

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

June 23, 2015

BLAST: Building Leadership and Academic Strengths Together

Board Goal:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- Prepare our students to be successful in a global society while instilling an appreciation for community service
- Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.

Purpose of Report

- To share information about piloting the BLAST program at Ryan High School.
- To share information about our partnership with Learning L2 Together and our efforts to transform struggling students into successful students through strengths education and rigorous academic content.

Objectives

- To provide rigorous academic, social, and emotional advancement by focusing on how students are strong, not how they are wrong.
- To provide a curriculum that combines a proven one on one peer tutoring methodology with The Gallup Organization's research-driven strategies for building student hope, engagement, and resiliency.

Operational Impact

- The majority of the financial impact is from federal funding.

Results

Drives stretch learning in Language Arts and Math Strands to significantly raise comprehension and critical thinking. The curriculum is aligned with Texas state standards, TEKS and STAAR.

Other Options

N/A