

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

November 17, 2025

Item: Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grant Applications

Contact Person: Gabi Niño

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

Background Information:

The Texas Education Agency provides opportunities for school districts across the state to pursue Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities(LASO) Grants. The LASO Grant initiative is a competitive streamlined, consolidated grant application that bundles various state and federal funding opportunities to support academic acceleration across Texas public schools. Multiple competitive grants follow under the LASO initiative that focus on key strategies including implementing High-Quality Instructional Materials, strengthening instruction, and retaining and preparing teachers.

New this year, districts are required to obtain board consent for grant applications. Consent is requested to pursue multiple LASO grants as follows:

- **Leadership and Instructional Foundations (LIFT):**
 - District Implementation of Bluebonnet Math Curriculum
- **School Improvement Curriculum & Instruction Grant (SI CISG):**
 - Southwest Elementary and Chisholm Trail Elementary professional learning community support for reading language arts.
- **Educator Preparation and Retention (PREP):**
 - Mentorship Allotment - training for mentored teachers paired with novice teachers
 - Residency Allotment - contribution of funds to support salary of residents
 - Grow Your Own - partial tuition reimbursement towards bachelor degree and teacher certification

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation(s):'

Authorize the administration to apply for competitive Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grants as presented.