

# **Cedar Hill Independent School District BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Date:** June 11, 2012

**Presented by:** Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools

**Subject:** Waiver Request for Additional Early Release Days

## **Action Item**

### **BOARD GOAL:**

Design and implement a rigorous instructional delivery system that is data-driven and fosters student engagement.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

District-wide PLCs and targeted staff development are both reflected in our long-range Strategic Action Plan that was developed by our community and adopted by our Board. This plan drives much of our District Improvement Plan.

We are requesting this waiver to allow time for teachers and staff members to collaborate and expand the achievement of our students. We have an existing waiver for 6 early release days. We plan to request an additional 9 days, for a total of 15 days. Although we are a Recognized district, we believe that in order to move to an even higher level, staff members need to collaborate together for uninterrupted time in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These groups will focus on designing engaging work and experiences for students that will address the needs determined by qualitative and quantitative data.

Dates of existing early release days have already been placed on the District calendar for 2012-2013. Contingent upon waiver approval, the tentative dates of all early release days are proposed as: 9/11, 9/25, 10/5, 10/16, 11/6, 12/11, 1/17, 1/18, 1/29, 2/15, 2/16, 4/12, 4/30, 6/5, 6/6.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends that the Board approve the district's application to TEA for a General Waiver to TEC Section 25.082(a) for an additional nine early release days, for a total of fifteen early release days in 2012-2013.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approval of the district's application for a General Waiver to TEC Section 25.082(a).

### **POLICY AUTHORIZATION:**

n/a

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Dr. Homer Carter, Chief Academic Officer

Rachel Jones, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

n/a

**ENCLOSURES:**

Texas Education Agency Application for General and Expedited State Waivers