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Office of Dispute Resolution

MEMO

TO: Judge Curtis Parrish

CC: Commissioner Mike Dalby, Precinct 1; Commissioner Jason Corley, Precinct 2;
Commissioner Cary Shaw, Precinct 3; Commissioner Jordan Rackler, Precinct 4

FROM: D. Gene Valentini, Director

DATE: February 3, 2025

RE: 02-10-2025 Agenda Item: Consider and approve a grant application to the Office of the Governor for providing mediation services to youth with disabilities.

The Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) is requesting approval to submit an application to the Governor's Office for the FY2026 Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Program. ODR has provided mediation services for this population for many years, mostly by order from the Justice Courts. This funding would be for the continuation of paying stipends to mediators for their services. In addition to referrals from the Justice Courts, services would be for School Districts within Lubbock County and families of students with disabilities. The amount requested is \$6,500 with no match requirement.