

**The Lockhart Independent School District
Board of Trustees
M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street,
Lockhart, TX 78644
Regular Meeting, February 24, 2025 – 6:30 PM**

Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Lockhart Independent School District will hold a Regular meeting at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by JROTC
3. Invocation
4. Recognitions
 - A. All American Cheerleaders and Dancers
 - B. TMEA 5A All-State Tenor Choir
 - C. Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition

5. Public Comment

6. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Adjourned to Closed Session: Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); Texas Government Code Section 551.129 (Consultation with attorney may be handled telephonically); Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee); Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices); and specifically to discuss:

1. Intruder Detection Audit
2. Superintendent's Performance Goals
3. Consultation with legal counsel regarding staff housing. This consultation may take place telephonically. Tex. Gov't Code sec. 551.071; 551.129.

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*BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST: Items of community interest are limited to: 1) expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; 2) information regarding holiday schedules; 3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision; 4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; 5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official employee of the school district.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See BEC(LEGAL)]

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071	Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting
551.073	Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift; Closed Meeting

- 551.074 Personnel Matters; Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee; Closed Meeting
- 551.075 Conference Relating to Investments and Potential Investments Attended by Board of Trustees of Texas Growth Fund; Closed Meeting
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Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or,
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

On this day of February 21, 2025, this Notice was mailed or faxed to news media who had previously requested such Notice and an original copy was posted on the display window in the School District Administration Building on said date.



Superintendent

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lockhart Independent School District

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District was held Monday, February 10, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support, Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644.

1. Call to Order was at 6:30 PM by Board President Michael Wright. Other members present were Rene Rayos, Sam Lockhart, Chris Charles, Tom Guyton, and Rebecca Pulliam. Dr. Sanchez was absent.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

A. Consideration and Action with Respect to an "Order Calling a Bond Election" for the May 3, 2025 Uniform Election Date

Trustee Guyton made the motion that the Board approve the "Order calling a bond election" to be held on May 3, 2025. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

B. Consider and/or Approve Borchert Loop Elementary School Furniture and other FF&E Purchases

Trustee Pulliam made the motion that the Board approve the purchase FF&E for Borchert Loop Elementary as presented. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

C. Review Bid Release for Computer Equipment and Infrastructure Equipment for Borchert Loop Elementary School

This review was given by the Director of Purchasing, Tanya Homann. No action was taken.

D. Consideration and Possible Action to Adopt Board Resolution Authorizing Payment of Employees during Winter-Related Closure

Trustee Guyton made the motion that the Board adopt the Board Resolution authorizing payment of employees during the winter storm closure, as presented. Trustee Pulliam seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

E. Discuss, consider, and take possible action to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of a 40 acre tract of land in Caldwell County from King Farm Partners, LP, and delegating authority to the Superintendent to further investigate the property and take all necessary actions to effectuate closing.

Trustee Rayos made the motion that the Board adopt the resolution approving the purchase of a of a 40 acre tract of land in Caldwell County from King Farm Partners, LP, and delegating authority to the Superintendent to further investigate the property and take all necessary actions to effectuate closing. Trustee Pulliam seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0.

F. Consider and/or Approve delegating authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a Master Lease Agreement between Lockhart ISD and Upward Communities and returning the contract for final Board approval

Trustee Pulliam made the motion that the Board approve delegating authority to the Superintendent to negotiate a Master Lease Agreement between Lockhart ISD and Upward Communities and returning the contract for final Board approval. Trustee Rayos seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-1. Trustee Charles voted against the motion.

4. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:50 pm by Board President Michael Wright

Michael Wright, Board President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Board Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees

Lockhart Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District was held Thursday, January 23, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the M.L. Cisneros Education Support Center Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Room 200, 419 Bois D'Arc Street, Lockhart, TX 78644.

1. Call to Order was at 6:30 PM by Board President Michael Wright. Other member present were Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Rene Rayos, Sam Lockhart, Chros Charles, Tom Guyton, and Rebecca Pulliam
2. Presentation of Colors by JROTC
3. Invocation was given by Trustee Guyton
4. Recognitions
 - A. Academic All-State Athletes
 - B. January is School Board Recognition Month - "Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas"
 1. President Michael Wright - Lockhart High School and Alma Brewer Strawn Elementary
 2. Vice President Tom Guyton - PRIDE High School and Carver Early Education Center
 3. Secretary Dr. Barbara Sanchez - Lockhart Junior High School
 4. Trustee Chris Charles - Clear Fork Elementary
 5. Trustee Sam Lockhart - Navarro Elementary
 6. Trustee Rene Rayos - Bluebonnet Elementary
 7. Trustee Rebecca Pulliam - Plum Creek Elementary
5. Public Comment

None.

6. CLOSED SESSION:
 - A. Adjourned to Closed Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee) and Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices); specifically to discuss:
 1. Intruder Detection Audit
 2. Pursuant to Tex.Gov't Code 551.072 deliberate the purchase of a of a 40 acre tract of land in Caldwell County from King Farm Partners, LP.
 3. Pursuant to Tex.Gov't Code 551.072 deliberate the purchase of an approximately 25 acre tract of land from RODG DT Seawillow PropCo LLC.
 4. Superintendent's Year-End Performance Evaluation
 5. Superintendent's Contract

The Board of Trustees on Thursday, January 23, 2025 convened at 6:48 PM in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing items listed under the Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee); and Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberation regarding implementation of security personnel or devices).The Board ended its closed session at 8:47 PM on Thursday, January 23, 2025. No votes, decisions, or actions were taken while in closed session.

7. Business: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. December 16, 2024

B. Approve Budget Amendments

C. Approve Revisions to Policy CW(Local): Naming Facilities

D. Review Tax Collection Report

E. Review Quarterly Investments Report

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the Business Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Pulliam seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0.

The Board moved to item 9-A.

9. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

A. Consider and/or Approve Proclamation of February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

Trustee Sanchez made the motion to approve the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Proclamation as presented. Trustee Rayos seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

The Board moved to 8-A.

8. COMMUNICATION:

A. Upward Communities Staff Housing

This presentation was given by Jason Roberts, Upward Communities. No action was taken.

B. Student Cell Phone Use Policy Update

This update was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Steaphaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

C. Lockhart New Middle School #2 Design Review and 2025 Bond

This update was given by the Superintendent, Mark Estrada. No action was taken.

D. 2022 Bond Construction Update

This update was given by the Bond Construction Manager, Jeremiah Chapman. No action was taken.

E. Progress Monitoring Data on District Achievement Targets

This presentation was given by the Assistant Superintendent of C& I, Ty Davidson. No action was taken.

F. Navigate to '28 Mid-Year Update

This update was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Steaphaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

G. 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

This update was given by the Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Steaphaine Camarillo. No action was taken.

H. Review Bid Release for Replacing the High School Stadium Turf

This review was given by the Director of Purchasing, Tanya Homann. No action was taken.

I. Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

This update was given by the Director of Safety & Communications, Adam Miller. No action was taken.

9. COMMUNICATION/ACTION:

B. Consider and/or Approve Staffing for Borchert Loop Elementary School

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the positions and stipends as presented for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Trustee Rayos seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

C. Consider and/or Approve Bid for Wide Area Network (WAN) Services

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the award of RFP 24-009 for Leased Lit Fiber Service to USFON for a 10 year initial contract in the amount of \$1,833,595. Trustee Sanchez seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

D.Consider and/or Approve Junior High Controls System Bid

Trustee Sanchez made the motion the the Board approve the award of RFP 24-010 for the Automated Logic Controls and amend the 2024-2025 general fund budget for \$595,000. Trustee Guyton seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

E.Consider and/or Approve Bid for Re-Keying the District

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board approve the award of RFP 24-011 for the District Wide Re-Keying Project to RAE Security in the amount of \$294,159.91. Trustee Charles seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

F.Consider and/Approve Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract Extension

Trustee Guyton made the motion that the Board of Trustee’s approve the Superintendent's evaluation and terms of the Superintendent’s contract, as discussed in the closed session, and authorize the Board President to execute the contract on behalf of the District. Trustee Lockhart seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

G.Discuss, consider, and take possible action to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of an approximately 25 acre tract of land from RODG DT Seawillow PropCo LLC, and delegating authority to the Superintendent to further investigate the property and take all necessary actions to effectuate closing.

Trustee Sanchez made the motion that the Board adopt the resolution approving the purchase of an approximately 25 acre tract of land from RODG DT Seawillow PropCo LLC, and delegating authority to the Superintendent to further investigate the property and take all necessary actions to effectuate closing. Trustee Pulliam seconded. The motion carried, 7-0.

10. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST*
11. BENEDICTION was given by Trustee Guyton
12. ADJOURNMENT was at 10:49 p.m. by Board President Michael Wright

Michael Wright, Board President

Dr. Barbara Sanchez, Board Secretary

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting:

Agenda Item:

AGENDA SECTION:

READING:

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

DEPARTMENT:

DISTRICT GOAL(S) ALIGNMENT:

1. Create innovative opportunities for ALL students to prepare for success beyond graduation.
2. Every campus will have an A rating by 2028 through exemplary teaching and student-centered learning.
3. Cultivate an environment where our employees choose Lockhart Independent School District.

AGENDA TITLE:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

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RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:



Celebrate Texas Public Schools Proclamation 2025



WHEREAS, the foundation of a strong and competitive Texas rests in the strength of its public schools; AND

WHEREAS, the Lockhart Independent School District is committed to ensuring all students are challenged, healthy, engaged, safe, and supported to provide the best learning experience; AND

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of parents, educators, and community leaders provide the necessary support and strength to our public schools, providing our children a quality education and a passport to opportunities; AND

WHEREAS, the district commits to 1.5 years of growth for every student each year in reading and math and holds high expectations of staff, students, parents, and the community to achieve this; AND

WHEREAS, the district remains focused on having a LockHeart for People, being Locked on Excellence, and UnLocking Potential of every student and staff; AND

WHEREAS, students in Lockhart ISD are at an advantage because they attend LISD public schools; AND

THEREFORE, I, Board President Michael Wright of Lockhart Independent School District, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as the month to Celebrate Texas Public Schools. We urge all citizens to take the time to share with others why they choose public education.

Michael Wright
Board President
Lockhart ISD

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:



ACTION REQUIRED!
Due Date: February 28, 2025

October 21, 2024

Re: Membership and Participation in the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative, SY25-26

Dear Food Service Director Addressed:

Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative (hereafter "R10MRPC") requires all Interlocal Agreements (hereafter "Agreement") to be approved by each Recipient Agency's (hereafter "RA") Board of Directors. Completed Agreements must be submitted with proof of Board approval. R10MRPC also utilizes an annual, single-year agreement encompassing membership roles, responsibilities, and bid participation for the agreement term. Region 10 Education Service Center is the "Coordinating Entity and Fiscal Agent" for R10MRPC.

This packet includes the Interlocal Agreement for RAs participating in the School Nutrition Programs that wish to purchase food service products or services through the R10MRPC formally procured and awarded bids. If the RA does not plan to purchase from any of the awarded bids, there is no need to complete an Interlocal Agreement.

The **Interlocal Agreement** (pages 3-11) is a "membership and participation" agreement that commences on July 1st and extends through June 30th of the following calendar year. By signing the Agreement, you agree to the General Provisions of Member Roles and Responsibilities with your bid participation selection(s) indicating your entity's purchasing commitment. Members must provide estimated quantities for each product planned for each bid category selected. This is done through a specialized software created by R10MRPC called "Maestro Forecasting."

The Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative is fully self-funded through a Vendor Participation Fee. This fee is collected directly from the awarded commercial-only vendors. Fees are used to cover expenses related to the administration and operation of R10MRPC and the growth in services and benefits offered to our members. Studies indicate that school districts benefit through cooperative participation with considerable cost savings. While the purchasing power of the R10MRPC is significant, the costs of goods and services continue to rise annually. Studies prove that schools participating in a child nutrition purchasing cooperative receive better pricing and a higher selection of products with higher fill rates. Additional benefits of participating in the R10MRPC include training and technical support for child nutrition programs, compliant solicitations, and high-level customer service.

Thank you for considering participation in the SY 2025-2026 R10MRPC. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please submit completed and signed Agreement to Angela McCrary: angela.mccrary@region10.org

Sincerely,

Keri Warnick
Program Coordinator
Keri.warnick@region10.org
972.348.1448

Enclosures

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The following Interlocal Agreement (pages 3-11) is to be completed by all recipient agencies (RA) that wish to participate in Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative (R10MRPC) and purchase from formally procured bids.

This Interlocal Agreement is a one-year agreement for the school year 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026). If completed, a fully executed copy will be returned to the RA and kept on file with R10MRPC indefinitely.

Each RA wishing to purchase from any procured and awarded bid must complete and sign all required pages. Each RA is asked to consider which bids best fit their needs. R10MRPC requires members to forecast their product and/or service needs through R10MRPC's customized software before all bid renewals and new bids are released.

The fully completed and signed Interlocal Agreement must be approved by your school Board of Trustees or Authorized Representative and returned no later than February 28, 2025. Please note that Interlocal Agreements received after the due date or later after bids have been released may not be approved due to forecasting requirements and procurement regulations.

Please return pages 3-11 of the Agreement fully executed.

LIMITATION OF AGREEMENT:

The R10MRPC reviews this Agreement annually to ensure compliance with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) regulations. If, following such review, the R10MRPC discovers that any provision contained herein is not in accordance with USDA and TDA regulations, R10MRPC will have 30 days to make all necessary updates and require that each participating RA sign a new Agreement. If R10MRPC does not amend the provision within the given timeframe, the RA may terminate this agreement on 10 days' written notice to R10MRPC. Child Nutrition Federal Funds are governed by USDA and TDA regulations. EDGAR does not apply to child nutrition federal funds.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. The Parties agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in connection with the procurement activities and programs contemplated under this Agreement. This Agreement is subject to all applicable present and future valid laws governing such programs.
2. This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Texas and the venue for any dispute resolution shall be in the county where the administrative offices of Region 10 ESC are located, which is currently Dallas County, Texas.
3. The R10MRPC reserves the right, but is not obligated, to add additional members and allow participation. Adding an RA may "materially change the existing contract(s)" and, thereby, require rebidding of said contract(s). Consequently, the RA may not be permitted to participate in those affected contracts to avoid rebidding and possibly negatively impacting the membership in place at the time of the current contract(s) award. The membership of a new RA may become effective upon any new bids, rebids being awarded, new fiscal year, or as permitted at the sole discretion of the R10MRPC.
4. This Agreement and any addenda executed by the parties contains the entire agreement of the Parties hereto concerning the matters covered by its terms, and it may not be modified in any manner without the express written consent of both Parties. Modifications may be required by law or regulation, which shall require action by the R10MRPC and the RA. Failure to act by either party, within a reasonable period, on legally required modifications shall constitute good cause to terminate this Agreement effective upon written notification to the other party.
5. If any term(s) or provision(s) of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
6. The Executive Director of Region 10 ESC or his or her designee and authorized agent of the member district shall attempt to resolve any disputes that develop under this Agreement. If any dispute is unable to be resolved, both Parties agree to nonbinding mediation before either Party may resort to litigation. The selection of the mediator shall be mutually agreed upon, and the costs for such mediation borne equally between the Parties.

