



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 16-Sept-2026 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Mark Higgins

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for Mr. Mark Higgins, Principal, Erin Rodman, Assistant Principal, and two teachers from Lincoln Savage Middle School, travel to Indianapolis, IN, to attend training from the AMLE (Association for Middle Level Educators) Travel dates will be November 4th-7th 2026 and all costs associated with attending this training (*total estimated cost to be \$6200.00 or less*) will be paid for by LSMS carryover budget and TREA professional develop fund. Upon completion of the training, Mr. Higgins and his team will share the information learned from AMLE with his school staff and other TRSD school administrators / PLC's. Focus of the training is to promote Building Teacher Leadership capacities, School / Community Culture, Instructional Equity, Building engaging Professional Development Opportunities, etc...

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

EDI and Leadership building is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively to achieve better results for the students they serve. With over 300 different learning sessions to choose from, this conference offers a vast opportunity to learn from nationally known experts in the fields of Equity / Diversity / Inclusion, PLC, school culture, and a slew of other ideas specifically designed and selected for the middle school level.

List the advantages of your proposal:

In order to better support the established TRSD Board Goals, attending this conference will provide unique skills and various perspective(s) to be brought back to TRSD and shared collaboratively. Attending this professional training will increase our understanding of EDI implementation, how it affects academic growth, student well-being, and family-to-school connections. Sessions also focus on strengthening our PLC process and helping to refine our advisory program. The information learned will be shared with other administrators and teacher teams.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

No other opportunities exist for this Annual Training.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