



Decatur Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Board of Trustees
From: Taylor Williams
Subject: Purchase More Than \$25,000 for Career Exploration College and Career Labs
Meeting Date: September 21, 2026
Type of Item: ☐ Information ☐ Presentation ☒ Consent Agenda ☐ Discussion ☐ Action

Supporting Documents: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Background Information and Rationale:

The Career and Technology Education (CTE) department is requesting to spend part of their 2026-2027 funds on purchasing College and Career Labs from Paxton Patterson Labs for the McCarroll Middle School Career Exploration class. These Labs engage students in authentic problem-based learning experiences as they discover their interests and aptitudes. The amount required to purchase the College and Career Labs would exceed \$25,000.

Support of Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1: DISD supports students in a multitude of ways to nurture learning and ensure high performance.
- Goal 4: DISD manages funds and resources responsibly and transparently to maximize return on the community investment.

Fiscal Implication: \$30,670

Administrative Recommendation: The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of the College and Career Labs from Paxton Patterson for the MMS Career Exploration class.

Contact Person(s):

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent

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