7. No Party to this Agreement waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, directors, officers, employees, and agents, because of its execution of this Agreement or the performance of the functions and obligations set forth herein.

8. All parts of this Agreement, when executed by both Parties, are binding upon the Parties, and may be changed only by written agreement executed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

9. Per USDA Federal Regulations and TDA Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM) Section 17, the R10MRPC is a Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Operator-Only Cooperative that is categorized as a "for-profit cooperative". Per ARM Section 17, R10MRPC is required to return "unanticipated profits" to the member. This Agreement allows R10MRPC to deduct the cost of services from the collected vendor fees and pay any remaining amount to members regularly. The R10MRPC's "profit margin", for purposes of this Agreement, shall be defined as the revenue received by the R10MRPC through the charging of the vendor fees outlined in the "Membership Fees" section below minus the expenses to the R10MRPC to operate the cooperative. The Coordinating Entity shall retain the profit margin; however, any revenue received more than the profit margin ("unanticipated profit") will be distributed to the R10MRPC's participating members by the Fiscal Agent. R10MRPC is not permitted per state regulations to collect a profit from sales of processed commodities.

R10MRPC adheres to the following rebate system.

- A. R10MRPC will collect all Vendor Participation Fees quarterly.
- B. R10MRPC does not charge a Vendor Fee to any USDA commodity processor.
- C. R10MRPC will utilize a year-end revenue report that details each participating member's generated sales with each awarded vendor.
 - 1) R10MRPC applies an equal percentage of the operational cost to each RFP.
 - 2) Total overhead and expenses are calculated for each RFP based on shared percentage.
 - 3) Total collected revenue is calculated against shared operational costs for each RFP. Any RFP that does not generate enough revenue to cover the shared percentage of expenses is not eligible for a rebate.
 - 4) Any member purchasing USDA commodity foods through our awarded grocery distributor will receive a rebate of collected fees minus the shared expenses.
 - 5) Any member participating in bids that have an excess of fees collected beyond the shared expenses will receive a rebate.
 - 6) Rebate amounts are calculated in October once the Region 10 ESC books are closed.
 - 7) Rebate checks are mailed to each eligible participating member in late November or December. Checks include a letter with instructions about the rebate check and that it must be deposited into the child nutrition fund account.
 - 8) R10MRPC will send out an email notification to each food service director that includes the amount of their rebate.

This Agreement allows R10MRPC to deduct the cost of services from the collected vendor fees and pay any remaining amount to members regularly. The R10MRPC's "profit margin", for purposes of this Agreement, shall be defined as the revenue received by the R10MRPC through the charging of the vendor fees outlined in the "Membership Fees" section below minus the expenses to the R10MRPC to operate the cooperative. The Coordinating Entity shall retain the profit margin; however, any revenue received more than the profit margin

("unanticipated profit") shall be distributed to the R10MRPC's participating members by the Fiscal Agent. R10MRPC is not permitted per state regulations to collect a profit from sales of processed commodities.

10. This Agreement and any modification(s) may be executed in separate copies; however, the Agreement must be Board of Trustee approved and physically signed by both participating parties using a "physical signature." Electronic or typed signatures will not be accepted. This Agreement may be exchanged and/or transmitted electronically via fax or scanned email. Proof of Board approval acceptable to R10MRPC must be submitted along with a completed and signed Agreement.

Membership Term. This Agreement shall be for a one-year term unless sooner terminated per the provisions of this Agreement. The conditions outlined in this Agreement shall apply to this single-year term. The Agreement year for each purchasing cooperative program commences July 1st and will extend through June 30th of the following calendar year.

Membership Fees. No membership fee shall be directly charged to participating members of the R10MRPC.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not allow federal funds received by ESC Child Nutrition components to be used to support purchasing cooperatives. Therefore, the R10MRPC is a fully self-funded entity through a "Vendor Participation Fee" on all commercial sales. This fee is collected directly from the awarded vendors in the fixed amount of .0085 for every \$1.00 of revenue. R10MRPC "does not charge" any fees to the Commodity Processors. All fees are used to cover expenses related to the administration, direct operation, and growth in services or software programs offered by the Cooperative to the members that benefit their foodservice operation. RAs, even though they may incur these fees indirectly, pay no direct fee to R10MRPC for participation.

The parties agree that the payments under this Agreement and any related exhibits and documents are amounts that fairly compensate the Coordinating Entity for the services or functions to be performed under the Agreement.

Authorization to Participate. The R10MRPC and each RA represent and warrant, by the execution and delivery of the Interlocal Agreement, that they have obtained all requisite authority through governing board action to enter and perform the terms of this Agreement. Proof of Board approval through Board meeting notes is accepted. If your school does not have a Board of Directors, the authorized representative's signature is acceptable.

Cooperation and Access. Each party agrees to cooperate with any reasonable requests for information and records made by the other party. Each party reserves the right to audit the relevant records of the other party during normal business hours. Any breach of this Article shall be considered material and shall make the Agreement subject to termination on ten (10) days' written notice to the RA.

Primary and Secondary Contact. The RA agrees to appoint a primary and secondary contact who shall have express authority to represent and bind the RA, and R10MRPC will not be required to contact any other individual regarding program matters. Any notice to a primary or secondary contact shall be binding upon the RA. The RA reserves the right to change the contacts as needed by giving written notice to R10MRPC. Such notice is not effective until actual receipt by R10MRPC.

Defense and Prosecution of Claims. The RA authorizes the Fiscal Agent, only concerning matters arising out of or contemplated by this Agreement: (1) to control the commencement, defense, intervention, or participation in a judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding; (2) to represent the R10MRPC in an arbitration, mediation, or any other form of alternative dispute resolution; (3) to represent the R10MRPC in any other appearance necessary to protect the rights of the R10MRPC relating to actions concerning any past or current, including any appearances and actions in litigation, claim or dispute; and (4) to engage legal counsel and appropriate experts that, in the Fiscal Agent's sole discretion, will assist with such defense or prosecution of any action or claim in matters arising out of this Agreement. The RA agrees that any suit brought against R10MRPC, the Fiscal Agent, or a R10MRPC or Fiscal Agent employee or agent may be defended in the name of R10MRPC, Region 10 Education Service Center, or the RA by the counsel selected by the Fiscal Agent, in its sole discretion, or its designee, on behalf of and at the expense of the R10MRPC as necessary for the prosecution or defense of any litigation or claim. Full cooperation by the RA shall be extended to supplying any information needed or requested by the Fiscal Agent or R10MRPC in such prosecution or defense. Subject to specific revocation, the RA designates the Fiscal Agent to act as a class representative on its behalf in matters arising from this Agreement.

Governance. R10MRPC shall be governed by the Fiscal Agent's Board of Trustees (hereinafter the "Board") per applicable law and regulations. Procurement processes and procedures are governed by applicable laws and regulations.

Limitations of Liability. The Fiscal Agent, its endorsers, and servicing contractors do not warrant that the operation or use of R10MRPC services will be uninterrupted or error-free. The Fiscal Agent, its endorsers, and servicing contractors, disclaim all warranties, express or implied, regarding any information, product, or service furnished under this Agreement, including without limitation, any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. The Parties agree that regarding all causes of action arising out of or relating to this Agreement, neither Party shall be liable to the other under any circumstances for special, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages, even if it has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Notice. Any written notice to the R10MRPC or the Fiscal Agent shall be made by: first class mail, postage prepaid and delivered to the Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative, Region 10 Education Service Center, 400 E Spring Valley Rd, Richardson, TX 75081-1300; Attn: Keri Warnick (contact person); or emailed to keri.warnick@region10.org with a copy to sue.hayes@region10.org.

Acceptance of USDA Foods Sent for Further Processing. The R10MRPC, through the Fiscal Agent, is granted the right to issue a cooperative bid/proposal (RFP) for the processing of selected USDA commodity foods donated by participating members. The R10MRPC, through the Fiscal Agent, is further granted the right to enter a Contract for Services with the commodity food processor(s) receiving the processing award(s) for agreed-upon processed end-products, to execute a service agreement on behalf of participating members. Participating members will have the right and responsibility to accept the processed end-product(s) for the life of the contract between R10MRPC, through the Fiscal Agent, and the processor for all commodity foods donated to, and for which processing was subsequently procured through, the R10MRPC. Excess commodities may be distributed according to USDA or TDA regulations and guidance.

Payment for Goods. Each Party, paying for any goods or services under this Agreement or related to this Agreement, must pay for such goods and services from available current revenues only.

PARTY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Role of the R10MRPC, through the Fiscal Agent:

1. Provide for the organizational and administrative structure of the program.
2. Provide staff with the time necessary for the efficient operation of the program.
3. Provide procurement training if requested.
4. Provide guidance and assistance or templates for the school's Procurement Procedures Manual and Code of Conduct Manual if requested.
5. The R10MRPC shall coordinate the Competitive Procurement Process for all Awarded Contracts using the Formal Procurement method of Requests for Proposals (RFP).
6. The R10MRPC shall follow the local, State, and Federal procurement guidelines as listed below:
 - a. United States Department (USDA) Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) parts 200.318-200.327 and Appendix II
 - b. Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM) Sections 16 and 17, 17a, 17b, and 17c.
 - c. Requiring Board of Directors' approval on all R10MRPC bid award recommendations.
 - d. Texas Education Code 44.031 relating to purchasing contracts.
 - e. Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as the guidelines pertain to Purchasing Cooperatives' procuring on behalf of its RAs. EDGAR refers to and requires Child Nutrition Food Purchasing Cooperatives to adhere to USDA Federal Regulations located in 2 CFR 200.317-200.327.
 - f. Form 1295 will be required to be filled out and filed with the Texas Ethics Commission by all awarded vendors and will be managed by the Fiscal Agent's Business Office.
7. Send solicitations for the Further Processing of USDA foods to all companies found on the TDA "Approved List of Vendors" without limitations.
8. Enter into a detailed agreement with distributors that distribute processed end-products containing USDA Foods including language to ensure proper resolution of errors such as data, pricing, product, reports, etc.
9. Do the following regarding USDA Foods:
 - a. Track and assist RAs with the management of their USDA Foods inventory balances to ensure compliance with TDA and USDA Foods inventory requirements.
 - b. Assist RAs with Sales Verifications of end products sold through a distributor, including but not limited to verification of rebates, discounts, and credits.
 - c. Provide RAs with information on commodity processing, including, but not limited to, anticipated delivery dates, product recalls or production issues, discontinued products, and replacement recommendations.
 - d. Provide the list of commodity items to RAs for purposes of obtaining quantity requests. This is done using an online software program.
 - e. Receive quantity requests from RAs for commodity processing through district entries into the online software and prepare appropriate quantity totals by item.
 - f. Provide a delivery schedule, on behalf of each RA, for all selected USDA Foods for Further Processing to each processor and distributor based on information collected from each RA.

10. The R10MRPC assumes no responsibility for failure of delivery by vendors, however, the R10MRPC will assist all RAs with service and product quality issues to ensure all vendors adhere to the terms and conditions of the awarded contract.
11. Initiate and implement activities related to the bidding and vendor selection process. Competitive bidding procedures for Texas public schools using Child Nutrition federal funds will be strictly followed.
12. Provide RAs with procedures for ordering, delivery, and billing.
13. Mediate problems/concerns between vendors and RAs.
14. Provide RAs access to all records, reports, and documents to ensure rebates, discounts and other applicable credits will accrue to the RA.
15. Make available or provide easy access to all procurement documents created and received for each awarded RFP and vendor, as required and in compliance with State Agency Administrative and Procurement Reviews.
16. Act ethically always and in accordance with all federal, state, and local guidelines.
17. Create and monitor/host an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is a voluntary member committee with a 2-year commitment that meets quarterly. The Committee goals are to act as liaison between R10MRPC and the membership base if needed, communicate information received from TDA to R10MRPC as necessary, and review or sample products to assist in the streamlining of offered bid awards and best products.

Role of the RA:

1. Commit to the General Provisions and Roles and Responsibilities of this Agreement by authorization of its governing body (School Board of Trustees) and by execution by an approved foodservice employee in the appropriate spaces on the attached form (physical signature copy must be provided to R10MRPC promptly following execution).
2. Designate a primary and secondary contact.
3. Commit to purchasing from selected bid categories as forecasted.
4. Provide an estimated quantity for each of the products desired through the use of the online required software Maestro Forecasting or as requested by the Program Coordinator during any single-year term of Participation.
5. Comply with all USDA and TDA regulations.
6. Prepare purchase orders issued to the appropriate vendor from the official award list provided by R10MRPC.
7. Accept shipments of products ordered from vendors per standard purchasing procedures.
8. Address product warranties and product qualities with the manufacturer.
9. Pay vendors' net amount due within agreed-upon terms after receipt of a correct monthly statement.
10. Participate in bid evaluation committees for the bids that the RA is utilizing. Evaluation committee meetings will include, but not be limited to, face-to-face group meetings, online voting, or any other form of participation as requested by the R10MRPC.
11. Act ethically always and in accordance with all Federal, State, and local guidelines, as well as R10MRPC Member Roles. The R10MRPC shares information with participating members that at times is considered confidential and proprietary. Members may be asked to sign Non-Disclosure Agreements and agree to adhere to the terms set forth in those agreements. Future membership in the R10MRPC may be jeopardized based on unethical handling of sensitive R10MRPC and/or vendor information.
12. Attend R10MRPC meetings and training classes to stay informed of the cooperative's processes and services offered. Training classes are specific to some of the "tools" offered by R10MRPC. Attending meetings and classes helps ensure your success as a participating RA in the R10MRPC.

