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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Date:	Tuesday, September 1, 2026	Item No. 5.h.
To:	Board of County Commissioners	
From:	Stacie Kwitek, Executive Director - Department of Human Services	
Agenda Wording:	Resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement between El Paso County Department of Human Services and El Paso County School District 3 (Widefield School District)	

SUMMARY (including information on budgeted matters)

Resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement between El Paso County Department of Human Services and El Paso County School District 3 (Widefield School District).

BACKGROUND (including information on budgeted matters)

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Fostering Connections Act) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA, 2015) require child welfare agencies (DHS) and education agencies (School Districts) to collaborate to ensure school stability and school attendance for all children and youth in foster care. When children or youth are placed in foster care, they remain in the school of origin with necessary transportation provided unless doing so is not in their best interest. If it is in their best interest to change schools, children or youth must be immediately enrolled in a new school, even without records.

HB 18-1306 aligns state law with ESSA and creates new funding and requirements for school stability for youth. This intergovernmental agreement helps to implement HB 18-1306 and needs to be in place with all school districts within El Paso County, as well as neighboring districts throughout Colorado. It covers best interest determinations and when it is required, transportation plans and agreements, equitable cost sharing of transportation, point of contacts, and dispute resolutions pertaining to school stability transitions.

State provides 80% of the funding for the services, the County and School District each pay 10%. This IGA enables the County to invoice the school district for their 10% share of transportation costs, should it be necessary.

ESTIMATED TIME FOR PRESENTATION
___ minutes/hours

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Business Year:	2026	Subject to TABOR? NO
Fund:		
Funding Amount:	$0.00	
Increase to original adopted Budget	$0.00	
Net Cost to County:	$0.00	
Total Project Cost:	$0.00	
Vendor Information		

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
ESSA IGA