



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation Board of Education Meeting: 08/04/2026

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Item Title: | <u>Reporting of Fees Paid to Purchasing Cooperatives,</u> |          | Action             |
|             | <u>Which includes Membership, Management, and</u>         | <u>X</u> | <u>Information</u> |
|             | <u>Transaction Fees for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</u>         |          | <u>Discussion</u>  |

## **BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 44.0331, school districts are required to submit an annual written report detailing all fees paid to Purchasing Cooperatives, including membership and management fees, along with the purpose of each fee under each contract. This report must be presented during an open meeting of the Board of Trustees and included as a formal agenda item.

In addition to this requirement, the District has elected to also report procurement activity with Purchasing Cooperatives that do not charge fees, to provide a comprehensive overview of cooperative usage.

The use of Purchasing Cooperatives supports the District in procuring goods and services when issuing formal solicitations may not be practical due to time constraints or emergency needs. Cooperative contracts also offer the advantage of volume pricing, which can result in cost savings compared to issuing separate solicitations.

Commodities available through Purchasing Cooperatives include but are not limited to:

- Athletic Supplies & Equipment
- Computers
- Instructional Software
- Construction & Agricultural Equipment
- Education & Curriculum Supplies & Materials
- Emergency Vehicles and Equipment
- Facilities Maintenance & Repairs
- Janitorial Supplies & Equipment

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Delia Rodriguez, RTSBA, CTCD

Submitted by: Procurement Services Director

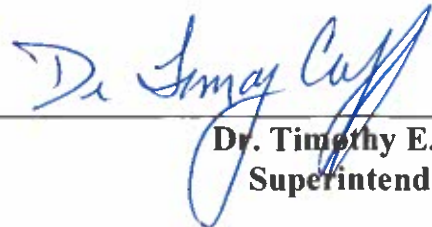
Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

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Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

  
Rosario Peña, RTSBA

Approved by: Assistant Superintendent Administration and Finance

  
Dr. Timothy E. Cuff  
Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.



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## **BACKGROUND** (continued)

- Fleet Services, Parts & Equipment
- Flooring
- Food & Food Service Equipment
- Furniture, Healthcare, Fitness & Medical Supplies & Equipment
- Landscape & Grounds Maintenance
- Parks & Recreation
- School & Office Equipment & Supplies
- School Buses and Related Services
- Technology, Security & Communication Solutions
- Uniform & Related Apparel

Refer to attached report that details all fees paid for the fiscal year 2025-2026.



**BISD PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Annual Report for Cooperative Fees**  
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| Cooperative                                                           | Resolution Number | Fees Paid<br>2025-2026 School<br>Year | Purpose of Each Fee                                                                                                        | Transactions<br>2025-2026<br>School Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Omnia Partners                                                        | 001/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$9,843,896.85                           |
| The Local Government Purchasing<br>Cooperative (TASB)                 | 002/25-26         | \$0                                   | Processing charge of \$400<br>for small size motor vehicles<br>and/or \$800 for large motor<br>vehicles per purchase order | \$5,601,352.67                           |
| Texas Comptroller of Public<br>Accounts                               | 003/25-26         | \$100.00                              | Participating Annual Fee of<br>\$100                                                                                       | \$2,294,121.48                           |
| Houston Galveston Area Council<br>(HGAC)                              | 004/25-26         | \$0                                   | Processing charge of \$600<br>for small motor vehicles and<br>\$1,000 for large motor<br>vehicles per purchase order       | \$0                                      |
| Region 16 ESC Statewide<br>Cooperative<br>Purchasing Program (TexBuy) | 005/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$4,196.41                               |
| Region One                                                            | 006/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$676,819.45                             |
| Region One ESC, Library Services<br>and Instructional Resources CO-OP | 007/25-26         | \$121,521.14                          | Participating Annual Fee of<br>\$3.38 per Student                                                                          | \$122,421.14                             |
| Region One Child Nutrition<br>Program                                 | 008/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$16,739,467.46                          |
| Region VIII Education Service<br>Center (ESC8) (TIPS)                 | 009/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$3,381,096.28                           |
| Harris County Department of<br>Education (Choice Partners)            | 010/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$2,376,879.89                           |
| Region XI Education Service<br>Center Library                         | 012/25-26         | \$81,046.80                           | \$81,046.80                                                                                                                | \$81,046.80                              |
| TASB Energy Cooperative                                               | 013/25-26         | \$0                                   | N/A                                                                                                                        | \$0                                      |



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| Sourcewell                                                                               | 014/25-26 | \$0 | N/A | \$391,642.22 |
| Education Services Center Region 19                                                      | 015/25-26 | \$0 | N/A | \$224,712.95 |
| Education Service Center Region 20 Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) | 016/25-26 | \$0 | N/A | \$837,753.34 |