13. Participates in a Member Advisory Committee through selection or appointment. The Member Advisory Committee is a small committee of R10MRPC participating members formed every 2 years. The Advisory Committee serves as the liaison for all participating members when a conflict or concern arises regarding R10MRPC if needed, and annually reviews all procurement practices by the R10MRPC to ensure compliance in all areas, along with other tasks.
14. The following roles will apply to participating members who commit entitlement dollars for the USDA processed commodity foods:
 - a. The RA shall access the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system on a regular basis to effectively manage USDA Foods entitlement, food requests, and allocations.
 - b. The RA shall track and manage USDA Foods inventory balances to ensure compliance with TDA and USDA Foods inventory requirements, i.e., inventory levels shall not exceed a six (6) month supply at any given time; access processor tracking systems (K12 Foodservice, ProcessorLink, or other) on a regular basis; and report inventory issues to R10MRPC.
 - c. The RA shall conduct Sales Verifications of end-products sold through a distributor, including but not limited to verification of rebates, discounts, and credits.
 - d. The RA shall maintain copies of the original Child Nutrition (“CN”) Label from the product, carton; or a photograph of the CN Label as it appears on the original product carton if available.

BID PARTICIPATION SELECTIONS for SY 2025-2026

The following Bid Participation agreement, as an integrated part of the Agreement, is entered into by and between the District/RA, as indicated below, and Region 10 Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative (R10MRPC) for participation in one or more of the R10MRPC awarded bids. This agreement is a single-term agreement effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The R10MRPC formally procures several competitive RFPs (Request for Proposals) on behalf of all participating members. Each member is required to complete this Bid Participation Agreement and forecast all products planned for purchase if they wish to utilize the R10MRPC awarded bids during the term of this agreement.

To help the R10MRPC represent the most accurate information to potential bidders, ***please place a check mark to the left of each bid listed below that you “plan” to use during the SY 2025-2026.*** Each RFP is explained on the next page to assist you in the best decision as to which bid(s) best fit your needs. The R10MRPC does not guarantee any vendor that any item will be purchased, however, members should seriously consider each selected bid as member forecasting of each product planned on each selected bid is required prior to the release of a new bid or renewal bid.

	Full-Line Grocery, NOI/FFS Distributor
	USDA Foods For Further Processing
	Milk: Full-Service Delivery
	Fresh Bread
	Ice Cream Novelties
	Beverages (container)
	Manufacturer Direct-to-District (commercial foods) – requires MRPC approval
	Dispensed Fruit Beverages
	GDSN Connection Software

	Chips & Snacks
	Fresh Meats and Produce
	Small Wares
	Kitchen Chemicals & Cleaning Supplies
	Sanitation Systems & Safety Training
	Coffee Bar Products
	Milk Coolers
	Armored Car Services

Please provide us with your district's main address as listed on your website or in the directory:

District Name	Main Campus/Bldg. Name
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Street Number & Name	City	State	Zip Code
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Interlocal Agreement for SY 2025-2026 Signature and Authorization Form

By signing this page, the RA confirms entering into an interlocal agreement with Region 10 Education Service Center, as the Fiscal Agent and Coordinating Entity for the R10MRPC, per all Agreement terms, Membership Roles and Responsibilities, and Bid Participation selection(s) as stated on pages 3-10 and indicated on page 11.

As of July 1, 2025, _____ and the Region 10 Education Service Center/Fiscal Agent
District Name/Recipient Agency (RA)

enter this Interlocal Agreement, including Bid Participation. As the authorized Agent for the Board of Trustees or Authorized Representative of the RA, I hereby execute this Agreement on behalf of RA and intend to be bound by the provisions set forth herein for a single-year term, unless otherwise terminated by either party per the terms outlined in the Agreement. Physical signatures are required, typed or digital signatures will not be accepted.

District/ Name	ESC Region	2024-2025 Enrollment
# Of Participating Campuses	County/Counties in Which Campuses are Located	
Printed Name: Primary Foodservice Contact	X Signature: Primary Foodservice Contact	Date Signed
Email: Primary Contact	Phone: Primary Contact	
Printed Name: Secondary Foodservice Contact	Email: Secondary Foodservice Contact	
Phone: Secondary Foodservice Contact		

Board of Director Approval (or authorized rep): Date Completed and Signature Below or Meeting Minutes are acceptable.

Printed Name: Authorized Board Director (or Authorized Representative)	
X Signature: Authorized Board Director (or Authorized Representative)	Date Signed/Completed

Below Area: For Region 10 MRPC Use Only

	Keri Warnick	Date Signed
R10MRPC Authorized Signature	R10MRPC Contact Person	
Program Coordinator	972-348-1448	
Title of Contact Person	Office Phone	

Bids Overview

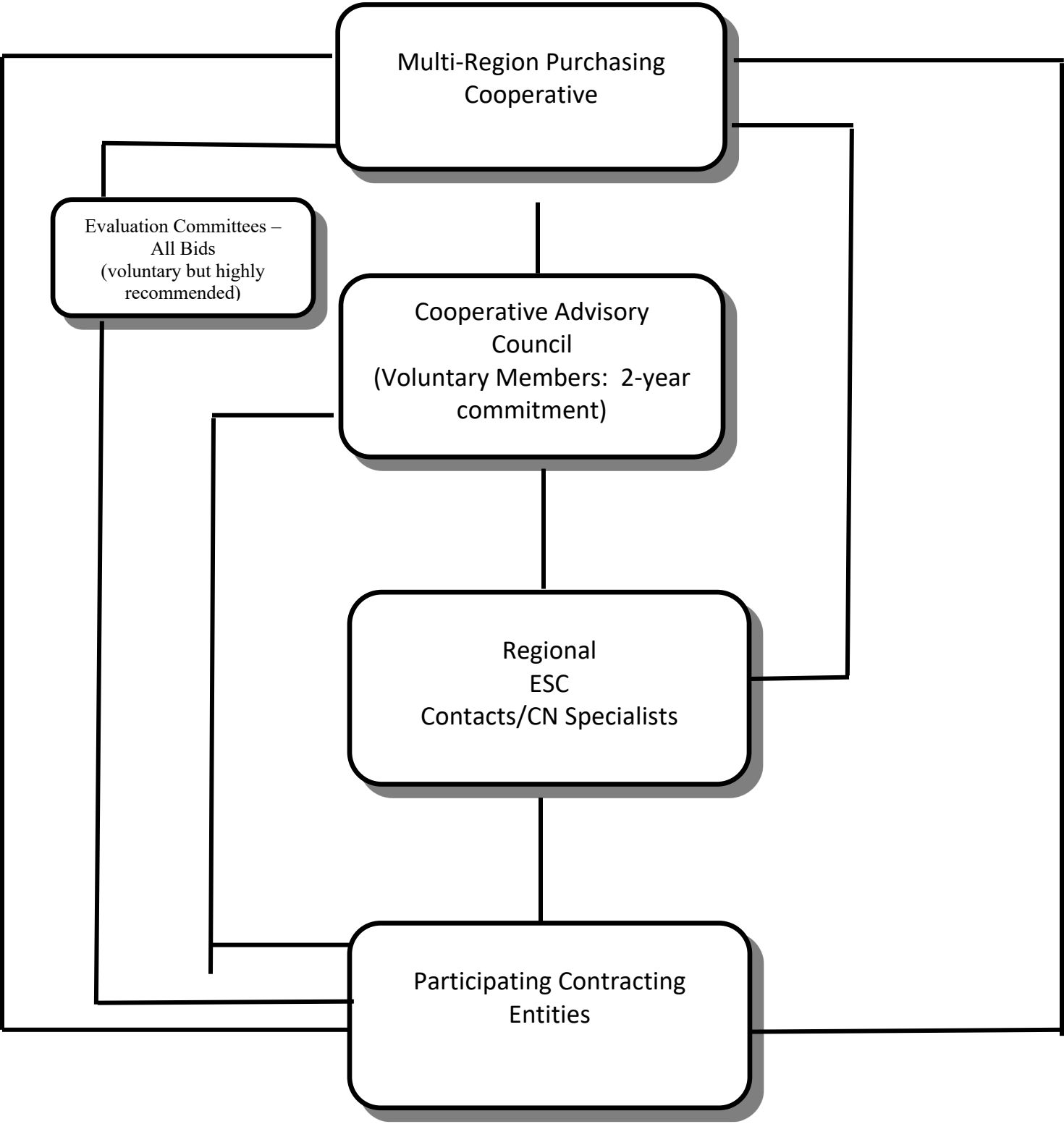
Each year awarded bids are either renewed, if options are available, or released as new based on factors such as no remaining renewal options, material change in contract value, growth in cooperative membership participation, too many discontinuations or new items to consider, or restructuring of the areas to be serviced in the cooperative. The following is the list of RFPs that will be offered in SY25-26 and information if they will be new or renewed.

Bid Category	Bid Description	Current RFP #	Will This Bid Be Renewed?	Vendors To Be Renewed	Contract Year in SY25-26
Beverages - Container	Drinks in containers such as Coke, Dr Pepper, Gatorade, Water, etc....that meet Smart Snack and/or used for before or after school events if managed by foodservice	2022-01-12	Yes	Coca Cola; Dr Pepper; Master's Distribution	4 of 5
Chips & Snacks	Smart Snack approved chips and snacks for a' la carte sales	2022-02-13	Yes	Master's Distribution	4 of 5
Coffee Bar	Cold contained coffees, coffee beans or grounds, syrups, etc.... for Coffee Bars. Smart Snack compliant	2023-03	Yes	Trident Beverage	3 of 5
Dispensed Fruit Beverages	100% dispensed fruit slush beverages, awarded company provides dispensing machine and product.	2022-11	No	TBD	1 of 5
Fresh Bread	Direct delivery from bread vendor to campuses. Fresh bread products	2023-02	Yes	Bimbo Bakery, Flowers Bakery	3 of 5
Fresh Produce & Raw Meats	Fresh produce and raw meats; produce held to monthly market price	2023-04	Yes	Brother's Food Service; Farmers Market Ft Worth; R Craig Stephens; Walnut Creek Farms; Hardie's; Freshpoint	3 of 5

Bid Category	Bid Description	Current RFP #	Will This Bid Be Renewed?	Vendors To Be Renewed	Contract Year in SY25-26
Full-Line Grocery, NOI & FFS	Main-line distributor of commercial foods, processed commodity foods, fresh produce, and non-food foodservice items.	2021-02	Yes	Labatt	5 of 5
Ice Cream	Frozen Ice Cream novelties, delivered directly from vendor, smart snack compliant	2021-05	Yes	Blue Bonnet, Klement Distribution, Yumi Ice Cream	5 of 5
Kitchen Chemicals & Cleaning Supplies	Kitchen and cafeteria cleaning supplies such as chemicals, mops, gloves, as well as testing kits, etc....	2022-08	Yes	Complete Supply, Eco Lab, Kirby	4 of 5
Manufacturer Direct-to-District	Direct delivery in large quantities to approved RAs of commercial foods only. Must have a loading dock and the ability to unload the truck and store large minimum drops of food product.	2021-08	Yes	Alpha Foods, Cool Tropics, Nat'l. Food Group, Smartmouth, Tyson	5 of 5
Milk - Full Service Delivery	Milk delivery, rotate and restock of needed products, milk boxes supplied if needed by some vendors	2023-01	No	TBD	1 of 5
Sanitation Systems & Safety Training	Sanitation System, monthly visit from rep to restock needed sanitation products; staff training and safety training classes available	2021-15	Yes	SFS PortionPac	5 of 5
Small Wares	All types of small wares for foodservice needs	2022-09	Yes	Ace Mart, Sam Tell & Son, Strategic Equipment	4 of 5
USDA Foods for Further Processing	Processed USDA foods to be received through direct delivery, distributor or contracted warehouse	2021-22	Yes	Multiple processors approved by TDA	4 of 5

Bid Category	Bid Description	Current RFP #	Will This Bid Be Renewed?	Vendors To Be Renewed	Contract Year in SY25-26
Sanitation Systems & Safety Training 2	Supplemental Bid for Sanitation System, monthly visit from rep to restock needed sanitation products; staff training and safety training classes available	2023-07	Yes	SFS PortionPac	3 of 5
Software Services	GDSN Connection Software Service: This RFP will seek to award a vendor that offers an RA the ability to connect to product data in the Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN) through an online software platform. Benefits such as export and import features into back-of-house software, product data changes updates, menu building, procurement features, and other options will be requested.	2024-01	Renewal	inTEAM Associates	2 of 5
Armored Car Services	Cash pickup and deposit services under the security of an Armored Car.	TBD	New	TBD	1 of 5

Region 10 Education Service Center
Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative



Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting:

Agenda Item:

AGENDA SECTION:

READING:

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

DEPARTMENT:

DISTRICT GOAL(S) ALIGNMENT:

1. Create innovative opportunities for ALL students to prepare for success beyond graduation.
2. Every campus will have an A rating by 2028 through exemplary teaching and student-centered learning.
3. Cultivate an environment where our employees choose Lockhart Independent School District.

AGENDA TITLE:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:



Interlocal Participation Agreement for the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative

The GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative (“GoodBuy”), is a Purchasing Cooperative authorized by Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 791.001 *et seq.* as amended, operated by the Education Service Center, Region 2 (“Region 2 ESC”), a state agency, as authorized by Tex. Educ. Code (“TEC”) §8.002 and TEC §44.031(a)(4). The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate compliance with state bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, to relieve the burdens of the governmental purchasing function, and to realize the various potential economies, including administrative cost savings, for Program Members. Program Members may purchase goods and services from any and all GoodBuy vendors, under the same terms, conditions, and price as stated in each GoodBuy awarded contract. GoodBuy excludes engineering, architectural, land surveyors, doctors, nurses and construction services. The purchase of goods through GoodBuy includes the purchase of any services reasonably required for the installation, operation, or maintenance of purchased goods, where such services are included in the awarded Vendor contract.

MEMBERSHIP

1. **Program Members.** Program Members must be qualifying local governmental entities of the State of Texas or another State; or qualifying private non-profit entities with tax exempt status under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), operating private schools or child care facilities.
2. To become a Program Member requires the approval of this Agreement by the governing body of the Member, and by the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. Each Program member must submit a copy of this Agreement signed by an authorized representative of the Member, along with a signed copy of a Resolution approved by the Program Member’s governing body, to Region 2 ESC, as a condition of membership, as set forth below.
3. **Non-governmental Members.** In addition to the membership requirements set forth in Paragraph 2 above, all non-governmental entities seeking membership in GoodBuy must produce such documents as may be required from time to time by GoodBuy, to demonstrate each such non-governmental entity is eligible to become a Program Member under applicable law.
4. **Membership Term.** This Agreement shall be for one calendar year, which shall run from September 1 through August 31 of each calendar year, and shall become effective upon approval by both the Program Member’s governing body, and the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, unless sooner terminated as provided in this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to the initial term of Membership and all renewals, unless the terms and conditions are modified in writing, and approved by the governing body of GoodBuy, the Region 2 ESC Board of Directors. There is no fee for Program Membership.
5. **Termination of Membership.** Either the Program Member or Region 2 ESC may elect to non-renew this Agreement by sixty (60) days written notice of non-renewal delivered to the designated representative of the other party, as set forth below. This Agreement may also be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the designated representative set forth below, with or without cause. If the Program Member terminates its participation during the term of this Agreement or if GoodBuy terminates participation of the Program Member under any provision of this Article, the Program Member shall bear the full financial responsibility for any purchases by the Program Member occurring after the termination date.



