

Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: September 14, 2009
Presented by: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Project Turn*Around Mentor Program

Action Item

BOARD GOAL:

Expect, promote and support a safe and orderly learning environment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For the 2008-2009 school year, CHISD partnered with Project Turn*Around (outreach of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church) and provided mentoring services to approximately 100 CJISD students. The Student Support and Community Services department, along with Character Education, would like to continue this mentoring partnership for the 2009-2010 school year. Through the partnership, there will be one mentor coordinator provided by Project Turn*Around, who will coordinate mentors at schools throughout the district. Mentors will see four students at a time weekly at each campus, depending on mentors' and students' schedules.

The coordinator will be placed at Cedar Hill High School and will facilitate the weekly meetings with mentors and their 4 students. The coordinator will also facilitate large group activities for the students.

The mentors will help students improve their behavioral and academic performance through 4 major focus areas: abstinence, staying in school, no drugs, and no gang involvement. They will work through the venue of a positive relationship to help make a change in the students' lives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that CHISD partner with Project Turn*Around Mentor Program for the 2009-2010 school year.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve the payment of \$36,000 for the Project Turn*Around In school mentor program.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

EHBC (LEGAL)

CONTACT PERSON(S):

Dr. Homer Carter, Chief Academic Officer
Chanda McGhee, Director Student Support and Community Services

FUNDING SOURCE:

Character Education

ENCLOSURES:

See District Report for Project Turn*Around 2008-2009 attached.