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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Sandra Sanchez, CTE Administrator
Subject: Innovative Course: Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS)
Date: July 8, 2026

HISTORY: In the past year, we have been working on how to better support our Special Education students. Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS), focuses on the skills and strategies necessary for students to excel in high school and their academic career, enhancing their understanding of available opportunities in high school, higher education, and the professional world to help them establish both short-term and long-term personal goals. After identifying their individual learning preferences, strengths, and opportunities for growth, students will further develop their ability to organize, manage resources, and study. The course also focuses on specific strategies necessary for students to achieve personal and professional goals by developing personal responsibility, managing stress, cultivating a growth mindset, and building resiliency. To maximize personal achievement, the course emphasizes leadership development through character education, independent thinking, collaboration, proactive problem-solving, and decision-making.

RATIONALE: Implementing the innovative course of MAPS, will assist in closing the gaps in our student instruction for special education by enhancing their understanding of available opportunities in high school, higher education, and the professional world to help them establish both short-term and long-term personal goals.

BUDGET IMPACT: Approximately \$1,000 for textbooks

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: To be able to support our students with special needs in skills and strategies necessary for students to excel in high school and their academic career.

For Approval ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please check one: ☐ Presentation ☐ Report ☒ Information

Please check if applicable: ☒ Attachment Included

The mission of the San Elizario Independent School District is to graduate students with innovative skills for 21st-century careers by focusing on academic and social skills, fostering transformative practices, and building community support through positive relationships between home and school.