



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Preview

Date: April 9, 2007

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF S³- STRATEGIES FOR CLASSROOM SUCCESS CONTRACT FOR PRE-AP TEACHER TRAINING IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL STUDIES

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence

FISCAL NOTE: \$10,600

**ANTICIPATED
DATE FOR ACTION: April 23, 2007**

Background Information:

- According to student performance on the 2006 Advanced Placement exams, approximately 52% of KISD students enrolled in AP courses register for and take the AP exams and only 43% of test takers earn a score qualifying for college credit (i.e. a three or higher). Nationally, approximately 70% of AP test takers receive a 3 or higher. Longitudinal data indicate that student participation in AP courses is increasing at the same rate as student enrollment in our high schools. However, the number of students earning a qualifying score has declined slightly during the past three years (2003-2006).
- To ensure that high school juniors and seniors are prepared for the academic rigor of college-level classes, the district needs to establish a Pre-AP curriculum supported by teacher professional development at grades 7-10 in Social Studies.
- S³ offers advanced academics training packages with the goal of providing an active, learner-centered, stimulating workshop. The S³ workshops engage, inspire, and equip participants with powerful strategies, practical ideas and insights that translate to student success in the social studies classroom.

Administrative Considerations:

- Strategic Objective 1.4 of the District Improvement Plan directs the district to: increase participation and achievement of our students in the areas of Advanced Academics. In order to fulfill the objective, the Curriculum and Instruction Department is aligning Advanced Placement course curriculum and instruction with course descriptions and expectations from College Board. S³ partnership will ensure a Grade 7-10 alignment to the Advanced Placement courses currently offered at our 3 High Schools.
- The High School Allotment will fund this initiative with a goal to prepare our high school students for college success.

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Respectfully submitted,

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