Killeen Independent School District Board Agenda Item Information Sheet

Date: March 4, 2025

Agenda Item Caption: Discussion of the Killeen ISD Disciplinary Alternative Education Program

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information only

Administrative Recommendation: None; for discussion

Background Information: This year, one of our focuses in administrative services has been on reimagining our Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) to ensure it serves as a true gateway to success for our students. We are committed to shifting the perception of DAEP from a punitive placement to a transformative experience that equips students with the tools they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. By embedding social-emotional learning (SEL) into daily instruction, providing individualized interventions, and fostering mentorship connections, we are working to create a system that prioritizes student growth and long-term success.

This presentation will highlight some of the work and support structures we are working to put in place at our DAEP campuses to include the implementation of *Capturing Kids' Hearts* activities, *Mindful Moments* daily lessons, small group SEL sessions, and individualized transition plans. We are also integrating partnerships with community mentors, and trusted adult programs such as addiction specialists to build a strong network of support that extends beyond the classroom.

Our vision for DAEP is not just about keeping students in compliance but about empowering them to take ownership of their future. With goal setting, academic and behavioral monitoring, and consistent reflection time, we are fostering a growth mindset that encourages students to learn from their mistakes and develop resilience.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirement: *Texas Education Code*, Sections 37.002, 37.006, and 37.008; *Title 19 Texas Administrative Code*, Sections 103.1201(a)

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Attachments: Presentation

Signature Requested: No