

Consider approval of acceptance and allowance of graduation slots in Princeton Review's Penn Foster Online High School program, at no cost to the district (summer 2010 only)

Presenter: Dr. Murphy

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Damon Murphy, Superintendent

DATE: May 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Penn Foster Online High School Program for Graduation

There are 17 seniors at CHS who will not be graduating with the Class of 2010, due solely to failure on the TAKS test. One option for these students is to participate in a summer recovery program to prepare for the July TAKS administration. Another option available to Canutillo ISD, at no cost to the district, is for these students is to voluntarily withdraw from Canutillo High School and enroll in an accredited school that does not operate under the TAKS requirements of TEA (a private school or a public school outside of Texas both count). Penn Foster Online High School fits this description. It is a fully accredited institution, and its diploma is recognized by both EPCC and UTEP.

As a "pilot" program, Princeton Review is offering us 17 slots in their June 2010 Penn Foster graduating class at no cost to the student or the district. The 17 students that fit this category would have their transcripts evaluated by Penn Foster, and if the transcripts were found suitable, they would be immediately offered graduation with Penn Foster.

The Penn Foster Online High School is completely voluntary to our students. If students desire to do the tutoring and try the TAKS again, the district will fully support that decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the acceptance and allowance of graduation slots in Princeton Review's Penn Foster Online High School program, at no cost to the district (summer 2010 only).