Services Provided by GoodBuy:

GoodBuy will:

- Provide the organization and administrative structure of the program, including all staff necessary for the efficient operation of the program;
- Solicit requests from Program Members for adding categories/commodities and relevant specifications, and quantity demands for goods and services that could be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Prepare specifications for procurement of goods and services to be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Publish solicitations for prices and bids from potential Vendors of goods and services to be included in the GoodBuy program;
- Qualify potential Vendors and their goods or services, based on published bid criteria, and including the conducting of due diligence of potential Vendors;
- Tabulate price quotes, unit prices, and other information provided by potential Vendors of goods and services, to determine awarded Vendors for specific goods and services;
- Making all Vendor background research information and bids, and GoodBuy awarded Vendor contract analysis information available to Program Members;
- Maintain and publish the list of all GoodBuy awarded contracts, including all relevant information about the goods and services available under each awarded Vendor contract; and
- Provide Members with procedures for ordering, delivery, and billing for Member purchases from GoodBuy vendors.

Region 2 ESC is the designated entity that shall supervise the GoodBuy performance of this Agreement.

Any written notice to the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, and delivered to: GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative, Education Service Center, Region 2, 209 N. Water St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-2528 or by e-mail sent and actually received by GoodBuy to a GoodBuy Relations Representative at goodbuy@esc2.net.

Member Obligations:

- Each Program Member warrants that all Vendor payments, or other disbursements required under this Agreement will be made from current revenues budgeted and available to that Member.
- Program Members commit to purchase goods and services that become part of the official GoodBuy products and services list when it is in the best interest of the member entity.
- Each Program Member agrees to prepare purchase orders or provide other documentation issued to the appropriate vendor from the official awarded Vendor list provided by GoodBuy clearly noting contract number on it, as may be required by Member policy and procedures; provide a copy of each such Purchase Order, or Member approved order confirmation, Vendor Invoice or other proof of purchase for a purchase to the GoodBuy representative no later than 60 business days of the Member purchase from a GoodBuy Vendor;
- Accept shipments of products or delivery of services ordered from vendors in accordance with standard GoodBuy purchasing procedures.



- Pay Vendors in a timely manner for all goods and services received.
- Report promptly in writing to GoodBuy any and all instances in which a Program Member has rejected goods or services delivered to the Member by any awarded GoodBuy Vendor, or has cancelled any previously approved Purchase Order or invoice Order for goods or services to be provided by any awarded GoodBuy Vendor, to the designated GoodBuy representative.
- It is also a condition precedent to the approval of this Agreement for each Program Member by the Board of Directors of Region 2 ESC, that each prospective Program Member shall designate the person or persons who have express authority to represent and bind the Program Members in the administration and operation of this Agreement, with respect to GoodBuy purchasing, and Region 2 ESC will not be obligated to contact any other individual(s) regarding GoodBuy matters. A Program Member may change the designated Member representative listed below at any time by submitting written notice to goodbuy@esc2.net.

Program Member Name: Lockhart ISD

Program Member Designated GoodBuy representative(s):

Name: <u>Tanya Homann</u>	Title: _____	Contact Information: _____
<u>Purchasing Director</u>		(Address) <u>419 Bois D' Arc Street</u>
Email: <u>tanya.homann@lockhart.txed.net</u>		City: <u>Lockhart</u>
Telephone: <u>512-398-0052</u>		State: <u>Texas, 78644</u>
Facsimile: <u>512-398-0025</u>		

The Program Member shall provide proof of goods and services purchased via any GoodBuy contract (purchase orders, monthly activity reports, order confirmations, invoices, etc.) to GoodBuy (all purchases conducted through GoodBuy Awarded Vendor contracts). These reports may be modified from time to time as deemed appropriate by GoodBuy.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Governing Law and Venue.** The Program Member and GoodBuy agree that this Agreement is governed by the law of the State of Texas and the published policies and procedures of GoodBuy. Any and all suits arising from this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction and venue shall lie in Nueces County, Texas.
- 2. Cooperation and Access.** The Program Member and GoodBuy agree that they will cooperate in compliance with any reasonable requests for information and/or records made by GoodBuy or the Program Member. GoodBuy reserves the right to audit the relevant records of any Program Member, and vice-versa.
- 3. Defense and Prosecution of Claims.** The ESC shall not be responsible or obligated to defend any claims against the Member or prosecute any claims on behalf of the Member.
- 4. Legal Counsel.** The Region 2 ESC shall not be responsible or obligated to provide or act as legal counsel to the Member with respect to any matter regarding this Agreement.
- 5. Purchase Contracts.** The Region 2 ESC and GoodBuy shall not be a party to any contracts made by the Member for the purchase of goods or services with any vendor through the GoodBuy program.



6. No Warranty. The Region 2 ESC and/or GoodBuy does not warrant, sponsor, or endorse the goods or services of any GoodBuy Vendor.
7. It is the responsibility of the Program Member purchasing from GoodBuy awarded vendors ensure that the applicable purchasing requirements for the Member are met in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal procurement law.
8. Mediation. All claims and disputes arising under this Agreement shall be submitted to non-binding mediation before a neutral mediator in Nueces County, Texas, with the party demanding mediation of a claim being obligated to pay all costs and expenses of mediation.
9. Compliance with Procurement Laws. GoodBuy shall use its best effects to solicit prices for goods and services in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing purchase contracts by Members, and will keep a record of its procurement methodology for inspection by any Member. Each Member is responsible for determining, in consultation with its legal counsel, whether purchasing through this cooperative will satisfy the requirements of any applicable law or regulation governing the Program Member.
10. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties hereto with respect to the matters covered by its terms, and it may not be modified in any manner without the express written consent of the Parties.
11. If any term(s) or provision(s) of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect
12. No Party to this Agreement waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents as a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions and obligations described herein.
13. **THE GOODBUY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, ITS ENDORSERS, AND SERVICING CONTRACTORS HEREBY DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN REGARD TO ANY INFORMATION, PRODUCT, OR SERVICE FURNISHED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.**
14. **THE PARTIES AGREE THAT IN REGARD TO ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, EVEN IF IT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES**
15. **GoodBuy and Region 2 ESC, their ENDORSERS AND SERVICING CONTRACTORS, DO NOT WARRANT THAT THE OPERATION OR USE OF PROGRAM SERVICES WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE.**



16. Merger: The Interlocal Participation Agreement, Board Resolution, Terms and Conditions, and General Provisions represent the complete understanding of the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative, and Program Member electing to participate in the Program.

17. Representation of Authorization: By the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the undersigned individuals warrant that they have been duly authorized by all requisite administrative action required to enter into and perform the terms of this Agreement.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GOODBUY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, as acting on behalf of all other Program Members

By: _____ Date: _____
GoodBuy Relations Representative, Region 2 ESC

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

(Name of Program Member)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM MEMBER

By: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of authorized representative of Program Member)



**Shared Service Arrangement for Participation in the
Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative
(A program of the Education Service Center, Region 2)**

Board Resolution

_____ Lockhart ISD _____, and
(local government name)

WHEREAS, the _____ Lockhart ISD _____, local government (Hereinafter "Member") pursuant to the authority by Article 791et.seq.of the Inter-local Cooperation Act, as amended, desires to participate in the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative.

WHEREAS, the _____ Lockhart ISD _____, local government has elected to be a Member of the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative, a program created by local governments in accordance with the Inter-local Cooperation Act 791, Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, the Member, is of the opinion that participation in the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers of the local government through the efficiencies and potential savings to be realized through participation in this Shared Service Arrangement Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Member desires to participate and join with other local governments in a cooperative inter-local agreement and a shared service agreement for the purpose of fulfilling and implementing their respective public governmental purposes, needs, objectives, programs, functions and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Member does request the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative include its stated needs for all categories of instructional goods and services, whereby the Member may be allowed to purchase those items from the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative contracts; and that the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative is authorized to sign and deliver all necessary requests and other documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of the Members that have elected to participate in this agreement.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Member does hereby authorize its Board President, Superintendent or other officer to execute this Agreement.

Revised 05/08/2014



FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the execution of this Resolution shall evidence the election of the Member and eligible local governments to become members of the Multi-Regional Purchasing Program Shared Service Agreement upon the terms and conditions stated. The Board of Directors has, and at the time of adoption of this Resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing Resolution and to confer the obligations, powers, and authority to the persons named, who hereby grant the power to exercise the same.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the _____ Lockhart ISD _____ local government on the _____ 24 _____ day of 2025 _____, and that the same now appears of record in its official minutes.

Adopted and approved this _____ 24 _____ day of _____ February _____, 2025 _____.

By: _____, Date: _____
(Local Government Official)

_____ Superintendent _____
(Title of Official)

Attest:

_____ Date: _____
(Secretary of the Board of Directors)

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LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Resolution of Board to Convene the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to Recommend Curriculum Materials for Instruction Relating to the Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking

WHEREAS, Section 28.004(q1) of the Texas Education Code required the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution convening the local school health advisory council (SHAC) for the purpose of making recommendations regarding curriculum materials for the District's instruction relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lockhart Independent School District hereby calls for the convening of the District SHAC to:

1. Hold at least two public meetings on the curriculum materials before adopting recommendations to present to the board.
2. Recommend curriculum materials that comply with the instructional content requirements in law, are suitable for the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended, and are reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the materials are intended.
3. Present the SHAC's recommendations to the Board at a public meeting by April 2025.

Adopted this 24th day of February 2025, by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding Officer's signature: _____

Secretary's signature: _____

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LOCKHART I.S.D. BOARD

Tax Collection Report

JANUARY 2025

	January	Prior Months	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR
2024 Tax Collection	\$14,123,949.17	\$15,879,377.45	\$30,003,326.62	\$26,027,668.35
2023 & Prior Collection	\$287,787.43	\$912,534.17	\$1,200,321.60	\$907,961.94
Total Tax Collection =	\$14,411,736.60	\$16,791,911.62	\$31,203,648.22	\$26,935,630.29

note: Above figures include penalties and interest collected

2024 Original Levy \$34,299,154.11

January 31, 2025 Percent of 2024 Tax Collected	87.69%
January 31, 2024 Percent of 2023 Tax Collected	86.70%
January 31, 2023 Percent of 2022 Tax Collected	89.05%
January 31, 2025 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$3,197,912.46
January 31, 2024 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,458,346.78
January 31, 2023 - Balance of Delinquent Tax	\$2,155,616.12

Corrections made to Current Tax Roll \$2,652.49

Corrections made to Delinquent Tax Roll \$50,458.51

NOTE:

Caldwell County Appraisal District has collected and disbursed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$19,412.42

Submitted by:

Shanna Ramzinski

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 Chief Appraiser
 Caldwell County Appraisal District

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**Lockhart ISD
Cash Investments Report
As of January 31, 2025**

	Texas Term	Texpool	First Lockhart	District Funds Total
General Fund	\$ 392,360	\$ 31,048,944	\$ 3,550,048	\$ 34,991,351
Redemption Fund			\$ 2,295	\$ 2,295
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$ 1,485,343	\$ 6,233,325	\$ 808,303	\$ 8,526,971
Payroll			\$ 771,680	\$ 771,680
School Nutrition	\$ 7,531	\$ 896,412	\$ 281,588	\$ 1,185,531
2023 Bond Proceeds	\$ 38,036,812		\$ 915,756	\$ 38,952,567
District Funds	\$ 39,922,045	\$ 38,178,682	\$ 6,329,670	\$ 84,430,397
C.D. Marshall JHS Scholarship		\$ 32,761		\$ 32,761
G.F. Hudnall Scholarship		\$ 17,113		\$ 17,113
L. White Scholarship		\$ 16,001		\$ 16,001
Mary Barron Canning Sanders Schol.		\$ 6,817		\$ 6,817
Fiduciary Funds			\$ 18,567	\$ 18,567
Roland Endowment Scholarship			\$ 21,741	\$ 21,741
Canning Engineering Scholarship		\$ 26,771		\$ 26,771
Mohle Scholarship		\$ 1,145		\$ 1,145
Top Ten Scholarship			\$ 149,478	\$ 149,478
Scholarship Funds	\$ -	\$ 100,607	\$ 189,787	\$ 290,394
Monthly rate in Bank/Pool:	4.55%	4.51%	3.00%	

Earnings from Temporary Investment Budget Amount (General Fund)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Earnings Realized	\$ 687,147
Budget Balance (Interest received in excess of budget)	\$ 312,853

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(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue font: **new text**.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes **moved text**.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes — as in an extensive rewrite — may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

Contact us:

School Districts and Education Service Centers, call 800-580-7529 or email policy.service@tasb.org.

Community Colleges, call 800-580-1488 or email colleges@tasb.org.

All Trustees, employees, vendors, contractors, agents, consultants, volunteers, and any other parties who are involved in the District's financial transactions shall act with integrity and diligence in duties involving the District's fiscal resources.

Note: See the following policies and/or administrative regulations regarding conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial oversight:

- Code of ethics:
 - for Board members— BBF
 - for employees— DH
- Financial conflicts of interest:
 - for public officials— BBFA
 - for all employees— DBD
 - for vendors— CHE
- Compliance with state and federal grant and award requirements: CB, CBB
- Financial conflicts and gifts and gratuities regarding federal funds: CB, CBB
- Systems for monitoring the District's investment program: CDA
- Budget planning and evaluation: CE
- Compliance with accounting regulations: CFC
- Activity fund management: CFD
- Criminal history record information for employees: DBAA, DC
- Disciplinary action for fraud by employees: DCD, DCE, and DF series

Fraud and Financial Impropriety

The District prohibits fraud and financial impropriety, as defined below, in the actions of its Trustees, employees, vendors, contractors, agents, consultants, volunteers, and others seeking or maintaining a business relationship with the District.

Definition

Fraud and financial impropriety shall include but not be limited to:

1. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of any document or account belonging to the District.
2. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of a check, bank draft, or any other financial document.

