

Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Tom Crowe, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PK WAIVER FOR AN INSTRUCTIONAL DAY LESS THAN 210 MINUTES

DATE: June 28, 2016

House Bill 2610 requires districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction each year. For the purpose of this waiver, a reference to a half day of instruction means 210 minutes.

For the 2016-17 school year only, the T.E.A. will allow districts to submit a waiver for PK programs that provide an instructional day of less than 210 but greater than 120 of instructional minutes.

The proposed schedule for PK programs applicable for this waiver will be 180 minutes per day. Campuses with a PK program that will be included in the waiver request are: Carver EEC, Lamar EEC, Blanton Elementary, Fly Elementary, Gale Pond Alamo, Hays Elementary and Milam Elementary.

Austin Elementary and Cameron Elementary have a full day PK program and therefore will not be included in the waiver.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request for the waiver to allow PK programs to have an instructional day less than 210 minutes for the 2016-2017 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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