



MEMORANDUM

To: Tim Harkrider, Superintendent 

From: Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing

Date: August 13, 2026

Subject: Approval of Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Cybersecurity Services

Agenda Item: J-5

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Board approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Texas A&M University System for cybersecurity services. This will enhance our cybersecurity posture by leveraging resources, expertise, and infrastructure to address increasing cyber threats. As cyber threats to public entities grow in frequency and sophistication, collaboration has become a critical strategy to strengthen our defense mechanisms. The Texas A&M University System will provide 24/7 monitoring, incident response, and threat intelligence at a scale necessary to mitigate evolving risks. The Texas A&M University's Cybersecurity division operates a mature cybersecurity operations center (SOC) and is willing to extend its services through an ILA. The arrangement aligns with our strategic priorities around IT resilience, risk management, and inter-agency cooperation. This partnership will require approval of an Interlocal Agreement.

Services Provided:

- o Dedicated endpoint detection and response agent
- o Threat analysis, response, and containment
- o Continuous alert monitoring
- o Deployable incident management and response team
- o Protective DNS
- o Regular threat assessments and reporting
- o Education-specific threat intelligence

Duration: One year, with automatic renewal unless terminated by either party.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve entering into an interlocal agreement with The Texas A&M University System for cybersecurity services for a one-year term, with automatic annual renewal unless terminated by either party; approve the purchase of cybersecurity services from The Texas A&M University System at an estimated annual cost of \$178,398.00, based on the current Statement of Work (SOW), to be funded from the District's General Fund; and delegate to the Superintendent any and all authority necessary to negotiate, execute, and effectuate the agreement and related documents.


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