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FINANCIAL ETHICS

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3. Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies, or other District assets, including employee time.
4. Impropriety in the handling of money or reporting of District financial transactions.
5. Profiteering as a result of insider knowledge of District information or activities.
6. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential or proprietary information to outside parties.
7. Unauthorized disclosure of investment activities engaged in or contemplated by the District.
8. Accepting or seeking anything of material value from contractors, vendors, or other persons providing services or materials to the District, except as otherwise permitted by law or District policy. [See CB, DBD]
9. Inappropriately destroying, removing, or using records, furniture, fixtures, or equipment.
10. Failure to provide financial records required by federal, state, or local entities.
11. Failure to disclose conflicts of interest as required by law or District policy.
12. Any other dishonest act regarding the finances of the District.
13. Failure to comply with requirements imposed by law, the awarding agency, or a pass-through entity for state and federal awards.

Financial Controls and Oversight

Each employee who supervises or prepares District financial reports or transactions shall set an example of honest and ethical behavior and shall actively monitor his or her area of responsibility for fraud and financial impropriety.

Fraud Prevention

The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall maintain a system of internal controls to deter and monitor for fraud or financial impropriety in the District.

Reports

Any person who suspects fraud or financial impropriety in the District shall report the suspicions immediately to a person with authority to investigate the suspicions, including any supervisor, the Superintendent ~~or designee~~, the Board President, or local law enforcement.

Reports of suspected fraud or financial impropriety shall be treated as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Limited disclosure

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may be necessary to complete a full investigation or to comply with law. All employees involved in an investigation shall be advised to keep information about the investigation confidential.

Protection from Retaliation

Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against a person who in good faith reports perceived fraud or financial impropriety. [See DG]

Fraud Investigations

In coordination with legal counsel and other internal or external departments or agencies, as appropriate, the Superintendent, Board President, or a designee shall promptly investigate reports of potential fraud or financial impropriety.

Response

If an investigation substantiates a report of fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall promptly inform the Board of the report, the investigation, and any responsive action taken or recommended by the administration.

If an employee is found to have committed fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall take or recommend appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment. If a contractor or vendor is found to have committed fraud or financial impropriety, the District shall take appropriate action, which may include cancellation of the District's relationship with the contractor or vendor.

When circumstances warrant, the Board, Superintendent, or a designee may refer matters to appropriate law enforcement or regulatory authorities. In cases involving monetary loss to the District, the District may seek to recover lost or misappropriated funds.

The final disposition of the matter and any decision to file a criminal complaint or to refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency for independent investigation shall be made in consultation with legal counsel.

Federal Awards Disclosure

~~The~~ In connection with federal awards, the District shall promptly disclose, ~~in a timely manner~~ in writing ~~to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, all violations~~ whenever the District has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations ~~potentially affecting~~ found in federal law, including the Civil False Claims Act. This provision applies to any activities or subawards of a federal ~~grant~~ award. [See CBB]

Analysis of Fraud

After any investigation substantiates a report of fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall analyze conditions or factors that may have contributed to the fraudulent or improper activity. The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall ensure that

appropriate administrative procedures are developed and implemented to prevent future misconduct. These measures shall be presented to the Board for review.

Investment Authority

The Superintendent, assistant superintendent, chief financial officer or other person designated by Board resolution shall serve as the investment officer of the District and shall invest District funds as directed by the Board and in accordance with the District's written investment policy and generally accepted accounting procedures. All investment transactions except investment pool funds and mutual funds shall be settled on a delivery versus payment basis.

**Approved
Investment
Instruments**

From those investments authorized by law and described further in CDA(LEGAL) under Authorized Investments, the Board shall permit investment of District funds, including bond proceeds and pledged revenue to the extent allowed by law, in only the following investment types, consistent with the strategies and maturities defined in this policy:

1. Obligations of, or guaranteed by, governmental entities as permitted by Government Code 2256.009.
2. Certificates of deposit and share certificates as permitted by Government Code 2256.010.
3. Fully collateralized repurchase agreements permitted by Government Code 2256.011.
4. A securities lending program as permitted by Government Code 2256.0115.
5. Commercial paper as permitted by Government Code 2256.013.
6. No-load mutual funds, except for bond proceeds, and no-load money market mutual funds, as permitted by Government Code 2256.014.
7. A guaranteed investment contract as an investment vehicle for bond proceeds, provided it meets the criteria and eligibility requirements established by Government Code 2256.015.
8. Public funds investment pools as permitted by Government Code 2256.016.

Safety

The primary goal of the investment program is to ensure safety of principal, to maintain liquidity, and to maximize financial returns within current market conditions in accordance with this policy. Investments shall be made in a manner that ensures the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio, and offsets during a 12-month period any market price losses resulting from interest-rate fluctuations by income received from the balance of the portfolio. No individual investment transaction shall be undertaken that jeopardizes the total capital position of the overall portfolio.

OTHER REVENUES
INVESTMENTS

CDA
(LOCAL)

**Investment
Management**

In accordance with Government Code 2256.005(b)(3), the quality and capability of investment management for District funds shall be in accordance with the standard of care, investment training, and other requirements set forth in Government Code Chapter 2256.

**Liquidity and
Maturity**

Any internally created pool fund group of the District shall have a maximum dollar weighted maturity of 180 days. The maximum allowable stated maturity of any other individual investment owned by the District shall not exceed two years from the time of purchase. The Board may specifically authorize a longer maturity for a given investment, within legal limits.

The District's investment portfolio shall have sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash flow requirements.

Diversity

The investment portfolio shall be diversified in terms of investment instruments, maturity scheduling, and financial institutions to reduce risk of loss resulting from overconcentration of assets in a specific class of investments, specific maturity, or specific issuer.

**Monitoring Market
Prices**

The investment officer shall monitor the investment portfolio and shall keep the Board informed of significant changes in the market value of the District's investment portfolio. Information sources may include financial/investment publications and electronic media, available software for tracking investments, depository banks, commercial or investment banks, financial advisers, and representatives/advisers of investment pools or money market funds. Monitoring shall be done ~~monthly or~~ **monthly or** more often as economic conditions warrant by using appropriate reports, indices, or benchmarks for the type of investment.

**Monitoring Rating
Changes**

In accordance with Government Code 2256.005(b), the investment officer shall develop a procedure to monitor changes in investment ratings and to liquidate investments that do not maintain satisfactory ratings.

Funds / Strategies

Investments of the following fund categories shall be consistent with this policy and in accordance with the applicable strategy defined below. All strategies described below for the investment of a particular fund should be based on an understanding of the suitability of an investment to the financial requirements of the District and consider preservation and safety of principal, liquidity, marketability of an investment if the need arises to liquidate before maturity, diversification of the investment portfolio, and yield.

Operating Funds

Investment strategies for operating funds (including any commingled pools containing operating funds) shall have as their primary objectives safety of principal, investment liquidity, and maturity sufficient to meet anticipated cash flow requirements.

OTHER REVENUES
INVESTMENTS

CDA
(LOCAL)

Enterprise and
Custodial Funds

Investment strategies for enterprise and custodial funds shall have as their primary objectives safety of principal, investment liquidity, and maturity sufficient to meet anticipated cash flow requirements.

Debt Service Funds

Investment strategies for debt service funds shall have as their primary objective sufficient investment liquidity to timely meet debt service payment obligations in accordance with provisions in the bond documents. Maturities longer than one year are authorized provided legal limits are not exceeded.

Capital Project
Funds

Investment strategies for capital project funds shall have as their primary objective sufficient investment liquidity to timely meet capital project obligations. Maturities longer than one year are authorized provided legal limits are not exceeded.

**Safekeeping and
Custody**

The District shall retain clearly marked receipts providing proof of the District's ownership. The District may delegate, however, to an investment pool the authority to hold legal title as custodian of investments purchased with District funds by the investment pool.

**Sellers of
Investments**

Prior to handling investments on behalf of the District, a broker/dealer or a qualified representative of a business organization must submit required written documents in accordance with law. [See Sellers of Investments, CDA(LEGAL)]

Representatives of brokers/dealers [and representatives with distributors of investment pools](#) shall be registered with the Texas State Securities Board and must have membership in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) and be in good standing with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). [Distributors of investment pools shall also be a registrant in good standing with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board \(MSRB\).](#)

**Soliciting Bids for
CDs**

In order to get the best return on its investments, the District may solicit bids for certificates of deposit in writing, by telephone, or electronically, or by a combination of these methods.

Interest Rate Risk

To reduce exposure to changes in interest rates that could adversely affect the value of investments, the District shall use final and weighted-average-maturity limits and diversification.

The District shall monitor interest rate risk using weighted average maturity and specific identification.

Internal Controls

A system of internal controls shall be established and documented in writing and must include specific procedures designating who has authority to withdraw funds. Also, they shall be designed to protect against losses of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in

financial markets, or imprudent actions by employees and officers of the District. Controls deemed most important shall include:

1. Separation of transaction authority from accounting and recordkeeping and electronic transfer of funds.
2. Avoidance of collusion.
3. Custodial safekeeping.
4. Clear delegation of authority.
5. Written confirmation of telephone transactions.
6. Documentation of dealer questionnaires, quotations and bids, evaluations, transactions, and rationale.
7. Avoidance of bearer-form securities.

These controls shall be reviewed by the District's independent auditing firm.

Annual Review

The Board shall review this investment policy and investment strategies not less than annually and shall document its review in writing, which shall include whether any changes were made to either the investment policy or investment strategies.

Annual Audit

In conjunction with the annual financial audit, the District shall perform a compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to the District's established investment policies.

Intellectual Property	All copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights be- longing to the District shall remain with the District at all times. Ex- cept as provided by law, policy, or written authorization from the Superintendent, the use of District intellectual property shall be lim- ited to District-related purposes.
Students	A student shall retain all rights to their own work created as part of instruction or using District technology resources.
Employees <i>District Ownership</i>	As an agent of the District, an employee, including a student em- ployee, shall not have rights to work he or she creates created on District time or using District technology resources. The District shall own any work or work product created by a District employee in the course and scope of his or her District employment, including the right to obtain patents or copyrights.
<i>Employee Ownership</i>	If the employee obtains a patent for such work, the employee shall grant a non-exclusive, non-transferable, perpetual, royalty-free, Districtwide license to the District for use of the patented work. A District employee shall own any work or work product produced on his or her own personal time, away from his or her job and with personal equipment and materials, including the right to obtain pa- tents or copyrights.
<i>Permission A District employee may apply to the</i> Exception	The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to permit use of District materials and equipment in his or her creative devel- oping the employee's own projects, provided the employee agrees either in writing to grant to the District a non-exclusive, non-transfer- able nonexclusive, nontransferable, perpetual, royalty-free, District- wide license to use the work, or permits the District to be listed as co-author or co-inventor if the District contribution to the work is substantial. District materials do not include student work, all rights to which are retained by the student.
Works Made for Hire Independent Contractors	The District may hire an independent contractor for specially com- missioned work(s) works under a written works-made-for-hire agreement that provides that the District shall own the work prod- uct created under the agreement, as permitted by copyright law. In- dependent contractors shall comply with copyright law in all works commissioned.
Return of Intellectual Property	Upon the termination of any person's association with the District, all permission to possess, receive, or modify the District's intellec- tual property shall also immediately terminate. All such persons shall return to the District all intellectual property, including but not limited to any copies, no matter how kept or stored, and whether directly or indirectly possessed by such person.

Copyright

Unless the proposed use of a copyrighted work is an exception under the “fair use” guidelines maintained by the Superintendent ~~or designee~~, the District shall require an employee or student to obtain a license or permission from the copyright holder before copying, modifying, displaying, performing, distributing, or otherwise employing the copyright holder’s work for instructional, curricular, or extracurricular purposes. This policy does not apply to any work sufficiently documented to be in the public domain.

Technology Use

~~All persons are prohibited from using~~ Use of District technology in violation of any law, including copyright law, ~~is prohibited~~. Only appropriately licensed ~~images, applications, programs, or other software~~ may be used with District technology resources. ~~No person shall use the~~ The District’s technology resources shall not be used to post, publicize, or duplicate information in violation of copyright law. The ~~Board shall direct the Superintendent or designee to~~ shall employ all reasonable measures to prevent the use of District technology resources in violation of the law. ~~All persons~~ Any person using District technology resources in violation of law shall lose user privileges in addition to other sanctions. [See BBI and CQ]

~~Electronic Media~~

~~Unless a license or permission is obtained, electronic media in the classroom~~ Performances and Displays

The display and performance of copyrighted material, including motion pictures ~~and other audiovisual~~, dramatic works, ~~must be used in~~ musical performances, or other audio and visual works, may only occur as part of instructional activities and in accordance with the following:

- As a regular part of teaching and directly related to the ~~course of~~ curriculum;
- During face-to-face teaching activities ~~as defined by law~~;
- When viewed in a classroom or designated place of instruction; and
- With a lawfully made copy or through authorized access.

Designated Agent

The District shall designate an agent to receive notification of alleged online copyright infringement and shall notify the U.S. Copyright Office of the designated agent’s identity. The District shall include on its ~~Web site~~ website information on how to contact the District’s designated agent and a copy of the District’s copyright policy. Upon notification, the District’s designated agent shall take all actions necessary to remedy any violation. The District shall provide the designated agent appropriate training and resources necessary to protect the District.

If a content owner reasonably believes that the District’s technology resources have been used to infringe upon a copyright, the owner may notify the designated agent.

Trademark

The District protects all District and campus trademarks, including names, logos, mascots, and symbols, from unauthorized use.

School-Related Use

The District grants permission to students, student organizations, parent organizations and other District-affiliated school-support or booster organizations to use, without charge, District and campus trademarks to promote a group of students, an activity or event, a campus, or the District, if the use is in furtherance of a school-related business or activity. The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall determine what constitutes use in furtherance of a school-related business or activity and is authorized to revoke permission if the use is improper or does not conform to administrative regulations.

Public Use

Members of the ~~general~~ public, outside organizations, vendors, commercial manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers shall not use District trademarks without ~~the written permission of~~ authorization from the Superintendent ~~or designee~~. Any production of merchandise with District trademarks for sale or distribution must be pursuant to a trademark licensing agreement and may be subject to the payment of royalties.

Any individual, organization, or business that uses District ~~or campus~~ trademarks without appropriate authorization ~~shall~~ may be subject to legal action.

