



Decatur Independent School District

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Karen Rue, Ed.D., Interim-Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Bilingual/ESL Waiver 2024-2025
Meeting Date: October 21, 2024
Type of Item: Information Presentation Consent Agenda Discussion Action
Supporting Documents: Yes No

Background Information and Rationale:

Background Information and Rationale- All school systems, including school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and districts of innovation, are required to identify and serve emergent bilingual (EB) students through bilingual education, which includes bilingual and ESL programs, per 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §89.1205. Pursuant to 19 TAC §89.1207(a)(1) and (b)(1), a school system that does not have the appropriately certified teachers for their required bilingual and/or ESL program(s) must apply to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for a bilingual exception and/or ESL waiver. The approval of a bilingual exception and/or an ESL waiver shall be valid only during the school year for which it is granted.

Strategic goal- DISD values our employees and invests in their growth to ensure a highly effective and engaged staff.

Fiscal Implication:

There are Bilingual Education Allotment funds that are allotted for bilingual staff and instructional resources within the FY24-25 budget.

Administrative Recommendation - Approve the ESL and Bilingual Exception waiver for Decatur ISD for the 2024-2025 school year

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Respectfully submitted,

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