

# UNT CVAD/DENTON ISD FINE ARTS PARTNERSHIP

7/24/2018

## SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of a formal partnership between Denton ISD and The University of North Texas, to apply Design Thinking concepts across the curriculum in Fine Arts. This partnership will engage faculty from the College of Visual Arts & Design, and faculty in Fine Arts in curriculum-development and delivery, creating connective tissue between Denton ISD and The University of North Texas. This effort is intended to contribute to creation of a culture ripe for integrated instruction, fostering inquiry across the curriculum.

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

May 22, 2018 the board heard a summary of this consent item delivered by Jackie deMontmollin, DISD Director of Fine Arts, and Peter Hyland, UNT Director of the Onstead Institute:

Executive Summary: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=42520256>

Presentation PowerPoint: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=42521066>

Interlocal (MOU) for signature: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=42521057>

## BOARD GOALS:

- I. Vision
  - cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
  - establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors
- II. Teaching & Learning
  - establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
  - develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.
  - expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
  - establish quality staff development programs that promote professional learning communities IV.
- Parent and Community Involvement
  - foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Costs will be borne by The Denton ISD Department of Fine Arts (\$6700 per year over three years) and The University of North Texas, Onstead Institute, and the College of Visual Arts & Design (\$53,500 per year over three years).

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Development of vertically and horizontally aligned Secondary Art Curriculum grounded in Design Thinking, focused in College/Career Readiness.

This action will contribute to the knowledge base due to IRB approved research opportunities afforded through embedding University faculty in the K-12 setting.

This action will create a unique bridge between a major, Tier One Research University, and a public K-12 school district.

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Integration of Design Thinking across the Fine Arts curriculum will require Fine Arts faculty training in Design Thinking, which will be provided by The University of North Texas. This training has already started (May 30-June 1, 2018) and will continue throughout the course of the three-year agreement.

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

## ALTERNATIVES:

Denton ISD could hire an art content coordinator to oversee secondary art curriculum development in an effort to vertically and horizontally align curriculum, using Plano ISD's staffing model for Fine Arts. This would come at a greater expense to the district than the proposed plan.

Denton ISD could engage art teachers with the DISD secondary curriculum office to write without the benefit of UNT's involvement. However, this would exclude resources such as: Design Thinking experts, K-16 focus and collaboration, professional partnership development focus, and in-kind support from UNT CVAD.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Superintendent recommends the board approves the partnership between UNT and Denton ISD.**

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Jackie deMontmollin, Director of Fine Arts & Eddy Russell, Assistant Director of Fine Arts

**ATTACHMENT:**

Interlocal agreement for signatures

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**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_