Request for Missed Instructional Days and Low Attendance Days Waiver

May 19, 2009

SUMMARY:

Board approval is requested for TEA Waiver Applications for missed instructional days on Friday, May 1, 2009 for Lee Elementary and Navo Middle School. Also, a waiver is being requested for all schools for Monday May 4 thru Wednesday May 6, 2009. A waiver for low attendance is requested for all schools affected by low attendance on May 1, 7 and 8, 2009. Schools must have at least 10% low attendance to be eligible for low attendance waiver.

BOARD GOAL:

- III Climate... (b) Promote and nourish a safe learning and working environment which is supportive, cooperative, and ensures open communication.
- IV- Parent and Community Involvement (d)...Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families.
- V Human Resources (e)...Promote health and wellness in the workforce.
- VI Growth and Change (b) Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board was briefed by the Denton County Health Department regarding the H1N1 (Swine) flu and its status on Thursday, April 30 in an emergency board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As a result of the H1N1 flu virus the Denton ISD with recommendations from the Denton County Health Department closed Lee Elementary and Navo Middle School on Friday May 1, 2009 and closed all schools on Monday May 4, 5, and 6, 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Attendance averages will be adjusted by TEA for betterment of Denton ISD revenue

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of waivers will help the districts overall attendance average.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The district will provide TEA with waiver request once approved by the Board of Trustees and Site Based Committee Chairperson.

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Waiver Application for Missed Instructional Days for May 1, 2009 for Lee Elementary and Navo Middle School and for all schools for May 4, 5, and 6, 2009. Also, T.E.A Waiver Application for Low Attendance for qualifying schools on May 1, 7 and 8, 2009.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Dr. Roger Rutherford, Assistant Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- Health Department Waiver

APPROVAL: