



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/03/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve First Amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Tarrant County and Arlington Independent School District (AISD) to provide trained volunteer mediators to facilitate the Restorative Practices Continuum Program.

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139625, approved the original ILA with AISD to provide trained volunteer mediators from the Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Program (DRP) to assist in the implementation of AISD's Restorative Practices Continuum Program. The program is intended to enhance accountability and reparation in student conflict or disciplinary actions.

Through this ILA, AISD has access to DRP's roster of trained volunteer mediators who are willing to assist AISD in setting up and facilitating the re-entry process for students returning to class or campus after extended absences due to suspension or incarceration. The volunteers will serve as mediators, facilitators, or neutrals in dispute resolution processes within AISD's Restorative Practices Continuum Program.

With approval of Amendment No. 1, the term of the ILA will be extended for one (1) additional year from September 15, 2023 through September 14, 2024, with an option to renew the agreement for one (1) additional year.

This ILA has been approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Janet Denton
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