

# Board of Trustees

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Executive Summary of Board Agenda Item

Summer School Curriculum Writing Hourly Rate Approval

Subject/Title for Agenda Posting:

Justification Statement: Consider approval of a \$45/hour rate (compared to \$35/hour for other summer programs) funded through Title II, Part A for teachers to develop curriculum, including Demonstrations of Learning (DOLs), aligned scope and sequence, and Gradual Release instructional supports for the Summer 2026 Curriculum Writing.

Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information  Discussion  Action

Item Type:

Curriculum & Instruction  Human Resources  Business Services

Staff Responsible:

Jessica Arellano/Executive Director of C&I

Signature of Requester(s)

*Jessica Arellano*

4/13/26

Signature of Presenter(s)

Business Services Approval (Initials)

Date

### Agenda Summary:

Administration is requesting approval to provide a \$45 per hour rate for teachers to engage in summer 2026 curriculum development funded through Title II, Part A federal funds. This work will focus on strengthening instructional clarity and consistency across the district by developing high-quality Demonstrations of Learning (DOLs), refining scope and sequence documents, and embedding the Gradual Release of Responsibility model to better support students who are currently not meeting academic expectations.

This initiative directly aligns with Title II's purpose of improving teacher effectiveness and increasing student academic achievement. By investing in teacher-led curriculum design, the district ensures that instructional materials are grounded in classroom expertise and responsive to student needs, particularly for our struggling learners. Developing aligned DOLs will give clear measures of mastery, and a cohesive scope and sequence will ensure consistent instructional pacing and rigor across campuses. Additionally, embedding gradual release structures (I Do, We Do, You Do) will strengthen Tier 1 instruction and provide more intentional support for intervention and acceleration.

The proposed \$45 per hour rate reflects the specialized and intensive nature of curriculum writing, which requires deep content knowledge, alignment to standards, and the creation of high-quality instructional tools that will be utilized across the district. While other summer programs pay \$35 per hour, this rate reflects the expertise, planning, and long-term impact of this work. It also supports the recruitment of highly effective teachers to ensure the highest quality deliverables.

This investment demonstrates the district's commitment to valuing teacher expertise and is expected to yield long-term benefits through improved instructional coherence, increased student outcomes, and stronger alignment to district goals and accountability targets, inc

### RECOMMENDATION:

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

AWARDED:

AWARDED AMOUNT:

AMOUNT(S): TBD

ACCOUNT NO(S): Title 2

PROCUREMENT METHOD TYPE: (3 Quotes, Cooperative Contract Quotes, Sole Source, Formal Bid)

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:

Curriculum & Instructions

### CONSEQUENCES OF NON-APPROVAL:

Failure to approve this item may hinder the district's ability to improve instructional coherence and could impact progress toward district goals, including STAAR performance, CCMR outcomes, and closing achievement gaps.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

Summer 2026

ATTACHMENT(S): ✓

