



## CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Regular Agenda Item

<b>Meeting Date</b>	December 15, 2025
<b>Action</b>	Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for the purpose of providing HCDE CASE Debates programming at Crosby High School for school year 2025 - 2026.
<b>Motion</b>	I move to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for the purpose of providing HCDE CASE Debates programming at Crosby High School for school year 2025 - 2026.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	The Administration recommends the approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for the purpose of providing HCDE CASE Debates programming at Crosby High School for school year 2025 - 2026.
<b>Authority for this Action</b>	Board Policy, EHBAC(LEGAL)
<b>Goal/Objective Addressed</b>	Co-Curricular Activities Crosby ISD will develop co-curricular programs which enhance students' educational experiences, academic achievements, and school & community pride
<b>Background</b>	<p>The HCDE CASE Debates program, operated through CASE for Kids in partnership with the Houston Urban Debate League, provides free, high-quality debate opportunities to high school students across Harris County. The program offers coaching, training, and access to competitive debate events in formats such as World Schools, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Congressional Debate.</p> <p>Each school year begins with a kickoff seminar that supports both novice and experienced debaters, followed by a series of tournaments that give students opportunities to practice their skills, compete with peers, and potentially qualify for city and national level competitions. Beyond tournaments, CASE Debates promotes academic enrichment by funding scholarships for students to attend the University of Houston Honors College Debate Workshop, where participants experience advanced training and exposure to college life.</p>

	The program's central mission is to expand access to debate education, strengthen students' critical thinking, public speaking, teamwork, and leadership skills, and create pathways to higher education. Over the years, CASE Debates has grown to serve more schools and students than originally projected, demonstrating its impact and continued commitment to empowering youth through academic competition and enrichment.
<b>Staffing Implications</b>	Crosby ISD must provide a minimum of one program coach.
<b>Budget Information</b>	The approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education will provide an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Crosby ISD's CASE Debates program coach at Crosby High School.
<b>Impact of this Action</b>	Approval of this action will allow students attending Crosby High School access to participate in local and state-level debates, fostering critical thinking, academic confidence, and strong communication skills. Participation in CASE Debates also enhances college and career readiness by strengthening research abilities, collaboration, and civic engagement. In addition, involvement in a structured, competitive debate program elevates the district's academic profile, provides equitable enrichment opportunities for all students, and supports the development of future leaders who are prepared to advocate, problem-solve, and excel beyond high school.
<b>Attachments</b>	EXHIBIT - BACKUP - RB - 2025 - 2026 Interlocal Agreement HCDE CASE Debates
<b>Resource Personnel</b>	Jewel Whitfield, Assistant Superintendent of Administration Colette Vallot, Director of Student Services