



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4A. Report

Date: May 23, 2005

SUBJECT: LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFICIENT STUDENT PLAN, 2005-2006

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- There are over 700 students in Keller ISD who have been identified as Limited English Speaking Students (LEP), and who are served on 13 campuses.
- The LEP student are transported to specific campuses for instruction, elementary to 10 campuses, intermediate to Chisholm Trail, middle school to Fossil Hill, and high school to Fossil Ridge. The cost of the 4 routes is \$138,000.
- Campus principals and the curriculum/instruction staff have been discussing strategies to better serve LEP students on their home campus.
- Consensus of the principals indicated the advantages of the plan include equity for all campuses, promotion of diversity and multiculturalism, LEP parent involvement, appropriate feeder patterns for all, student involvement on the home campus, reduction in parent denials, less travel time on buses, elimination of the cost for transportation, and the best situation for students.

Administrative Considerations:

- During the week of May 16th-20th, curriculum/instruction and human resources staff met with principals to discuss the availability of space and the distribution of current ESL teachers to all campuses
- A letter will be sent to the parents of LEP students on May 24th to notify them of the plan to instruct all LEP students on their home campus beginning in the 2005-2006 school year.
- There is a provision for the parents of LEP students to request a transfer to remain on the current campus, however, transportation will not be provided.
- Once the transfer process for these students is finalized, adjustments will be made to the distribution of ESL teachers.
- Planning has been initiated for professional development to meet the needs of LEP students on all campuses.

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Respectfully submitted,

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