

Consider the approval of P.A.M. Media Outreach Leadership Program for students.

1. Background:

P.A.M. Media Outreach is a leadership program that has been offered to students at Southwest Legacy, Resnik, McAuliffe, and Bob Hope. Secondary students meet for nine weeks, and elementary students meet for five weeks. During this time, youth develop and improve leadership and communication skills and learn about community issues such as law enforcement, education disparities, mental health, spirituality, financial literacy, civic engagement, and career readiness. They connect with community leaders to learn more about how these issues affect their community and peers. Students invite these leaders to participate in their campus Summit or Symposium, which is organized and hosted by students for their peers and their family members. The goal of this program is to help students learn about issues that affect them and to teach them how to connect with community leaders to bring about positive change in their community.

2. Process:

The program is in its third year at Southwest Legacy, Resnik, McAuliffe, and Bob Hope. This year, the program will expand to Alvarado Elementary School. Administrators work with their campus team to identify students for this program. At the secondary schools, 10-15 middle school students will be invited to participate in the program. At the Elementary schools, 5-10 fifth-grade students will be invited to participate in the program. Weekly meetings will be held during advisory for nine weeks beginning in September. Southwest Legacy, together with Resnik and McAuliffe, will host their Teen Summit on November 10, 2026, at Southwest Legacy. Bob Hope will host their Symposium on November 18, 2026, and Alvarado will host their Symposium on November 19, 2026. This program is being funded by the Southwest Education Foundation.

3. Fiscal Impact:

This program will cost \$11,000 for Alvarado Elementary, Bob Hope Elementary, Resnik Middle School, McAuliffe Middle School, and Southwest Legacy High School.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve the partnership with P.A.M. Media Outreach Leadership Program for students.

5. Required:

Board action.