



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 20, 2020

Purpose: [] Presentation/Report [] Recognition [] Discussion/ Possible Action

[] Closed/Executive Session [] Work Session [] Discussion Only [x] Consent

From: Bobbye Schanen Hylton, Director of Strategic Planning and Innovation

Item Title: Approve Amendment to the Letter of Agreement Between Texas A & M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and South San Antonio ISD

Description: This amended agreement will be entered between Texas A & M University Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), an agency of the State of Texas and a member of the Texas A & M University System, through its Nuclear Power Institute (NPI) and South San Antonio ISD for expansion and implementation of nuclear workforce development programs administered by TEES through Workforce Industry Training (WIT) program. This program is for high school students who have an interest in expanding their knowledge and understanding and/or careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. More specifically, the program is designed for mentoring and encouragement to prepare students for STEM-rich programs at universities, two-year technical colleges, and technical certificate programs. By participating in WIT, students gain exposure to higher education and career opportunities while building confidence to consider further STEM education. The maximum total to be paid to South San Antonio ISD will be \$16,000.

Historical Data: The board approved the Letter of Agreement Between Texas A & M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and South San Antonio ISD at the November 20, 2019 meeting. Due to the current school closures and restrictions on student travel, TEES is requesting to amend the agreement to provide students access to at home educational support, and up to \$2,000 for food support services.

Recommendation: Approve Amendment to the Letter of Agreement Between Texas A & M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and South San Antonio ISD as presented.

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

CFO Funding Approval:

Superintendent:

_____ [Signature]

_____ May 12, 2020

District Goal/Strategy:

Student Outcome Goal One: The percentage of graduating students who meet at least one College, Career, Military-Readiness (CCM-R) indicator will increase from 35% to 45% by August 2023.

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

CFO Funding Approval:

Superintendent:



March 26, 2020

Dear NPI WIT ISD and Sponsor partners,

As we consider the current global crisis and our community responses, I want to thank you for the continued efforts of you and your entire ISDs working to control and limit the spread of COVID-19 within your communities while also continuing to find alternative methods of educating your students.

I am writing to provide guidance regarding the Nuclear Power Institute's programs that are currently sponsored and active in your schools. Before this pandemic began, many of the principle activities supported under NPI programs involved gathering together or traveling in groups. Given the urgent public health situation, we recognize that "business as usual" is not possible and we would like to commend you for canceling upcoming events as you are working to implement new paradigms for teaching effectively.

Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students, colleagues, and their families and communities. At the same time, we have the responsibility to remain focused on our workforce and STEM missions within current social constraints. We want to work with you to find creative innovations to adapt our programs and continue to provide support to our partners and students.

To do just that, we want to make the following amendments to the 2019-2020 WIT contract provide full funding while supporting our partners and their required adoptions during the COVID-19 crisis:

For WIT ISD contracts:

- Final disbursement of contract funds will be made once invoice and all contractual documents have been received and fully executed.
- The WIT funds may now be used district-wide for such: remediation programs, alternative and on-line learning platforms, educational support services, home deliveries for educational supports/supplies/materials, shelter-in-place educational support, and up to \$2,000 may be used for food support services.
- Provide the following information to the WIT Sponsors to be included in their year-end reports:
 - The grand total of students participating in each ISD COVID-19 remediation program/activities/events (PreK-12) supported with WIT ISD funds as of May 29, 2020.
 - The numbers/percentages for the ethnic groups in this student set participating in each ISD COVID-19 remediation program/activities/events (PreK-12) supported with WIT ISD funds as of May 29, 2020.

For WIT Sponsor contracts:

Final disbursement of contract funds will be made to sponsors once invoice and all contractual documents have been received and fully executed and the following information is provided and accepted by NPI staff:



- The most current number of ATOM members and demographic spreadsheet of WIT members, and
- The grand total and numbers/percentages of ethnicity groups of these students participating in each ISD COVID-19 remediation program/activities/events (PreK-12) supported with WIT ISD funds as of May 29, 2020.
- All other 2019-2020 WIT documents shall be maintained by the campus as determined by individual ISDs.

Thank you very much for continuing to be part of the NPI community. We look forward to working with you as we finish this school year and into next year and beyond. If you and/or an ISD representative have any questions, please contact Dr. Valerie G. Segovia vsegovia@tamu.edu. Please continue to follow all guidance from local authorities, state government, the CDC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force regarding all aspects of the response to this pandemic.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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