



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function

Board of Education Meeting: 11/05/2025

Item Title: Cognia, Inc., for SACS Accreditation
And School Improvement for BISD
Secondary Campuses

X Action
Information
Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Cognia, Inc., is an organization that provides accreditation and improvement services for educational entities. In addition to support and services, Cognia, Inc., provides schools an Accreditation Protocol and the Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST). The fees paid enable Cognia, Inc., to provide BISD with local support for accreditation through the district's managing office as well as access to tools and resources for continuous improvement. The result is a performance-based accreditation process and state of the art, web-based system that provides each institution with a comprehensive analysis to drive continuous improvement.

Cognia, Inc., is the parent organization for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and has been accrediting our schools since 1928. Cognia, Inc., was approved in 2020 as the first phase of accreditation updates for the current cycle. On April 18, 2023, the board approved an agenda item for the second, third, fourth, and fifth phase campuses. This agenda item will take the process through the accreditation process phases and mid-point reviews for the next four years. Cognia, Inc., revised the review schedule in 2024 to a six-year instead of five-year cycle.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Function 23 – Local 199 department funds \$140,000.00 for the next four years

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to continue to utilize Cognia, Inc., for SACS Accreditation visits and continuous school improvement for the school district in the amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 from budgeted local department funds for the school years campuses will be under review (2025-2026 to 2028-2029).

Dr. Roni Louise Rentfro

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Beatriz Hernandez

Approved by: Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

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Currently the annual fee for each campus is \$1400.00 and the other expenditures relate to the accreditation process occurring every six years under the current phases plus travel expenditures for visiting staff.

Phase VI: Campuses being reviewed for 2025-2026 school year (revised 2024):

Brownsville Early College High School
Pace Early College High School
Rivera Early College High School

Year 3 (midpoint) campus reviews for 2025-2026:

Veterans Early College High School
Manzano Middle School

Phase VII: Campuses to be reviewed in the 2026-2027 school year:

Hanna Early College High School
Lopez Early College High School
Stillman Middle School

Year 3 (midpoint) campus reviews for 2026-2027:

Besteiro Middle School
Garcia Middle School
Lucio Middle School
Oliveira Middle School
Perkins Middle School
Vela Middle School

Year 3 (midpoint) campus reviews for 2027-2028:

Porter Early College High School
Faulk Middle School
Stell Middle School

Phase VIII: Campuses to be reviewed in the 2028-2029 school year:

Veterans Early College High School
Manzano Middle School

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