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TO: Glynn Walker

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SUBJECT: Purchasing Cooperative Fees Report for 2014-2015 and
Approval of Renewal Memberships for 2015-2016

Per House Bill 273 passed during the 80th Legislative Session, school districts are required to submit annually a written report to the their board of trustees 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 2014-2016 school year. Membership in these purchasing cooperatives is authorized under TEC 44.031 (a) (4), 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. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) (sponsored by Region 4 ESC in Houston) – **no membership fee.**
3. Texas Local Government and Statewide Purchasing Cooperative (TASB Buyboard) - **no membership fee.** The district received a rebate check for \$8,886.00 based on its participation in the cooperative for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The district issued purchase orders for one (1) Ford E450 Box Truck for the Purchasing Department. An administrative handling fee of \$400 per order was paid to the vendor for this vehicle purchase.

4. State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program (administered by Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts) - **annual membership fee is \$100.**
5. Department of Information Resources (DIR) (State Agency) – **no membership fee.**
6. Choice Partners Cooperative (sponsored by Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments) – **no membership fee.**
7. Purchasing Solutions Alliance (PSA) - **no membership fee.**
8. Region 6 ESC Purchasing Cooperative – **no membership fee.**
9. Region 19 ESC Purchasing Cooperative – **no membership fee.**
10. U.S. Communities Purchasing Cooperative - **no membership fee.**
11. PACE Purchasing Cooperative - **no membership fee.**
12. School Purchasing Alliance- **no membership fee.**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the cooperative report for FY 2014-2015 and renew the current cooperative memberships for FY 2015-2016.



Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing