

***Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Information Sheet***

Date: May 12, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Young Engaged Scholars (Y.E.S.!) Program Evaluation and 2025-2026 Update

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information only

Administrative Recommendation: None; for discussion.

Background Information: After receiving the National Philanthropic Trust, the Board decided to use annual earnings to benefit KISD students in perpetuity. The Board and Administration discussed several plan options and proposed intentions to best serve KISD students with the Young Engaged Scholars (Y.E.S.!) Program for third and seventh grade students in 2024-2025 who needed additional support in Reading Language Arts. For the 2025-2026 school year, YES! supported students in Reading Language Arts in third, fourth, and sixth grades via STEM + Reading + Arts (STREAM) experiences. YES! also supported secondary students with potential to succeed with Advanced Placement, College, Career, and Military Readiness, and National Merit Scholarships.

Fiscal Analysis: As of March 31, 2024, the estimated amount available to spend based on calculations used for endowments was \$749,911. Expenditures for 2024-2025 totaled \$151,000 and estimated costs for 2025-2026 are \$71,000.

Regulatory Requirement: None

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Attachments: Presentation

Signature Requested: No