



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Regular Meeting

DATE: February 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval of the Relocation of the Alton Head Start Center to the Cantu Elementary Campus, Mission Consolidated School District

RATIONALE/NEED: The City of Alton has informed us that the lease on the parcel of land where our Alton Center is located will not be renewed once it expires on June 30, 2021. In preparation for continuing to serve the families from the Alton area, we have contacted the Mission Consolidated Independent School District administration and the superintendent has agreed to provide sufficient classroom space at their Cantu Elementary campus to accommodate all 120 children from our Alton Head Start Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST:

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: Memorandum

INITATED BY: Teresa Flores, Executive Director

REVIEWED BY: Teresa Flores, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 



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TO: Policy Council Members and Commissioners' Court Members

FROM: Teresa Flores, Executive Director *Teresa Flores*

SUBJECT: Relocation of Alton Head Start Center to Cantu Elementary Campus,
Mission Consolidated Independent School District

DATE: February 10, 2021

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We have already started the application process to ensure that the new facility will be fully compliant with Child Care licensing and Head Start requirements by August 2021. Our staff visited the campus, met with the school's personnel and secured the appropriate classroom and office space, kitchen and playground areas to begin the transition as soon as possible. Relocating to the school campus can conceivably save the program approximately \$15,850 in rent and utilities annually.

Additionally, we must decide on how to dispose of the current facility. As per Federal regulations, we will consult with the Office of Head Start on the disposition options which may include sale, relocation, demolition or donating it to another entity. It will require approval by the Policy Council and the Commissioners' Court. At this time we are requesting approval to explore available options in detail.