

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between the Pasadena Independent School District and the Harris County Juvenile Board.

BACKGROUND: Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code requires the Harris County Juvenile Board (HCJB) to establish and operate a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the youth who are expelled from school for offenses described in section 37.007 of the Texas Education Code. Each year, the school district must adopt the Memorandum of Understanding developed by the Harris County Juvenile Board and local districts.

Placement in a JJAEP is mandated for students committing offenses listed in Section 37.007 (a), (d) or (e) of the Texas Education Code. Funding for mandatory removals to the JJAEP is provided from state appropriations through the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Other students may be placed in the JJAEP at the discretion of the school district for committing an offense described in Section 37.007 (b), (c) or (f). Funding for discretionary removals to JJAEP is provided by the local school district.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The per diem rate for the 2025-2026 school year is \$120 per day for students placed on a discretionary basis in the JJAEP.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between the Pasadena Independent School District and the Harris County Juvenile Board.

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