

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Board of Trustees Meeting July 25, 2023

Consider Approval of 2023 – 2024 Expedited and General State Waivers

SUMMARY:

This consent agenda item requests approval to apply for the Expedited and General State Waivers listed below for the 2023 - 2024 school year. It is important to note that some of these waivers, if approved, will cover multiple years.

The following Expedited State Waivers are being submitted for consent:

- **Staff Development Waiver**: the *Staff Development Minutes Waiver* provides for a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes.
- **Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days**: This waiver allows the district to modify the schedule of classes for students who are not being tested to report to and attend school after the state assessment testing period has ended, therefore reducing the interruptions during testing periods.
- **Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System**: Districts that are interested in fulfilling the requirement of TEC, §32.258 to provide teacher access to student assessment data through a local student data system must apply for an expedited waiver.

The following General State Waiver is being submitted for consent:

- **Foreign Exchange Student (Less than Five)**: This waiver allows districts to limit the number of foreign exchange students to five or less per high school.

BOARD GOALS

TEACHING & LEARNING

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

CULTURE & CLIMATE

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- establish high expectations for success
- instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community

GROWTH & MANAGEMENT

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- recruit, employ and retain high quality teachers

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- work with the community in planning and facility development
- utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
- adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.
- encourage teachers and staff to pursue advanced degrees
- pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles -
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- maintain a diverse workforce

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE WILL:

- support college, career, military and life readiness
- engage students in extracurricular clubs and organizations
- Advocate for public education across the state and nation
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Texas Education Agency typically approves these waivers for up to two years. The waivers listed above have all been previously approved, submitted to TEA, and received TEA approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

No additional background information to report other than that reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None noted at this time.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Board approval of the TEA waiver requests allows the District to remain in compliance with TEA requirements.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Trustees may choose to deny the request.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the TEA Expedited and General State Waivers requests to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

None. Links for each waiver being presented for consent have been included in this document.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Lacey Rainey_____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Signature of Board President: _____