

Agenda Item: II. C.

DATE: July 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Advise TN

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Driven by the belief that every student has the potential to attend and thrive in postsecondary education, Advise TN aims to increase the number of Tennesseans accessing higher education. By partnering with high schools to provide college advising services, Advise TN will serve up to 10,000 junior and senior students across Tennessee. In the fall, 30 Advise TN college advisors will be placed in partner high schools that have articulated their strong commitment to building a college-going culture and currently have a college-going rate below the state average, based on a three year average. Partner high schools will be selected through a competitive proposal process. Over 125 high schools have submitted a notice of interest. High school proposals are due August 12.

College advisor services will be rooted in research and best practices sourced from Tennessee and around the nation. As part of a statewide network of college access professionals, Advise TN college advisors will collaborate with school counselors, community partners, local nonprofits, and the State of Tennessee to build capacity around college access in the 2016-17 school year and beyond.

Advise TN is funded as part of the 2016-17 state budget. Staff will provide an overview of the program along with plans for implementation scheduled to begin this fall.