



Gatesville ISD – Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: Oct 21, 2026		
Meeting Type: (Please Check One)		Agenda Placement: (Please Check One)
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting/ Workshop ☐ Hearing		☐ Public Hearing ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Information Items ☒ Presentation/ Discussion/ Action Items
Subject (What needs to be printed on the agenda): ESL Waiver for 26-27		
Executive Summary (Brief description of agenda item): All Emergent Bilingual students need to have ESL certified RLA teachers. Due to the number of non-certified English as a Second Language RLA reading teachers, we need to apply for an ESL waiver for the district for compliance using temporary alternative methods. Nine teachers need to certify in ESL, which affect 14 classes involving 22 ESL students in the district. Alternative methods include professional development activities such as CBLI within the district and ESL certification prep for taking the ESL test. Teachers meet with ESL coordinator throughout the school year. Waiver of approval by board is needed by Nov. 1.		
Fiscal Impact		
Cost: ☐ Recurring ☐ One-Time ☐ No Fiscal Impact Total Cost:	Funding Source: ☐ General Fund ☐ Grant Funds ☐ Bond Funds ☐ Other Funds (Specify)	Fiscal Year: Amendment Required? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Administration's Recommendation: I recommend the Board give approval for the ESL Program to apply for the waiver for 2026-2027.		
Submitted By: Bridget Register, Exec Dir of Bilingual Ed & Accountability		
Board Approval Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No		