




# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services 

Date: April 9, 2014

Subject: Consider approval of College Station Independent School District participation in funding a study related to partnering with other entities to build a natatorium

Agenda Item: K-2

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

## BACKGROUND

As a part of planning for a potential bond issue in November 2013, College Station ISD empanelled a community group, known as the Long Range Educational Planning Committee (LREP), to review the condition of district facilities, enrollment growth and projections, and various needs for renovations and new facilities. During course of the LREP meetings, the idea of a CSISD natatorium was brought forward. After much study, including projections of construction and on-going operational costs, the natatorium was not brought forward to the voters.

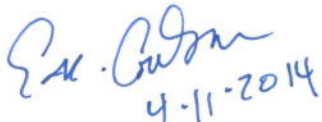
The overall price tag and the on-going costs for the facility were reasons why Board and administration did not feel CSISD could go forward with the project at that time. The board members did express a desire to further study the possibility of partnering with other agencies and governments in a community/regional natatorium.

In December 2013, the Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) began a natatorium task force to study the possibility of constructing and operating such a facility. The goal of the task force was to develop a request for proposal (RFP) for a feasibility study on a community natatorium. An RFP was developed and advertised. Four consulting/engineering firms responded with overall feasibility study costs ranging from approximately \$55,000 to \$69,000.

During the review of the responses, representatives from the College Station City Council suggested that the two school districts help participate in the funding of the study. After talking with the CVB, the number that was proposed was \$5,000 per district.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve contributing \$5,000 to the funding of a feasibility study for a community natatorium.

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