Each District employee shall perform his or her duties in accordance with state and federal law, District policy, and ethical standards. The District holds all employees accountable to the Educators' Code of Ethics. [See DH(EXHIBIT)]

Each District employee shall recognize and respect the rights of students, parents, other employees, and members of the community and shall work cooperatively with others to serve the best interests of the District.

An employee wishing to express concern, complaints, or criticism shall do so through appropriate channels. [See DGBA]

Violations of Standards of Conduct

Each employee shall comply with the standards of conduct set out in this policy and with any other policies, regulations, and guidelines that impose duties, requirements, or standards attendant to his or her status as a District employee. Violation of any policies, regulations, or guidelines, including intentionally making a false claim, offering a false statement, or refusing to cooperate with a District investigation, may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment. [See DCD and DF series]

Weapons Prohibited

The District prohibits the use, possession, or display of any firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon, as defined at FNCG, on District property at all times.

Exceptions

No violation of this policy occurs when:

1. A District employee who holds a Texas handgun license stores a handgun or other firearm in a locked vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area provided by the District, provided the handgun or other firearm is not in plain view; or
2. The use, possession, or display of an otherwise prohibited weapon takes place as part of a District-approved activity supervised by proper authorities. [See FOD]

Electronic Communication

Use with Students

A certified employee or licensed employee designated in writing by the Superintendent or a campus principal may use electronic communication, as this term is defined by law, with currently enrolled students only about matters within the scope of the employee's professional responsibilities.

Unless an exception has been made in accordance with the employee handbook or other administrative regulations, an employee shall not use a personal electronic communication platform, application, or account to communicate with currently enrolled students.

Unless authorized above, all other employees are prohibited from using electronic communication directly with students who are currently enrolled in the District. The employee handbook or other administrative regulations shall further detail:

1. Exceptions for family and social relationships;
2. The circumstances under which an employee may use text messaging to communicate with individual students or student groups;
3. Hours of the day during which electronic communication is discouraged or prohibited; and
4. Other matters deemed appropriate by the Superintendent ~~or~~ designee.

In accordance with ethical standards applicable to all District employees [see DH(EXHIBIT)], an employee shall be prohibited from using electronic communications in a manner that constitutes prohibited harassment or abuse of a District student; adversely affects the student's learning, mental health, or safety; includes threats of violence against the student; reveals confidential information about the student; or constitutes an inappropriate communication with a student, as described in the Educators' Code of Ethics.

An employee shall have no expectation of privacy in electronic communications with students. Each employee shall comply with the District's requirements for records retention and destruction to the extent those requirements apply to electronic communication. [See CPC]

Personal Use

All employees shall be held to the same professional standards in their public use of electronic communication as for any other public conduct. If an employee's use of electronic communication violates state or federal law or District policy, or interferes with the employee's ability to effectively perform his or her job duties, the employee is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Reporting Improper Communication

In accordance with administrative regulations, an employee shall notify his or her supervisor when a student engages in improper electronic communication with the employee.

Disclosing Personal Information

An employee shall not be required to disclose his or her personal email address or personal phone number to a student.

Safety Requirements

Each employee shall adhere to District safety rules and regulations and shall report unsafe conditions or practices to the appropriate supervisor.

Harassment or Abuse

An employee shall not engage in prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, of:

1. Other employees. [See DIA]
2. Students. [See FFH; see FFG regarding child abuse and neglect.]

While acting in the course of employment, an employee shall not engage in prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, of other persons, including Board members, vendors, contractors, volunteers, or parents.

An employee shall report child abuse or neglect as required by law. [See FFG]

Relationships with Students

An employee shall not form romantic or other inappropriate social relationships with students. Any sexual relationship between a student and a District employee is always prohibited, even if consensual. [See FFH]

As required by law, the District shall notify the parent of a student with whom an educator is alleged to have engaged in certain misconduct. [See FFF]

**Tobacco and E-cigarettes
Nicotine Products and E-Cigarettes**

~~An employee shall not smoke or use tobacco products or e-cigarettes on District property, in District vehicles, or at school-related activities. [See also GKA]~~

An employee is prohibited from possessing or using any type of tobacco product, e-cigarette, or any other electronic vaporizing device while on school property, in a District vehicle, or while attending an off-campus school-related activity. An employee is also prohibited from possessing or using any type of nicotine product, including nicotine pouches, regardless of whether the product contains tobacco, while on District property, in a District vehicle, or while attending an off-campus school-related activity.

An employee's supervisor is authorized to approve an exception to this policy for a smoking cessation product.

**Alcohol and Drugs /
Notice of Drug-Free
Workplace**

As a condition of employment, an employee shall abide by the terms of the following drug-free workplace provisions. An employee shall notify the Superintendent in writing if the employee is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace in accordance with Arrests, Indictments, Convictions, and Other Adjudications, below.

An employee shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any of the following substances

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during working hours while on District property or at school-related activities during or outside of usual working hours:

1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, or barbiturate.
2. Alcohol or any alcoholic beverage.
3. Any abusable glue, aerosol paint, or any other chemical substance for inhalation.
4. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drug.

An employee need not be legally intoxicated to be considered “under the influence” of a controlled substance.

Exceptions

It shall not be considered a violation of this policy if the employee:

1. Manufactures, possesses, or dispenses a substance listed above as part of the employee’s job responsibilities;
2. Uses or possesses a controlled substance or drug authorized by a licensed physician prescribed for the employee’s personal use; or
3. Possesses a controlled substance or drug that a licensed physician has prescribed for the employee’s child or other individual for whom the employee is a legal guardian.

Sanctions

An employee who violates these drug-free workplace provisions shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions may include:

1. Referral to drug and alcohol counseling or rehabilitation programs;
2. Referral to employee assistance programs;
3. Termination from employment with the District; and
4. Referral to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Notice

Employees shall receive a copy of this policy.

Arrests, Indictments, Convictions, and Other Adjudications

An employee shall notify his or her principal or immediate supervisor within three calendar days of any arrest, indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication of the employee for any felony, any offense involving moral turpitude, and any of the other offenses as indicated below:

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1. Crimes involving school property or funds;
2. Crimes involving attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator;
3. Crimes that occur wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; or
4. Crimes involving moral turpitude, which include:
 - Dishonesty, fraud, deceit, theft, or misrepresentation;
 - Deliberate violence;
 - Base, vile, or depraved acts that are intended to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor;
 - Any alcohol offense;
 - Any drug offense;
 - Driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence (DUI); or
 - Acts constituting abuse or neglect under the Texas Family Code.

Dress and Grooming

An employee's dress and grooming shall be clean, neat, in a manner appropriate for his or her assignment, and in accordance with any additional standards established by his or her supervisor and approved by the Superintendent.

Dyslexia and Related Disorders

The District shall comply with all applicable state rules and standards adopted by the State Board of Education and guidance published by the commissioner of education to implement the program to test regarding students with dyslexia and related disorders, including the “Dyslexia Handbook” and the provision of dyslexia instruction for students with dyslexia or a related disorder as determined by the student’s admission, review, and dismissal committee.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the District shall provide regular training opportunities for teachers of students with dyslexia that include new research and practices for educating students with dyslexia.

Referral	Students may be referred for the gifted and talented program at any time by teachers, school counselors, parents, or other interested persons.
Screening and Identification Process	<p>The District shall provide assessment opportunities to complete the screening and identification process for referred students at least once per school year.</p> <p>The District shall schedule a gifted and talented program awareness session for parents that provides an overview of the assessment identification procedures and services for the program prior to beginning the screening and identification process.</p>
Parental Consent	The District shall obtain written parental consent before any special testing or individual assessment is conducted as part of the screening and identification process. All student information collected during the screening and identification process shall be an educational record, subject to the protections set out in policies at FL.
Identification Criteria	The Board-approved program for the gifted and talented shall establish criteria to identify gifted and talented students. The criteria shall be specific to the state definition of gifted and talented and shall ensure the fair assessment of students with special needs, such as the culturally different, the economically disadvantaged, and students with disabilities.
Assessments	Data collected through both objective and subjective assessments shall be measured against the criteria approved by the Board to determine individual eligibility for the program. Assessment tools may include, but are not limited to, the following: achievement tests, intelligence tests, creativity tests, behavioral checklists completed by teachers and parents, student/parent conferences, and available student work products.
Selection	A selection placement committee shall evaluate each referred student according to the established criteria and shall identify those students for whom placement in the gifted and talented program is the most appropriate educational setting. The committee shall be composed of at least three professional educators who have received training in the nature and needs of gifted students, as required by law.
Notification	The District shall provide written notification to parents of students who qualify for services through the District's gifted and talented program and also to those students who did not qualify. Participation in any program or services provided for gifted students shall be voluntary, and the District shall obtain written permission from the parents before placing a student in a gifted and talented program.

Reassessment	If the District reassesses students in the gifted and talented program, the reassessment shall be based on a student's performance in response to services and shall occur no more than once in elementary grades, once in middle school grades, and once in high school grades.
Transfer Students Interdistrict	When a student identified as gifted by a previous school district enrolls in the District, the selection placement committee shall review the student's records and conduct assessment procedures when necessary to determine if placement in the District's program for gifted and talented students is appropriate. [See FDD(LEGAL) for information regarding transfer students and the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children]
Intradistrict	A student who transfers from one campus in the District to the same grade level at another District campus shall continue to receive services in the District's gifted and talented program.
Furloughs	The District may place on a furlough any student who is unable to maintain satisfactory performance or whose educational needs are not being met within the structure of the gifted and talented program. A furlough may be initiated by the District, the parent, or the student. In accordance with the Board-approved program, a furlough shall be granted for specified reasons and for a specified period of time. At the end of a furlough, the student may reenter the gifted and talented program, be placed on another furlough, or be exited from the program.
Exit Provisions	The District shall monitor student performance in response to gifted and talented program services. If at any time the selection placement committee or a parent determines it is in the best interest of the student to exit the program is not meeting the student's educational needs , the committee shall meet with the parent and student before finalizing an exit decision.
Appeals	A parent, student, or educator may appeal any final decision of the selection placement committee regarding selection for or exit from services in the gifted and talented program. Appeals shall be made first to the selection placement committee. Any subsequent appeals shall be made in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) beginning at Level Two.
Program Evaluation	The District shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of the District's gifted and talented program, and the results of the evaluation

shall be used to modify and update the District and campus improvement plans. The District shall include parents in the evaluation process and shall share the information with Board members, administrators, teachers, school counselors, students in the gifted and talented program, and the community.

Funding

The ~~District's~~ Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to ensure that 100 percent of the state funds allocated for the gifted and talented program ~~shall address effective use of funds for programs~~ are spent providing and ~~services consistent with the standards in the state plan~~ enhancing the District's program and that a method accounting for expenditures related to the gifted and talented ~~students~~ program is established and aligns with the Texas Education Agency's financial compliance guidance.

Community Awareness

The District shall ensure that information about the District's gifted and talented program is available to parents and community members and that they have an opportunity to develop an understanding of and support for the program.

**Program to Address
Child Sexual Abuse,
Trafficking, and
Maltreatment**

The District's program to address child sexual abuse, trafficking, and other maltreatment of children, as included in the District improvement plan and the student handbook, shall include:

1. Methods for increasing staff, student, and parent awareness regarding these issues, including prevention techniques and knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim;
2. Age-appropriate, research-based antivictimization programs for students;
3. Actions that a child who is a victim should take to obtain assistance and intervention; and
4. Available counseling options for affected students.

Training

The District shall provide training to employees as required by law and District policy. Training shall address techniques to prevent and recognize sexual abuse, trafficking, and all other maltreatment of children, including children with significant cognitive disabilities. [See DMA]

[See BBD for Board member training requirements and BJCB for Superintendent continuing education requirements.]

**Reporting Child
Abuse and Neglect**

Any person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect has a legal responsibility, under state law, to immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect to an appropriate authority.

As defined in state law, child abuse and neglect include both sex and labor trafficking of a child.

The following individuals have an additional legal obligation to submit a written or oral report within 48 hours of learning of the facts giving rise to the suspicion of abuse or neglect:

1. Any District employee, agent, or contractor who suspects a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect.
2. A professional who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been or may be abused or neglected or may have been a victim of indecency with a child. A professional is anyone licensed or certified by the state who has direct contact with children in the normal course of duties for which the individual is licensed or certified.

A person is required to make a report if the person has reasonable cause to believe that an adult was a victim of abuse or neglect as a

child and the person determines in good faith that disclosure of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of another child or an elderly or disabled person.

[For parental notification requirements regarding an allegation of educator misconduct with a student, see FFF.]

Oral Reports

As required by law, an oral report made to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is recorded.

Restrictions on Reporting

In accordance with law, an employee is prohibited from using or threatening to use a parent's refusal to consent to administration of a psychotropic drug or to any other psychiatric or psychological testing or treatment of a child as the sole basis for making a report of neglect, unless the employee has cause to believe that the refusal:

1. Presents a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or bodily injury to the child; or
2. Has resulted in an observable and material impairment to the growth, development, or functioning of the child.

Making a Report

Reports may be made to any of the following:

1. A state or local law enforcement agency;
2. The Child Protective Services (CPS) division of ~~the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)~~ at (800)-252-5400 or the [Texas Abuse Hotline Website](#)¹;
3. A local CPS office; or
4. If applicable, the state agency operating, licensing, certifying, or registering the facility in which the suspected abuse or neglect occurred.

However, if the suspected abuse or neglect involves a person responsible for the care, custody, or welfare of the child, the report must be made to DFPS, unless the report is to the state agency that operates, licenses, certifies, or registers the facility where the suspected abuse or neglect took place; or the report is to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as a report of suspected abuse or neglect in a juvenile justice program or facility. As defined by law, a person responsible for the care, custody, or welfare of a child includes school personnel and volunteers and day-care workers.
[See FFG(LEGAL)]

An individual does not fulfill his or her responsibilities under the law by only reporting suspicion of abuse or neglect to a campus princi-

pal, school counselor, or another District staff member. Furthermore, the District is prohibited from requiring an employee to first report his or her suspicion to a District or campus administrator.

In accordance with law, an individual must provide their name and telephone number when making a report. If the individual making the report is a school employee, agent, or contractor, they must also provide their business address and profession.

Confidentiality

~~In accordance with state law, the~~The identity of a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be kept confidential and disclosed only in accordance with the law and the rules of the investigating agency.

Immunity

A person who in good faith reports or assists in the investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect is immune from civil or criminal liability.

Failing to Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

By failing to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect, an employee:

1. May be placing a child at risk of continued abuse or neglect;
2. Violates the law and may be subject to legal penalties, including criminal sanctions for knowingly failing to make a required report;
3. Violates Board policy and may be subject to disciplinary action, including possible termination of employment; and
4. May have his or her certification from the State Board for Educator Certification suspended, revoked, or canceled in accordance with 19 Administrative Code Chapter 249.

