

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: January 26, 2026

Agenda Item: J.2b

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval for the continuation of Special Education Evaluation Services for the 2025-2026 School Year – Trinity Education Services

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education
DeAnn Hoschek, Coordinator of Psychological Services

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A
CH – Purchasing & Acquisition

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The goal is to complete Special Education Evaluations

D. Summary:

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** The Board has utilized services from this vendor, approved by the Board, annually for six years.
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** We anticipate continued utilization of vendor services until Hays CISD position vacancies are filled
- ☒ **Background information:** Hays CISD will continue to require contracted education evaluation services during the 2025–2026 school year due to ongoing vacancies and an increase of students being referred to special education or already receiving special education services. Since the end of the 2023–2024 school year, the district has faced persistent challenges in filling School Psychologist positions. Hays CISD currently has two School Psychologist vacancies within applicants since May 2025. Even with all positions filled, the volume of students requiring services will still necessitate the use of contracted school psychologists.

The initial increase in special education evaluations was due to dyslexia moving under the special education umbrella. Since the 2024-2025 school year, Hays CISD has an influx of transfers to Hays CISD. In the 2025-2026 school year, approximately 50% of transfers into Hays CISD, are students who were already receiving special education services in their previous district. Trinity has been a valued partner in completing quality evaluations in compliance with timelines and providing competitive rates.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the request.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Hays CISD will remain in compliance with federal and state timelines for special education evaluations.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Special education evaluations will be completed within timeline and students will begin receiving services with federal and state timelines. In addition, School Psychologists can provide counseling to students when they qualify for counseling services as a related service through special education.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: Hays CISD meets compliance of federal and state guidelines for special education evaluations.

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Hays CISD will not meet compliance of federal and state guidelines for special education evaluations and will be required to complete a corrective action plan by TEA.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$250,000

☒ **Budget**

☒ **Grant/Special Funds:** IDEA B

☐ **Other**

☐ **Budget Amendment Needed**

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: \$131,887.50

Bid / Contract Information: RFP 250222VL; Instructional Contracted Services

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: Ongoing relationship with Trinity Educational Services, availability of contractors through Trinity, and fair and competitive pricing

Future/Ongoing: Anticipated annually

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo, Michelle Velasquez

Evaluation method and timeline: Hays CISD will maintain compliance with SPP 11 and 12

Next report to the Board: As requested

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the continuation of Special Education evaluation services with Trinity Educational Services for the 2025-2026 school year for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, as presented.