



CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Agenda Item

Meeting Date	January 20, 2026
Action	Discuss and consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Crosby ISD and the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts ("Hobby Center").
Motion	I move that the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Crosby ISD and the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts ("Hobby Center").
Administrative Recommendation	The Administration recommends the approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Crosby ISD and the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts ("Hobby Center").
Authority for this Action	Board Policy BF (Local)
Goal/Objective Addressed	Co-Curricular Activities Crosby ISD will develop co-curricular programs which enhance students' educational experiences, academic achievements, and school & community pride
Background	<p>The Hobby Center serves as a connector, convenor and incubator for audiences, artists and artmakers. Located in downtown's Theater District, the Hobby Center is the central hub for artists and audiences and is a driving force in Houston's performing arts ecosystem.</p> <p>Committed to introducing 5th graders in our region to the world of the performing arts, in the 2025-26 school year, the Hobby Center is partnering with your district to serve ALL of your 5th grade students through our educational series. The ExxonMobil Discovery Series is the Hobby Center's cornerstone educational program bringing students and teachers to the Hobby Center from the greater Houston area to experience performances by Houston-based and touring shows. Through this TEKS and STAAR aligned series, 5th grade students will be introduced to dance, music and/or theater in ways that are engaging, fun and further their learning and belonging.</p> <p>The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts will be responsible as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Offer a free series of theater, music and/or dance performances by local Houston artists and touring shows that is TEKS and STAAR aligned and connected to the 5th grade curriculum.b. Partner with the district's Fine Arts department to facilitate attendance registration and performance selection.c. Share curriculum guides for each performance at the beginning of the school year.d. Cover the cost of all bus transportation to and from the Hobby Center to attend the performances.e. Work with the district's transportation and accounting departments to establish bus reimbursement procedures.

Staffing Implications	N/A
Budget Information	<p>The Hobby Center is committed to eliminating the financial barriers for schools and to offering the ExxonMobil Discovery Series as a free resource, including reimbursement for bus transportation. Performances and bus transportation are completely free for all Crosby ISD Elementary campus that support fifth grade students.</p> <p>Performance tickets are valued at \$25 per person of direct expenses. Your district's estimated attendance is 564 5th grade students and 58 teachers and chaperones. The total value of 622 tickets is \$15,550.</p> <p>Bus transportation is estimated to be valued at \$4,383.99. Coding and reimbursement procedures will be established by districts and communicated to individual schools so that all billing is processed between administration and the Hobby Center directly through monthly invoices.</p> <p>Total Estimated Financial Value: \$19,933.99</p>
Impact of this Action	Focused on serving fifth graders during a key developmental stage of life, performances not only expose students to the arts, but also provide an educational opportunity beyond the classroom. Pre- and post-performance learning materials align with Texas teaching objectives allowing teachers to create connections and integrate arts experiences into their classroom activities. The experience includes a Question-and-Answer session with the performing artists.
Attachments	EXHIBIT - BACK UP - RB - 2025 - 2026 Crosby ISD and The Hobby Center MOU
Resource Personnel	Jewel Whitfield, Assistant Superintendent of Administration Raymond Blanchard, Crosby ISD Theater Arts Teacher