It is a criminal offense to coerce someone into suppressing or failing to report child abuse or neglect.

Responsibilities Regarding Investigations

In accordance with law, District officials shall be prohibited from:

1. Denying an investigator's request to interview a child at school in connection with an investigation of child abuse or neglect;
2. Requiring that a parent or school employee be present during the interview; or
3. Coercing someone into suppressing or failing to report child abuse or neglect.

District personnel shall cooperate fully and without parental consent, if necessary, with an investigation of reported child abuse or neglect. [See GKA]

¹ Texas Abuse Hotline ~~Website~~website: <http://www.txabusehotline.org>

Access to District Property

Authorized District officials, including school resource officers and District police officers if applicable, may refuse to allow a person access to property under the District's control in accordance with law.

District officials may request assistance from law enforcement in an emergency or when a person is engaging in behavior rising to the level of criminal conduct.

Ejection or Exclusion under Education Code 37.105

In accordance with Education Code 37.105, a District official shall provide a person refused entry to or ejected from property under the District's control written information explaining the right to appeal such refusal of entry or ejection under the District's grievance process.

A person appealing under the District's grievance process shall be permitted to address the Board in person within 90 calendar days of filing the initial complaint, unless the complaint is resolved before the Board considers it. [See FNG and GF]

Off-Campus Activities

Employees shall be designated to ensure appropriate conduct of participants and others attending a school-related activity at non-District or out-of-District facilities. Those so designated shall coordinate their efforts with persons in charge of the facilities.

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**JOINT ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN
CALDWELL COUNTY
ON BEHALF OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
AND
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001(d), Texas Election Code, a county elections administrator shall enter into a contract to furnish election services for a uniform election date when requested by a political subdivision;

WHEREAS, for non-uniform election dates, pursuant to Section 31.092(a), Texas Election Code, the county election administrator may enter into a contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated wholly or partly in the county served by the county elections administrator in any one or more elections ordered by an authority of the political subdivision;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.094, Texas Election Code, an election services contract may provide for the county election administrator to perform or supervise performance of any or all of the corresponding duties and functions the elections administrator performs in connection with a countywide election ordered by a county authority, other than the exceptions enumerated in Section 31.096, Texas Election Code.

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County, Texas (the “County”) is served by the Caldwell County Elections Administrator (the “Administrator”);

WHEREAS, the undersigned political subdivisions (individually or collectively referred to as the “Participating Entities”) that conduct elections are situated wholly or partly within the political boundaries of the County.

WHEREAS, for the _____ uniform election date and associated subsequent elections, some or all of the Participating Entities request the County, on behalf of the Administrator, to contract for the performance of election services; and

WHEREAS, to promote uniform and consistent elections held within the County, to assist in the reduction of fraud, protection of the secrecy of the ballot, promotion of voter access, and to ensure all legally cast ballots are counted, the County and undersigned Participating Entities intend to enter into a joint election services contract.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the County and undersigned Participating Entities do hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.01. “Contracted Election” means the _____ uniform election, as generally described in Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, and accompanying early voting period, and, if applicable, any post-election services including any associated runoff elections, recounts, election contests, elections to resolve a tie, and any early voting periods associated with post-election services.

Section 1.02. “Election Officer” means an election judge, alternate election judge, early voting clerk, presiding judge of an early voting ballot board, alternate presiding judge of an early

voting ballot board, member of an early voting ballot board, chair of a signature verification committee, vice chair of a signature verification committee, member of a signature verification committee, presiding judge of a central counting station, alternate presiding judge of a central counting station, central counting station manager, central counting station clerk, tabulation supervisor, and assistant to a tabulation supervisor.

Section 1.03. “Election Clerk” means an election clerk, and deputy early voting clerk.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATING ENTITY OBLIGATIONS

Section 2.01. **RETAINED DUTIES.** Any duties and obligations not expressly transferred to the Administrator or the County under this agreement are retained by the Participating Entities. Nothing in this contract will be construed to authorize or permit a change in the office with whom or the place at which any document or recording related to the Contracted Election is to be filed, a Participating Entity’s requirement to maintain office hours, or place at which any function of the canvass of the election returns is to be performed.

Section 2.02. **JOINT ELECTION AUTHORIZED.** Participating Entities agree to conduct the Contracted Election jointly, as authorized by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, with any other undersigned Participating Entities holding elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory in Caldwell County. Participating Entities agree and acknowledge that other Participating Entities may join this agreement subject only to County approval.

Section 2.03. **PRECLEARANCE FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS.** If required by law, Participating Entities will be individually responsible for obtaining appropriate preclearance from the United States Department of Justice for any special elections.

Section 2.04. **APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING CLERK.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint the Administrator to serve as the Early Voting Clerk for the Contracted Election.

Section 2.05. **DESIGNATION OF VOTER REGISTRAR.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint the Administrator to serve as the Voter Registrar for the Contracted Election.

Section 2.06. **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will appoint Election Officers and Election Clerks, as identified in Attachment ‘C’, pursuant to Section 4.09 of this contract.

Section 2.07. **ELECTION OFFICIAL COMPENSATION APPROVAL.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will set any compensation for election officers at rates consistent with the election cost estimate attached to this contract as Attachment ‘A’.

Section 2.08. **DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL COUNTING STATION.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will designate the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the Central Counting Station for the Contracted Election.

- Section 2.09. **DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will designate the Administrator's office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, as the main early voting polling place for the Contracted Election. Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, agree to designate other polling places, including early voting polling places and temporary early voting polling places as recommended by the Administrator.
- Section 2.10. **ELECTION ORDERS, NOTICES, AND LOCAL CANVASS.** Participating Entities will be responsible for the preparation, adoption, publication, and posting of all statutorily required election orders, notices, and other documents, including bilingual materials, evidencing action by the Participating Entities of all actions necessary to call and administer the Contracted Election, except as otherwise provided for in this contract. Participating Entities will conduct the local canvass.
- Section 2.11. **BALLOTS.** Participating Entities will be responsible for the preparation information contained in English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, and, as applicable, will determine the names of the candidates, names of the offices sought, order of names on the ballot, propositions on the ballot, and the Spanish translation of the offices and any propositions. This information will be provided to the Administrator no less than 60 days prior to any associated election day during the Contracted Election. The Participating Entities are responsible for proofreading and, if necessary, notifying the Administrator of necessary corrections to proposed ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, as provided by the Administrator.
- Section 2.12. **USE OF COMMON BALLOT.** It is agreed by the parties to this Agreement that a common ballot will be used for joint elections. The universal serial busses ("USBs") containing the voted ballots for an election will be delivered to the Administrator's office at 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, and the USBs will remain in the Administrator's custody, except that the County agrees to provide Participating Entities with the necessary documentation, if requested, for canvass of an election or in the event the voted ballots are required for a recount or any court proceedings in which a Participating Entity may be a party. The County agrees to maintain custody of the USBs containing the voted ballots for the period of time prescribed by the Texas Election Code. All USBs that are not placed in active voting equipment will remain locked in the Caldwell County Elections Office. USBs will not be replaced without being logged out and checked out by an Election Officer or Election Clerk at any time during an election. An audit shall be conducted to ensure that all USBs are present and accounted for. All replaced equipment will remain secured until after tabulation to ensure that all checks and balances have been satisfied.
- Section 2.013. **USE OF COMMON FORMS.** All forms used in the conduct of the election, including but not limited to the poll list, signature roster, ballot registers, expense accounts, and all oaths and certificates will be used jointly by the two agencies. All forms will be returned to the Administrator who shall keep them in his custody for the period prescribed by the Texas Election Code. The County agrees to furnish the Participating Entities with copies of any election documents upon the Participating Entity's request at no charge.
- Section 2.14. **APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL BALLOTS.** Participating Entities, through their respective governing bodies, will designate the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, to be the early voting clerk's mailing address

to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail will be sent. Applications for mail ballots sent to Participating entities shall be promptly faxed to the Administrator or emailed to caldwellec@co.caldwell.tx.us for timely processing, with the original application forwarded to the Administrator for appropriate record retention.

- Section 2.15. **TRANSLATION.** Each Participating Entity is responsible for having its own election orders, resolutions, notices, or official ballot wording translated into the Spanish language if necessary.
- Section 2.16. **MAPS AND ANNEXATIONS.** Participating Entities will provide the Administrator with an updated map and street index, including address numbers, of its jurisdiction in an electronic format that is compatible with the mapping format used by the Administrator's office, and will provide notice to the Administrator of any new developments, annexations, de-annexations, and any other changes to the master voter registration list within the Participating Entities jurisdiction within the County.
- Section 2.17. **RECOUNT NOTICE.** Not later than 48 hours after it becomes aware that a recount is required by law or requested by a candidate, Participating Entities will provide notice to the Administrator that a recount must be conducted.
- Section 2.18. **ELECTION TO RESOLVE A TIE.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in the event an election is needed to resolve a tie vote, the affected Participating Entity and the Administrator will agree to an election date and early voting schedule in compliance with the Texas Election Code, with consideration given to other elections conducted by the Administrator. The cost for implementing an election under this section will be attributed solely to the affected Participating Entity.
- Section 2.19. **PRECINCT REPORTS TO THE SOS.** Participating Entities will prepare and file all required precinct reports with the Texas Secretary of State.

ARTICLE III COUNTY OBLIGATIONS

- Section 3.01. **BACKGROUND CHECK.** The County will conduct a criminal background check (in accordance with statutory requirements) of any nominated Election Officer or Election Clerk who is expected to or scheduled to serve. Any person that does not satisfactorily pass the criminal background check or refuses to consent to a background check will be ineligible to serve in this Contracted Election. Failure to obtain a criminal background check does not release the Participating Entities' obligation for service rendered in good faith.
- Section 3.02. **POLLING PLACES.** The County will enter into lease agreements for polling places, including temporary branch polling locations, to effect this contract. Participating Entities agree to reimburse the County for expenses associated with any lease agreements for polling places, pursuant to Section 6.04.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES

- Section 4.01. **ELECTION SUPERVISOR.** The Administrator will coordinate, supervise, and conduct all aspects of administering voting in connection with the Contracted Election in compliance with all applicable laws.

- Section 4.02. **POLLING PLACES.** The Administrator will arrange for election day polling places, and the hours and location of early voting polling places, including temporary branch polling places. The Administrator will arrange for the physical preparation of each polling place, including tables, chairs, and voting booths.
- Section 4.03. **NOTICE OF PREVIOUS POLLING PLACE.** As necessary, The Administrator will post physical notices of a change in polling places as required by Section 43.062, Texas Election Code. Participating Entities will be responsible for any other notice requirements under Section 43.061, Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.04. **ELECTION SUPPLIES.** The Administrator shall, as necessary to conduct the Contracted Election, procure, prepare, and distribute election supplies to Election Officers for use at their respective polling locations during the Contracted Election.
- Section 4.05. **EARLY VOTING CLERK.** Pursuant to Sections 31.096 and 32.097(b), Texas Election Code, the Administrator will serve as the Early Voting Clerk for the Contracted Election, and will supervise and conduct the early voting by mail and by personal appearance as follows:
- (a) Appoint personnel to serve as early voting deputy clerks;
 - (b) Publish notice of early voting polling places, including temporary branch polling places;
 - (c) Receive and process mail ballot applications on behalf of the Participating Entities in accordance with Title 7, Texas Election Code, at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644;
 - (d) Secure and maintain early voting ballots at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644, or other location as necessitated by County reorganization;
 - (e) Coordinate the Early Voting Ballot Board to meet at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644;
 - (f) Publish electronic notice of the Signature Verification Committee meeting, pursuant to Chapter 87.121(i)(1), Texas Election Code;
 - (g) Publish notice, including electronic notice, of the Early Voting Ballot Board meeting, pursuant to Chapter 87.027, Texas Election Code;
 - (h) Publish notice, including electronic notice, that voting materials have been delivered to the signature verification committee and early voting ballot board, pursuant to Sections 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.0223, 87.023, 87.024, and 87.027(h), Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.06. **ELECTION DAY DUTIES.** For each election day during the Contracted Election, not including early voting periods, the Administrator will coordinate, supervise, and conduct the election as follows:
- (a) Make himself available from 6:00A.M. until the completion of vote counting to render guidance, technical support, and assistance to voters, Election Officials, Election Clerks, and Participating Entities;
 - (b) Prepare and conduct post-election intake of election equipment, supplies, and records;
 - (c) Serve as central counting station manager and tabulation supervisor;

- (d) Count votes in conjunction with the Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Counting Station judges;

Section 4.07. **ELECTION NIGHT REPORTS.** The Administrator will prepare the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results, as follows:

- (a) Periodically make a public announcement of the current state of the unofficial tabulation, at www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice;
- (b) Provide unofficial early voting precinct results and election day precinct results to Participating Entities as soon as administratively possible, but not earlier than the close of all polling places on the associated election day;
- (c) Reconvene the Early Voting Ballot Board after election day as necessary to determine the disposition of timely provisional votes and late mail ballots, and to resolve any issues with such ballots;
- (d) Promptly after final disposition of provisional votes and late mail ballots, the Administrator will retally and update the unofficial and official tabulation of precinct results with accepted provisional votes and resolved mail ballots, and provide new unofficial and official tabulations to the Participating Entities.

Section 4.08. **ELIGIBILITY OF ELECTION WORKERS.** The Administrator will notify all Election Officers and Election Clerks about the eligibility requirements contained in Title 3, Subchapter C, Texas Election Code, and Section 271.005, Texas Election Code. The Administrator will take necessary steps to ensure that all Election Officers and Election Clerks nominated to serve during the Contracted Election are qualified and eligible to serve.

Section 4.09. **NOMINATION OF ELECTION OFFICERS.** Administrator will provide to Participating Entities a list of persons to serve as Election Officers for the Contracted Election, attached as Attachment 'C'. If a person becomes unable or unwilling to serve as an Election Officer, the Administrator will nominate a replacement and, within 2 business days after amending Attachment 'C', forward the amended Attachment 'C' to the Participating Entities for appointment of the new nominee. Notwithstanding Section 7.08 of this contract, the County may update Attachment 'C' on receipt of a written communication from an appointed or nominated Election Officer indicating an inability or unwillingness to serve as an Election Officer.

