

AGENDA ITEM # 8.B

INFORMATION

BACKGROUND:

Burkburnett ISD is a charter member of the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC). The organization was formed to identify the challenges facing the highly mobile military child, increase awareness of these challenges in military and educational communities, and initiates and implements programs to meet the challenges.

BISD's secondary school counselors all three phases of MCEC's Transition Counselor Institute. The series of three interactive professional development institutes focused on the military child's experience with transitions.

STATUS:

Believing that the best support for a transitioning student is from another student, MCEC created a unique initiative called Student2Student (S2S) program. A school team, consisting of two students and two school sponsors, attends an extensive three and on-half day, highly-interactive training to develop the skills needed to train other students. It is a curriculum-based program aimed at making new students feel welcome and accepted. Students are mentored in ways to assist students as they transition in or out of the school

The superintendent negotiated a training slot for Burkburnett High School to participate in this outstanding initiative and Mr. Hardaway selected a school team. The team will brief the Board on how they are going to create a school-specific S2S program based on academics, relationships and "finding the way" at BHS.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent request Board support of this new student lead initiative at BHS.