

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

February 15, 2011

Texas College Preparatory Program—Grade 11 College Assessment

Board Goal:

Vision

- **Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority**

Climate

- **Establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community**
- **Motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities as active citizens of their community, nation and world**

Purpose of Report

Examine the Texas College Preparatory Program for providing access to College Admission Testing for current Grade 11 students.

Objectives

- Understand the TCPP Program and Goals for Junior level College Admissions Testing
- Review the development of the Denton ISD Voucher Distribution Program

Operational Impact

This program was announced on Nov. 30 and Vouchers were scheduled to arrive in Districts on January 15, 2011. Operational impact of this program required that responsibility for the program be assumed, training commenced, and implementation plans be immediately developed within a four week working timeline. Because of the opportunity to provide college admissions testing at no cost to students, counselors saw this as a way to extend the college going culture on their campuses, and readily responded to the call to action.

Results

Counselors and administrators from all of our high schools met to train, plan, and implement the Denton ISD voucher distribution program. Our hope is that all vouchers will not only be claimed, but that students will actually register for the exam of choice, understand the seriousness of the opportunity they are given, and see themselves, perhaps for the first time, as part of the “college going culture.”

Other Options

Non participation in the program was an option that was rejected.