



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Early Childhood Council

Recommendation Number: 20200506-2d:

Preserve Funding for Austin Independent School District Parent Support Specialists

WHEREAS, Parent Support Specialists (PSS) empower parents to become active participants in the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, PSS develop and promote inclusive Family-Friendly Schools which are instrumental in creating a strong connection between the school, City, and County departments, and community service providers using a coordinated integrated services model approach that improves the quality of life of families; and

WHEREAS, in 2018-2019, PSS provided services to 11,223 students' parents, families, or guardians, 66% of whom had students in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, PSS organize and/or conduct classes, trainings, and workshops to support parent education and life skills, and in 2018-2019 AISD families participated in 3,339 of these events at 70 schools; and

WHEREAS, using a combination of federal, district, and City funding, Austin ISD employs PSS in 60 Title I schools, the majority of which are elementary schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Early Childhood Council encourages the Austin City Council to maintain the current funding support to Austin ISD for Parent Support Specialists and explore supporting similar programs in other area school districts within the City of Austin if there is a need.

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote: 7-0 with one abstention (Ami Cortes-Castillo)

Attest: