



COPPELL
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Board Action Required

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees

From: Stephen McGilvray

Date: July 30, 2020

cc: Brad Hunt, Greg Axleson, and Diana Sircar

Re: Approval to enter Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement

Operation Connectivity is a joint effort among Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to connect Texas's public school students with a device and reliable internet connection. On July 17, 2020 the Governor announced the allocation of \$200 million in Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to TEA for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students who lack connectivity. The program will provide matching funds for districts to facilitate purchases of necessary devices and hotspots. TEA, through Region 4 Education Service Center, has worked with vendors to secure reduced prices and timely delivery to Texas school districts through a bulk order program. Matching funds will be based on the number of economically disadvantaged students in the district. Districts may purchase necessary devices and hotspots through this interlocal agreement with Region 4.

Recommendation

The Board approve and enter into the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement and authorize the superintendent and other appropriate district personnel to take all necessary actions under such agreement.