

***Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Information Sheet***

Date: March 10, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Discussion of LASO Cycle 4 Grant Awards for School Year 2026-2027 and LIFT Approved Technical Assistance Provider Recommendation

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information only

Administrative Recommendation: None; for discussion.

Background Information:

Killeen ISD applied for the Texas Education Agency's Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 4 grants to support accelerated school improvement and strengthen districtwide instructional systems. LASO consolidates multiple state grant programs into a unified application cycle focused on academic recovery, instructional coherence, and sustainable school improvement.

KISD was awarded Year 1 funding in the amount of \$627,000 under the LASO LIFT grant. LIFT is a three-year, districtwide initiative designed to support the sustainable implementation of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM), including Bluebonnet Learning, through integrated instructional leadership development, needs assessment, and systems alignment.

The grant supports:

- HQIM implementation in RLA
- Secondary mathematics planning and implementation across identified middle school campuses
- A comprehensive needs assessment and customized three-year implementation plan

In alignment with TEA requirements, at least 70% of the award will be allocated to the TEA-approved technical assistance provider, with the remaining 30% supporting allowable district implementation expenses.

The administration conducted interviews with TEA-approved providers and will present its recommendation for Board approval, along with key implementation milestones and next steps.

Fiscal Analysis: Year 1 LIFT Award: \$627,000. Grant-funded; no local match required beyond allowable implementation expenses.

Regulatory Requirement: TEA requires submission of the approved provider contract by April 1, 2026.

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Attachments: LASO Grant Update Presentation (March 10, 2026)

Signature Requested: No