

Denton Independent School District
Region 4 Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
August 3, 2020

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Education Service Center Region 4 and the Denton Independent School District.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

This board heard information in the July 28, 2020 workshop

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Operation Connectivity is a joint effort among Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Legislature, and TEA to connect public school students with a device and reliable internet connection. On July 17, the Governor announced the allocation of \$200 million in COVID and CARES Act funding to TEA for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The program will provide matching funds for districts to facilitate purchases of necessary devices and hotspots. TEA, through Region 4 has worked with vendors to secure reduced prices and timely delivery through a bulk order program. Matching funds will be based on the number of economically disadvantaged students in a district. Districts may purchase necessary devices and hotspots through a new interlocal agreement with Region 4. The district will pursue additional matching federal funds from the Denton County and City of Denton to cover our 50%. Though state and local collaboration the goal is for the district to be at a net zero financial investment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost will be borne by the General Fund – Fund Balance.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow the District to provide a device for distance learning to economically disadvantaged students with no computer or internet in the home.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board approve and enter into the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement and authorize the superintendent and other district personnel to take all necessary actions under such agreement.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer
Ernie Stripling, Chief Technology Officer
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director Financial Operations
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____