data analysis significantly improves the quality of decision making.

#### **Purpose/Goals**

Researchers and data strategists “Data Fellows” will conduct research projects and provide ECISD leadership with new capacity in high-quality data analysis and decision making. All Fellows receive training and supports designed to boost skills and knowledge in three key areas: (1) measurement and analysis, (2) leadership and change management, and (3) education policy in order to carry out the work of the agency.

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#### **Administrative Recommendation:**

Approval of Recommendations for Contracted Services with Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Center for Education Policy Research (2020-2022)