

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of the Advise TX Contract and MOU for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$75,000.

BACKGROUND: The Advise TX program, supported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the College Advising Corps (CAC), seeks to increase the number of low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students entering and completing post-secondary education. This mission is being accomplished by placing exceptional recent college graduates on high school campuses as near-peer College Advisers.

Pasadena ISD has been in a positive partnership with the Texas A&M chapter of the Advise TX CAC since 2011-2012. Our collaboration with Advise TX began with Pasadena High School and Sam Rayburn High School, expanded to South Houston High School and Pasadena Memorial High School in 2016-2017, and finally expanded to include Dobie High School in 2022-2023.

We fully support and acknowledge that the main goals of the Advise TX CAC are to collaborate with high school staff and other college readiness programs to enhance the high school's college going culture, and to increase the number of students who are pursuing higher education.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$75,000 from federal funds

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of the Advise TX Contract and MOU for 2026-2027 in the amount of \$75,000.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2026