BOARD OF EDUCATION
LULING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Action	**Date:** October 19, 2026
SUBJECT: Consider and Approve the 2026–2027 Bilingual Education Exception and ESL Waiver Application	**Submitted by**: Hayley Wolff **Related Pages:**
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In accordance with Texas Education Code §29.054 and 19 TAC §89.1207, school districts that are unable to provide the required bilingual education and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) program due to an insufficient number of appropriately certified teachers must request a Bilingual Education Exception and/or ESL Waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The waiver process requires the district to identify staffing needs, outline efforts to recruit and retain appropriately certified personnel, provide professional development and support for teachers serving under the exception or waiver, and implement temporary alternative methods that meet the affective, linguistic, and cognitive needs of Emergent Bilingual (EB) students. The administration is requesting Board approval to submit the district's 2026–2027 Bilingual Education Exception and/or ESL Waiver application to TEA.	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to approve 2026–2027 Bilingual Education Exception and ESL Waiver Application	**BUDGETARY INFO.** None

Board President's Approval:

Superintendent's Approval: