



Consent Item

Date: April 14, 2025

Division: Finance

Subject: Consider Approval of Safety and Security Related Professional Services

Background Information:

- On May 27, 2023, during the 88th Legislative Session, House Bill 3, also known as the School Safety Bill was passed. House Bill 3 requires school districts to have at least one armed security officer present, during regular school hours, at each district campus.
- Since August 2023, the LISD Safety and Security Department has hired more than fifty Guardians across the District where a School Resource Office (SRO) is not posted.
- The LISD Board of Trustees approved the use of the recommended professional provider(s) for Safety and Security Related Professional Services on October 16, 2023.
- The hiring process for Guardians requires background checks, drug screenings, and psychological evaluations before hire, and applicants must be currently licensed to carry a firearm in the State of Texas.
- To determine if an applicant/candidate is qualified for a Guardian and Weapon Scanner position, the District contracted licensed psychologists to perform the requested psychiatric evaluations.
- The Safety and Security Department anticipates hiring fifty-five Weapon Scanner staff to operate the enhanced security screening and detection systems and transport the systems to campuses and stadiums.
- Additional psychological evaluations will be needed when hiring Guardians and Weapon Scanner staff due to resignations.
- Although no law requires further testing after Guardians and Weapon Scanner staff are hired, the LISD Safety and Security Department protocol is to schedule an additional psychiatric evaluation. Testing is also conducted when the LISD Guardian and Weapon Scanner staff are renewing their license to carry, every four years upon first renewal, and every five years subsequently.
- Although funds spent during the 2024–2025 school year did not exceed the approved amount, this consent is being brought before the Board of Trustees due to the estimated increased cost of hiring additional Guardians due to attrition and the hiring of Weapon Scanner staff for the enhanced security screening and detection system program.
- This item is being presented for Board approval based on credentials and references, to perform services and pricing, which is fair and reasonable as described in Texas Education Code 2254.003.

Administrative Consideration:

- Funds for these services may come from the Safety and Security Department budget and bond funds.
- Previous annual expenditures in the bid commodity:
 - 2024–2025: \$19,500
- Estimated annual expenditures: \$65,000
- This procurement complies with Section 44.031 and 2254.003 of the Texas Education Code and Government Code 411.1901.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the use of the recommended professional providers for Safety and Security Related Professional Services and the estimated expenditures for one year.

Timeline/Report:

- Term: May 2025 – May 2026