



Temple Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Agenda Item Title: Approval of Membership – Allied States Cooperative under Region 19 Education Service Center

Meeting Date: November 10, 2025

Department: Finance / Purchasing

Purpose

To request Board of Trustees approval for Temple Independent School District to join the Allied States Cooperative (ASC) administered by Region 19 Education Service Center (ESC). This membership will allow the District to access competitively bid contracts for goods and services in compliance with state purchasing requirements.

Background

The Allied States Cooperative is a purchasing cooperative sponsored by Region 19 ESC, established to provide school districts, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations with access to competitively awarded contracts that comply with Texas Education Code §44.031 and Texas Government Code Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act).

By joining ASC, Temple ISD will be able to utilize pre-approved vendors and contracts for a wide range of commodities and services, reducing procurement timelines, administrative costs, and repetitive bidding processes. Membership in ASC supports best practices in cooperative purchasing and ensures compliance with state and federal procurement laws. There are no membership or participation fees associated with joining the Allied States Cooperative.

Rationale

Approval of this membership will:

- Provide access to a broad range of competitively bid contracts that meet state procurement standards.
- Streamline purchasing operations and reduce administrative effort for repetitive procurements.
- Ensure compliance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act and Texas Education Code procurement requirements.
- Expand vendor options and promote competitive pricing for goods and services.
- Incur no cost to the District for membership or participation.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fee for participation or membership in the Allied States Cooperative. Purchases made through the cooperative will be funded through existing approved campus and departmental budgets.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Temple Independent School District's membership in the Allied States Cooperative (Region 19 Education Service Center) and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary agreements and documentation to establish membership.