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Subject: Consider approval of revisions in the HISD Gifted and Talented Handbook.

Rationale: According to the HISD Gifted and Talented Handbook and The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, written policies on student identification for gifted/talented services are approved by the District Board of Trustees. Because of our belief as a district that the STAAR test is not a valid instrument to assess student performance, that instrument has been removed as an indicator of high level of academic performance at tested grades. Without using state testing data, the instruments used to assess HISD students for Gifted and Talented services include qualitative and quantitative data that are collected through three (3) or more measure and used to determine need for gifted/talented services which aligns with the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students. Moreover, since the last review and approval of the HISD Gifted and Talented Handbook, the menu of options and enrichment opportunities available to our GT students has increased and were subsequently added to the handbook.

Recommendation: Approve Hillsboro ISD Gifted and Talented Handbook with updated assessment measures and revised offerings for students for the 2017-2018 school year.