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'Student Health & Safety is the Centerpiece'

Hays CISD Names Ascension Seton & Dell Children's as the Official Sports Medical Sponsor of the District

Hays CISD is excited to announce that a sponsorship that started this fall will enhance the district's safety profile for student athletes and fine arts participants. In naming Ascension Seton and Dell Children's as the official medical and healthcare sponsor of the district, Ascension Seton and Dell Children's will provide nearly $650,000 in initial cash and in-kind resources to Hays CISD students during the next three years. The sports medicine medical services agreement has an option to extend the sponsorship through 2031.

Visit: www.hayscisd.net/sportsmedicalsponsor

"I'm proud of this agreement because it makes clear that student health and safety is the centerpiece," said Hays CISD Superintendent Dr. Eric Wright. "School districts in Texas have long been essential components of what binds communities together. Building collaboration with our friends and neighbors like Ascension Seton and Dell Children's solidifies that bond. We all thrive when we work together to provide our children with safe and healthy opportunities to learn and grow."

In exchange for naming Ascension Seton and Dell Children's the district's exclusive sports medicine sponsor; during the course of the sponsorship, Ascension Seton and Dell Children's will provide the district with up to three full-time athletic trainers at the middle school level to support the district's current, in-house athletic trainer program. Additionally, the district will have access to up to five additional athletic trainers as needed to support middle and high school athletic and fine arts programs. The hospital will also provide up to $50,000 annually for concussion baseline testing, heart screening, and pre-participation physicals. And, students will have access to a Saturday sports injury clinic and sports medicine team physician support.

"Supporting athletics and school activities is a pivotal part of childhood here in Texas communities, and we are proud to work with Hays CISD to nurture that environment", said Adam Messer, President of Dell Children's. "At Ascension Seton and Dell Children's, our commitment goes beyond treating injuries, we are here to elevate the standard of care, safety, and well-being so that every student-athlete and participant has the unwavering support they need to thrive both on the field and in the classroom."

"Athletics and fine arts are essential parts of the educational experience for many Hays CISD students and we appreciate the tremendous support from Ascension Seton and Dell Children's," said Hays CISD Athletic Director Lance Moffett. "Students who play sports or participate in the band or other fine arts programs have added incentives to make better grades and have better attendance. They also learn valuable skills for life – working together, solving problems, overcoming challenges, and both winning and losing with dignity and grace. In an economic climate where every dollar in public education is precious and guarded, having the additional resources provided to us from this sponsorship allows us to advance our athletics and fine arts programs in very tangible ways that will benefit and serve students."

Ascension Seton and Dell Children's will meet multiple times per year with Hays CISD district officials to ensure the collaboration remains strong and beneficial throughout the length of the sponsorship agreement.

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About Ascension Seton:

Serving Texas for more than 120 years, Ascension operates 13 hospitals and 222 sites of care, employing 16,000 associates across Central Texas. Ascension operates Ascension Providence in Waco and Ascension Seton, which includes Dell Children's Medical Center, the region's only comprehensive children's hospital and pediatric Level I trauma center, and Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas, the region's only Level I trauma center for adults. Ascension Seton partners with Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin and shares a common vision of transforming healthcare through a focus on quality and value.

Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. On average, Ascension provides $540 million annually in charity care and community benefit across Central Texas. Visit www.ascension.org and www.dellchildrens.org.

About Hays CISD:

Located in North Central Hays County, the Hays Consolidated Independent School District (www.hayscisd.net) covers more than 221 square miles. The district serves more than 25,000 students in three counties at 28 campuses. Hays CISD is a proud partner with all of the communities it serves, providing extraordinary educational services and opportunities for students. Hays CISD graduates are ready for success!

Founded in 1967, Hays CISD now incorporates in its consolidation what used to be the Buda and Kyle school districts. When it opened, the district served fewer than 1,200 students. Now serving more than 20 times that number, Hays CISD is the largest of the four school districts in Hays County.

The district offers dynamic, rigorous instruction with a commitment to serve the unique needs of every child. Its modern, energy-efficient schools are ideal learning environments, staffed with highly-qualified, caring teachers and other educational professionals. Students are offered many specialized programs, hands-on career and technical education opportunities, a robust menu of extracurricular ventures, participation on winning athletics teams, and the finest fine arts program imaginable.

Through its 100% Hays initiative, the district recognizes the value of student participation in both academics and other enriching endeavors. The district's mission is: "Hays CISD Makes It 100% Possible." The district can achieve that bold promise because it knows that knowledge spurs inspiration, which sparks dreams that lead to success.