



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

11C. Report

Date: September 8, 2008

SUBJECT: LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Background Information:

- 34 certified librarians; 6 full-time aides on three high-school campuses; 7 part-time aides. Functions under directives of TEA and Texas Library Association as well as Keller ISD Board Regulations and Policies.
- Curriculum collaboration stressed between teachers and campus librarian for enhanced lesson development in support of Keller ISD curriculum. Curriculum connections emphasized on every campus through visiting authors, professional storytellers, KISD Reading Olympics, Reading Bingo, BOOK-IT, Six Flags 600 Minutes, and other programs.
- Curriculum Packet Lessons (CPaks) to support KISD curriculum. Lesson packets contain a ready-to-use book and lesson-plan ideas that are specifically connected to Keller curriculum and TAKS skills. The curriculum-specific Keller ISD Chuckwagon List (grades 3-6); Keller ISD Trailblazer (grades 6-9) concentrate on curriculum connections and excellence in reading. Special events such as Celebrity Reading Week are held on various campuses throughout the year for promotion of excellence in reading.
- Copyright issues and questions from campuses are researched and addressed through Library/Media Services. Library Director prepares annual report to American Civil Liberties Union regarding challenged books.
- Keller ISD Library Curriculum Database updated Summer, 2008, provides teachers and parents access to book lists, curriculum-connection titles and library skills lessons to be shared campus to campus. Contracted online informational databases available in each KISD library. Unitedstreaming and PowerMediaPlus provide content-related digital video clips to support the Keller ISD curriculum with quality AV materials; ESC Region XI provides this service at no extra cost through our district contract.

- Librarians cataloged and distributed TAKS supplementary materials provided by the KISD School Board through Alexandria cataloging system. Librarians and Library Director are working with principal at New Directions to help create a small library on that campus. Librarians purchase current materials for each campus library to support curriculum. Classes are scheduled to allow for maximum library availability for every student on every campus; multiple classes may use the library at the same time if necessary.
- Library/Media Services works closely with the KISD Technology Department to ensure that equipment is available for library presentations, research, and classroom lessons. Library/Media Services works with Instructional Technology on database training, software purchases, and other curriculum support.

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Respectfully submitted,

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