



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH PURCHASING COOPERATIVES (COOPS) AND ECTOR COUNTY ISD

Ector County ISD is requesting approval to participate and enter into Interlocal Agreements with:

- West Texas Food Service Cooperative with Region 17 Education Service Center (ESC) acting as the fiscal agent (Coordinating Center)

The West Texas Food Service Cooperative's purpose is to help obtain substantial savings on specific food service items for member districts through volume purchasing. We benefit from this through cost savings and meeting federal, state, and local procurement regulations. We are seeking board approval for the interlocal agreement that is required for our continued participation in the cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year.

SY26-27 Estimated Annual Contract Total-\$5,000,000.00

Cooperatives (coops) allow ECISD to use purchasing cooperatives instead of performing competitive bidding to receive better value on goods and services through a pooled purchasing power. ECISD uses cooperatives to purchase a variety of goods and services.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Purchasing cooperatives are mainly funded through fees paid by vendors, and sometimes by members. This co-op is free.

STATUTORY REFERENCES:

- The Texas Education Code, Section 44.031
- The Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.102
- The Texas Business Organizations Code, Chapter 251

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented.

Approved

Board President

Date