

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval of the MOUs between the University of Houston and Pasadena ISD and between the University of Houston - Clear Lake and Pasadena ISD for the 2026-2027 Learning Acceleration Supports Opportunities, Cycle 4: PREP Preservice Residency program allotment.

BACKGROUND: Pasadena ISD was awarded the 2026-2027 Learning Acceleration Supports Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 4: PREP Preservice Residency program allotment, which places paid teacher residents in classrooms led by experienced cooperating (host) teachers, allowing candidates to earn enhanced standard teaching certificates while gaining hands-on experience. This model strengthens instructional capacity, improves educator effectiveness, and increases student access to high-quality teaching. Pasadena ISD will partner with these universities to provide student teachers with a one-year residency in the amount of \$20,000 to be funded in part by the allotment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The 2026-2027 Learning Acceleration Supports Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 4: PREP Preservice Residency program allotment will fund a portion of the residency payment at \$10,000 per student teacher. Pasadena ISD will fund the remaining \$10,000 for ten residents.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval of the MOUs between the University of Houston and Pasadena ISD and between the University of Houston - Clear Lake and Pasadena ISD for the 2026-2027 Learning Acceleration Supports Opportunities, Cycle 4: PREP Preservice Residency program allotment.

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