

**Agenda Item 8519**

November 3, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Interlocal Agreement for The Teacher Pipeline (Project Access)

**PROPOSED ACTION**

That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Austin Community College District (ACC) and the Austin Independent School District (AISD). This Interlocal Agreement is a one year extension of a previously approved agreement.

**RELATED BOARD POLICY OR PLANNING DIRECTIVE**

This item is consistent with Policy A-1, Vision/Mission/Values Statement, A-2, Intended Outcomes, A-5, Service-Area Responsibilities and C-6, College-Community Linkages

**RATIONALE**

AISD has identified a shortage of elementary school teachers who are certified in Bilingual Education, and who are prepared to teach in demographically diverse schools. This shortage is intensified by fewer individuals enter the teaching field and by the high attrition rate among teachers in targeted schools. ACC and AISD have established a partnership to jointly address this teacher shortage by offering current teaching paraprofessionals who are already employed in AISD and who wish to become public school teachers the opportunity to receive bilingual certification. ACC, through the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree, will provide the first 39 hours of the 120 hours of instruction required for certification as a bilingual teacher, as well as any necessary basic skills preparation. AISD will provide ACC an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per semester to cover tuition and fees for program participants.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION**

None.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

Gaye Lynn Scott, Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Mike Midgley, Vice President, Workforce Education & Business Development

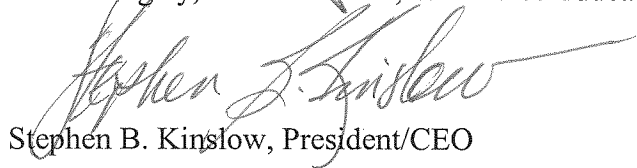
**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A: Interlocal Agreement between Austin Independent School District and Austin Community College

Respectfully Submitted By:



Mike Midgley, Vice President, Workforce Education & Business Development



Stephen B. Kinslow, President/CEO

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Between

**AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (AISD)  
AND  
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC)**

**September 2008 to August 2009**

This Interlocal Agreement is entered into by and between Austin Independent School District (AISD) and Austin Community College (ACC) for the express purpose of providing 39 credit hours of coursework to AISD Paraprofessionals toward completion of the bachelor's degree and certification as bilingual educators.

### **Background**

AISD has identified a shortage of elementary school teachers certified in Bilingual Education with preparation to teach in demographically diverse schools. This shortage is intensified by fewer individuals who enter the teaching field and by the high attrition rate among teachers in targeted schools. ACC and AISD have established a partnership to jointly address this teacher shortage. AISD wishes to increase the number of certified bilingual teachers in Austin by offering current paraprofessionals, already employed in the district who wish to become public school teachers, the opportunity to receive bilingual certification. ACC, through the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree, offers college preparatory and core curriculum coursework, which will transfer to a university and count toward the bachelor's degree. ACC, in partnership with St. Edward's University and Capital Idea, participates in identifying, selecting, and providing instruction to Teacher Pipeline participants.

### **Partnership Agreement**

AISD has agreed to enter into this Interlocal Agreement through August 2009, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per semester to cover tuition fees for program participants. ACC has agreed to offer applicable courses toward completion of foundation coursework.

### **Austin Independent School District Responsibilities:**

1. Release paraprofessionals one full day per week to attend classes at ACC.
2. Pay for substitutes to cover paraprofessionals' job responsibilities who are released from work one day per week to attend class at ACC.
3. Pay ACC the cost of tuition and fees for any and all program participants registered for these restricted courses.

4. Work cooperatively with ACC to develop a schedule that accommodates student's classroom and work schedules, and site-based observation requirements

**Austin Community College Responsibilities:**

1. ACC will assist in selecting and enrolling teacher assistant applicants from AISD who meet the criteria for acceptance into the Teacher Pipeline Program.
2. ACC will develop and offer program coursework.
3. ACC will certify successful completion on the part of Teacher Pipeline participants who meet all requirements so they may seek admission to St. Edward's University to obtain teacher certification in bilingual education.
4. ACC will provide administrative support for the program and a contact person to facilitate this agreement.

**Project Funding**

The number of participants accepted is limited by total funds available for this initiative. The AISD agrees to compensate ACC in an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the cost of tuition and fees only, payable to ACC upon presentation of the invoices at the beginning of each semester.

**Effect of Agreement**

Nothing in this Interlocal Agreement shall be interpreted as limiting, superseding, or otherwise affecting any party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory duties. This Interlocal Agreement does not limit or restrict AISD or ACC from participating in similar activities or agreements with other entities.

**Effective Date and Duration**

This Interlocal Agreement shall become effective upon the date of a final signature of the undersigned parties and shall remain in effect through August 31, 2009. The term of this Interlocal Agreement notwithstanding, any party to this Interlocal Agreement may withdraw prior to the expiration of the term hereof for good cause, or by written mutual agreement of the parties at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Termination will not be executed without a negotiated teach-out agreement for students currently enrolled.

Austin Independent School District

Pascal D. Forgione Jr. Date 10/16/08  
Pascal D. Forgione Jr., Ph.D.  
Superintendent

Mark Williams Date 10/13/08  
Mark Williams  
Board President

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Austin Community College

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Stephen B. Kinslow, Ph. D.  
President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Nan McRaven  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Date \_\_\_\_\_