Section 4.10. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO ELECTION OFFICERS.** Within 72 hours of receiving notice of appointed Election Officers from Participating Entities, the Administrator will notify each appointed election officer of said appointment. The notification will also include the assigned polling station, the date of the election officer's election training(s), the date and time of the Contracted Election, the rate of compensation, the number of clerks the judge may appoint, the eligibility requirements for election clerks, and a list of nominated election clerks.

Section 4.11. **ELECTION TRAINING.** The Administrator will be responsible for conducting training for election officers and election clerks, as required by applicable law.

Section 4.12. **CENTRAL COUNTING STATION.** The Administrator will establish a central counting station to receive and tabulate ballots cast during the Contracted Election under Chapter 127, Texas Election Code. The central counting station will be located at the Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas 78644.

- Section 4.13. **LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING.** In advance of Early Voting, the Administrator, the tabulation supervisor, and other members the Administrator designates for the testing board shall conduct all logic and accuracy testing in accordance with applicable law and guidance provided by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. The Administrator will be responsible for the publication of any required notice for logic and accuracy testing.
- Section 4.14. **REGISTERED VOTER LIST.** The Administrator will provide lists of registered voters as required by law for use during the Contracted Election.
- Section 4.15. **POLLING EQUIPMENT.** The Administrator will prepare and distribute the Elections Systems & Software (“ES&S”) Polling Equipment for the Contracted Election, with each polling location to have at least one voting machine that is accessible to disabled voters.
- Section 4.16. **BALLOTS.** The Administrator will be responsible for the printing, programming, and distribution of English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots, based on the information provided by the Participating Entities pursuant to Section 2.11 of this contract. The Administrator will deliver the proposed ballots to the Participating Entities for approval prior to the printing, programming, and distribution of English and Spanish ballots and sample ballots, including mail ballots.
- Section 4.17. **CUSTODIAN OF ELECTION RECORDS.** The Administrator will serve as the general custodian for election records and will maintain and preserve election records generated as part of the Contracted Election, as required by law. Access to the election records will be available to each Participating Entity as well as to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Third-party notice to Participating Entities, pursuant to Chapter 552, will be provided subject to Section 7.04 of this contract.
- Section 4.18. **DELEGATION OF DUTIES.** The Administrator may, at his discretion, assign a deputy elections administrator to perform any of the contracted services.
- Section 4.19. **TIMELY PERFORMANCE.** The Administrator will perform all election services in compliance with all time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.
- Section 4.20. **THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS.** Pursuant to Section 31.098, Texas Election Code, the County is authorized to contract with third-parties for election services and supplies, to be included in any final invoice submitted to Participating Entities for payment subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract.

ARTICLE V TERM AND WITHDRAWAL

- Section 5.01. **INITIAL TERM.** The initial term of the contract will commence on the last party’s execution hereof, and expires with respect to an individual Participating Entity on the County’s receipt of that Participating Entity’s payment-in-full of a final invoices submitted by the Administrator.
- Section 5.02. **WITHDRAWAL.** Participating Entities may withdraw from this contract by delivering to the Administrator any certifications and declarations required under Subchapters C or D, Chapter 2, Texas Election Code. Delivery of said necessary certifications or

withdrawals must be provided by the statutory deadlines prescribed by the Texas Elections Code. Any Participating Entities withdrawing from this contract will be billed for any expenses incurred or obligated prior to the Administrator's receipt of said necessary certifications and declarations. A Participating Entity's obligation to pay for any expenses incurred or obligated prior to withdrawal, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract, survives expiration, termination, or cancellation of this contract until paid-in-full by the Participating Entities.

ARTICLE VI COSTS AND PAYMENT

- Section 6.01. **ESTIMATED COST.** Participating Entities acknowledge that the estimate contained in Attachment 'A' is an estimate ONLY, and any required payment reflected in the final invoice may differ.
- Section 6.02. **FINAL INVOICE.** Final election expenses, as calculated pursuant to Sections 6.04 and 6.05 of this contract, will be determined within 120 business days after the conclusion of the Contracted Election. The Administrator will provide each Participating Entity with a final invoice.
- Section 6.03. **PAYMENT DATE.** An invoice for election services submitted by the Administrator to Participating Entities is due and payable to the address set forth in the invoice within 30 days from the date of its receipt by a Participating Entity. This provision survives expiration, termination, or cancellation of this contract until paid-in-full by the Participating Entities.
- Section 6.04. **PRORATED BILLING.** Participating Entities agree to share the costs of administering the Contracted Election. Allocation of costs for the entire election, unless specifically stated otherwise, will be shared between the Participating Entities based on a ration formula involving the total number of registered voters eligible to vote in the joint election and the number of registered voters associated with the individual Participating Entities for the joint election. The Participating Entities will be responsible for their percentage of the prorated cost or a minimum cost of \$500.00, whichever is greater. The cost of any special request from a Participating Entity which is not agreed upon by all Participating Entities, will be borne solely by the requesting Participating Entity.
- Section 6.05. **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.** As authorized by Section 31.100, Texas Election Code, a general supervisory fee not to exceed 10% of the total cost of the election will be assessed, and not less than \$75.00.
- Section 6.06. **PAYMENT FROM CURRENT REVENUES.** Each Party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services under this contract will make payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 7.01. **CONTRACT COPIES TO AUDITOR AND TREASURER.** Pursuant to Section 31.099, Texas Election Code, the Administrator will file a copy of this executed contract with the

Caldwell County Auditor and the Caldwell County Treasurer within 10 days of each Party's execution date.

Section 7.02. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions of this contract in accordance with the intent of the parties to this contract as expressed in the terms and provisions.

Section 7.03. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Either of the parties to this Agreement shall be excused from any delays and/or failures in the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract, to the extent that such delays and/or failures result from causes beyond the delaying/failing party's reasonable control, including but not limited to war (whether declared or not), armed conflict or the serious threat of the same (including but not limited to hostile attack, blockade, military embargo), hostilities, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, extensive military mobilization, civil war, riot, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power, insurrection, civil commotion or disorder, mob violence, act of civil disobedience, act of terrorism, sabotage or piracy; plague, epidemic, pandemic, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, including quarantine, social distancing, isolation or other behavioral restrictions; act of authority whether lawful or unlawful, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction, curfew restriction, expropriation, compulsory acquisition, seizure of works, requisition, nationalization; act of God or natural disaster such as but not limited to violent storm, cyclone, typhoon, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, landslide, flood, damage or destruction by lightning, drought; explosion, fire, destruction of machines, equipment and of any kind of installation, prolonged breakdown of transport, telecommunication or electric current; shortage or inability to obtain critical material or supplies to the extent not subject to the reasonable control of the subject party ("force majeure event ") whether foreseeable or unforeseeable by the parties at the time of the execution of this Agreement. Any delaying/failing party shall, with all reasonable diligence, attempt to remedy the cause of delay and/or failure and shall recommence all remaining duties under this Agreement within a reasonable time of such remedy, or, when applicable, on the next available dates under the Texas Election Code.

Section 7.04. **NOTICE.** Any addendum to, change or modification of, clarification of, or withdrawal from this contract requires written notice to and written approval by Caldwell County. Whenever this contract requires any consent, approval, notice, request, or demand, the writing must be delivered to the party intended to receive it and other Participating Entities, as provided in Attachment 'B'. Any required writing under this Section will be deemed to have been given when personally delivered or, if mailed, 72 hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, property addressed to the contact person identified in Attachment 'B'. Notwithstanding this Section and Section 7.08 of this contract, the County may update Attachment 'B' on receipt of a written communication from a Participating Entity designating new contact information. Within two business days after Attachment 'B' is amended, the Administrator will send each Participating Entity a copy of the amended attachment.

Section 7.05. **LIABILITY.** All parties to this contract agree to be responsible, in accordance with applicable state or federal law, each for their own negligent acts or omissions, or other tortious conduct in the course of performance of this contract without waiving any sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, statutory immunity, or other defenses

available to the parties under federal or state law. Nothing in this paragraph will be construed to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, in or to any third persons or entities. All parties agree that any such liability or damages occurring during the performance of this contract caused by the joint or comparative negligence of the parties, or their employees, agents, or officers will be determined in accordance with comparative responsibility laws of Texas, but only to the extent such laws are applicable to the party.

To the extent permitted by law, if legal action is filed against a party to this contract, that party shall be solely responsible for their own respective costs and defense of that suit.

Section 7.06. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This contract will be governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 7.07. **VENUE AND JURISDICTION.** Venue will lie in the district courts serving Caldwell County Texas, and are the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any lawsuit, cause of action, temporary restraining order, temporary injunction, injunction, petition for extraordinary relief, mandamus, or any other legal proceeding or claim arising out of the performance of this contract.

Section 7.08. **ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This contract, including any exhibits or attachments, contains the entire agreement between the Administrator, the County, and the Participating Entities concerning the duties required by this contract. The Administrator and each Participating Entity hereby expressly warrant and represent that they are not relying on any promises or agreements that are not contained in this contract concerning any of the terms in this contract. Except otherwise specified in this contract, no modification, amendment, novation, renewal, or other alteration of this contract shall be effective unless mutually agreed upon in writing and executed by the Parties hereto.

Section 7.09. **PLURALITY, GENDER, AND HEADINGS.** In this contract, words in the singular number include the plural, and those in the plural include the singular. Words of any gender also refer to any other gender. Headings in this contract are descriptive only, and not terms of inclusion or exclusion.

Section 7.10. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.** The Participating Entities, including their agents or employees, are independent contractors and are not an agent, servant, joint enterpriser, joint venturer, or employee of the Administrator or the County, and are responsible for their own acts, forbearance, negligence, and deeds, and for those of their agents or employees in conjunction with the performance of services covered under this contract. The Participating Entities represent that they have, or will secure at their own expense, all personnel and consultants required in performing the services herein. Such personnel and consultants shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the Administrator or the County.

Section 7.11. **DEFAULT, CUMULATIVE RIGHTS, AND MITIGATION.** It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting party fails to immediately declare a default or delays in taking any action. The rights and remedies provided by this contract are cumulative, and no party's use of any right or remedy will preclude or waive its right to any other remedy. These rights and remedies are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance, or otherwise. All parties have a duty to mitigate damages.

Section 7.12. **REVIEW BY COUNSEL.** The County and Participating Entity acknowledge that each party has received and had the opportunity to review this contract, and each party has had the opportunity, whether exercised or not, to have each respective party's attorneys review this contract. The parties agree that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this contract, or any amendments or exhibits hereto.

Section 7.13. **SIGNATORY WARRANTY.** The signatories for the County, the Administrator, and Participating Entities represent that each has the full right, power, and authority to enter into and perform this contract in accordance with all of its terms and conditions, and that the execution and delivery of this contract has been made by authorized representatives of Participating Entities to validly and legally bind Participating Entities to all terms, performances, and provisions set forth in this contract.

Section 7.14. **COUNTERPARTS.** This contract may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory parties had signed the same document. All counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

Attest:

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

Teresa Rodriguez
Caldwell County Clerk

Devante Coe
Caldwell County Elections Administrator

MUNICIPALITIES

CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS:

Attest:

Name: _____
Title: _____

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Title: _____

CITY OF LULING, TEXAS:

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CITY OF MARTINDALE, TEXAS:

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CITY OF MUSTANG RIDGE, TEXAS:

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CITY OF NIEDERWALD, TEXAS:

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CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

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CITY OF UHLAND, TEXAS:

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

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Title: _____

Title: _____

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

GONZALES ISD:

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HAYS COUNTY CISD:

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LOCKHART ISD:

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LULING ISD:

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PRAIRIE LEA ISD:

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SAN MARCOS CISD:

Attest:

Name: _____

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WAEELDER ISD:

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WATER DISTRICTS

BARTON SPRINGS EDWARDS WCD:

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BOLLINGER MUD:

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CALDWELL COUNTY MUD No. 9:

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CALDWELL VALLEY MUD No. 1:

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CHISHOLM MUD No. 1:

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COTTON CENTER MUD No. 1:

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COTTON CENTER MUD No. 2:

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COUNTY LINE SUD:

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EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY DISTRICT 11:

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GOFORTH SUD:

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GONZALES COUNTY UWCD:

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LANTANA MUD:

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MAXWELL SUD:

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OATMAN HILL MUD:

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OPEN R FRESH WATER SUPPLY:

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PLUM CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

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PLUM CREEK UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT:

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RANCH AT CLEAR FORK CREEK MUD NO. 1:

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RANCH AT CLEAR FORK CREEK MUD NO. 2:

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EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS

CALDWELL-HAYS ESD No. 1:

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CALDWELL COUNTY ESD No. 2:

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CALDWELL COUNTY ESD No. 5:

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APPENDIX 'A'

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CONTRACTED ELECTION

ATTACHMENT 'B'
NOTICE INFORMATION FOR PARTIES

ATTACHMENT 'C'

LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS AND ELECTION CLERKS

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting:

Agenda Item:

AGENDA SECTION:

READING:

PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW DATE:

TYPE OF ACTION:

DEPARTMENT:

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2. Every campus will have an A rating by 2028 through exemplary teaching and student-centered learning.
3. Cultivate an environment where our employees choose Lockhart Independent School District.

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RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:



January 9, 2025

Mrs. Tanya Homann
Director of Purchasing
Lockhart ISD
419 Bois D'Arc Street
Lockhart, TX 78644

Re: Architectural Design Services for New Middle School #2 for Lockhart ISD

Dear Mrs. Homann:

We are pleased to provide a proposal to include architectural design services for the Lockhart ISD Middle School #2. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and the work we will accomplish together for the success of your district.

PROJECT SCOPE

We understand this project to include the following:

- A new middle school design for grades 6-8 that will house a utilization capacity of 900 students. Estimated area to be 160,000 gross square feet.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Our design services for the Scope of work will include the following phases: Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding & Procurement, and Construction Administration. VLK bases our professional services on the Standard AIA Agreement B101 - 2017.

COMPENSATION

For the Architect's Basic Services as set forth in Article 3 and as designated in Article 4, Architect shall be compensated 6.00% of the Cost of Work.

STATEMENT of JURISDICTION

Pursuant to Texas Law:

"The Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, P. O. Box 12337, Austin, Texas 78711-2337 or 505 East Huntland Drive - Suite 350, Austin, Texas 78752 (T: 512/305-9000), has jurisdiction over individuals licensed under the Architects' Registration Law, Texas Civil Statutes, Article 249a."

We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to a partnership that will make your projects a success. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly to discuss any questions you may have about the Agreement.

Sincerely,

VLK Architects, Inc.

Rory Estes, AIA
Principal

Approved by:

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Lockhart Independent School District Board of Trustees

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