

**HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: April 27, 2026

Agenda Item: K.4a

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval to contract for campus-based Speech Services for the 2025-2026 School Year – Soliant Health

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Michelle Velasquez, Executive Officer of Special Education
Lauren Gomez, Director of Special Services

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

- Action needed Information only Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

- Local Policy: Law or Rule N/A
CH – Purchasing and Acquisition

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The purpose of this agenda item is to contract with Soliant Health in the 2025-2026 school year for campus-based speech services

D. Summary:

- Previous board action relating to this item: N/A
 Future action anticipated: N/A
 Background information: Hays CISD will continue to require contracted speech services during the 2025–2026 school year due to an increased number of students needing support. To mitigate the number of compensatory services needed, contract SLPs are needed to provide the IEP services as written. Since the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, HCISD has accessed contract speech providers through a variety of speech contract companies. Services provided by Soliant Health are anticipated to result in expenditures over \$100,000.

E. Comments Received:

- Cabinet DLT FBOC Teacher Org. Reps. Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval to continue to use Soliant Health to provide speech certified staff to fill the need for special education services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: Providing speech services as written in the IEP allows the needs of students requiring specialized services to be met. Without services, Hays CISD will be required to make up sessions through compensatory services.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Speech services provide identified services with the services needed to increase learner outcomes.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: Speech services provide access to grade-level instruction, and incorporate the use of grade-level TEKS

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Students in need of speech services would not have access to services, thus not meeting the state and federal requirements for FAPE; resulting in additional costs to provide compensatory services.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$250,000

Budget

Grant/Special Funds: IDEA B

Other

Budget Amendment Needed

Prior Year Spending for this item/service: N/A

Bid / Contract Information: RFP 25-022202VL

Reasons for rejecting alternatives: N/A

Future/Ongoing: Continued use of vendor services

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo, Michelle Velasquez

Evaluation method and timeline: Evaluation of services are monitored on an ongoing basis through monthly check-ins with Special Education leadership, professional evaluation, and walk-throughs

Next report to the Board: January 2027

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approval to contract with Soliant Health for campus-based speech services for the 2025-2026 school year for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, as presented.