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TO: Amy Drozd, CFO

DATE: September 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Purchasing Cooperative Fees Report for 2019-2020 and Approval of Renewal Memberships for 2020-2021

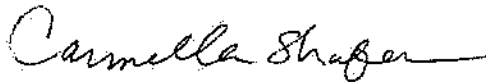
Per House Bill 273 passed during the 80th Legislative Session, school districts are required to submit annually a written report to their Board of Trustees of the fees paid to purchasing cooperatives and the purpose of such fees.

College Station ISD was a member of the following purchasing cooperatives during the 2019-2020 school year. Membership in these purchasing cooperatives is authorized under TEC 44.031 (a) (4) and was instituted through an inter-local agreement between the cooperative and College Station ISD. Each of these cooperatives follows the competitive bidding laws of the State of Texas, and College Station ISD accesses this discount pricing by following the guidelines of the cooperative.

1. Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) which includes Choice Facility Partners and the Choice Food Cooperative- no membership fee.
2. Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative – in 2019 consolidated purchasing cooperatives TCPN, US Communities, and National IPA - no membership fee. The district received a rebate check for \$298.63.
3. Texas Local Government and Statewide Purchasing Cooperative (TASB Buy Board) - no membership fee. The district received a rebate check for \$16,422.00 based on its participation in the cooperative for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
4. Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative (HGAC) – no membership fee.
5. State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program (administered by Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts) - annual membership fee is \$100.
6. Department of Information Resources (DIR) (State Agency) -no membership fee.
7. Choice Partners Cooperative (sponsored by Harris County Department of Education) - no membership fee.
8. Purchasing Solutions Alliance (PSA) -no membership fee.
9. Region 2 ESC Purchasing Cooperative, Goodbuy -no membership fee. The District purchased two (2) 2020 Ford Transit Connect Van and paid an administrative fee of \$600 to the vendor for these purchases.
10. Region 6 ESC Purchasing Cooperative, EPIC 6- no membership fee.

11. Region 19 ESC Purchasing Cooperative, Allied States Cooperative - no membership fee.
12. Region 8 ESC Purchasing Cooperative, TIPS/TAPS – no membership fee. The district received a rebate check for \$601.60 based on its participation in the cooperative for the 2018-19 fiscal year.
13. Region 20 ESC 2013 Purchasing Cooperative- The annual membership fee was \$875 for 2019-2020. This cooperative provides access to a unique group of vendors, materials and services that are compliant with federal procurement requirements.
14. PACE Purchasing Cooperative- no membership fee.
15. School Purchasing Alliance- no membership fee. The district rebate check will be processed in the fall due to the coronavirus and reduced usage.
16. National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) - no membership fee.
17. 1GPA 1 Government Procurement Alliance- no membership fee.
18. Purchasing Cooperative of America- no membership fee.
19. Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative – no membership fee.
20. Central Texas Purchasing Alliance – The annual membership fee was \$100 for 2019-20.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the Cooperative Fees Report for FY 2019-2020 and renew the current cooperative memberships for FY 2020- 2021.



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