

## **AGENDA ITEM 7.A.**

**RE:** Renewal of Dual Post-Secondary Credit Partnership Agreement Between Laredo College and School Districts

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For information only. All current school districts include Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District, Harmony School of Excellence, Piedra Angular Academic Ministries, St. Augustine High School, Webb Consolidated Independent School District, and Zapata County Independent School District.

**BACKGROUND:** This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a Dual Credit Partnership between Laredo College and participating school districts to provide eligible high school students with access to college-level academic and workforce courses. Through this partnership, students may earn both high school and college credit simultaneously, as well as participate in continuing education courses that support workforce development and industry certifications. The agreement ensures that all dual credit offerings maintain the same academic rigor, curriculum standards, and faculty qualifications as courses offered on the college campus, while aligning with state legislation and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements.

The MOU also outlines key operational components including student eligibility, admissions requirements, course delivery modalities, faculty selection and evaluation, and funding structures. The district and college will collaborate on student recruitment, academic advising, and the development of clear educational pathways to support college readiness and workforce outcomes. Additionally, the agreement addresses tuition and fee structures, data sharing, compliance with state and federal laws, and provisions for student support services, ensuring a structured and equitable framework to expand access to dual credit opportunities and promote student success.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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