



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Approval to Submit Application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Attendance Waivers for the Low Attendance Days at all campuses on January 16, 2024

From/Presenter: Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer
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Description: The TEA permits school districts to submit attendance waivers for missed instructional and low attendance days due to weather, health, or safety related issues. Districts may request these waivers as a district or on a campus by campus basis. A waived day of instruction is removed from the calendar for the requested schools and functions like a holiday, so it is not included in attendance funding calculations.

Low attendance is defined as a day of attendance at least ten percentage points lower than the prior year's percent of attendance as reported to TEA in Summer PEIMS. State funding for the district is based on attendance, so low attendance days have a negative impact. The recommended Application for a Low Attendance Day is for all elementary, middle and high school campuses in SSAISD.

On the morning of January 16, 2024, San Antonio experienced a severe freeze with temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Due to safety concerns by the public, many families chose to keep their children at home.

If approved by the Board, the waiver request will be forwarded to TEA. If approved by TEA, updates to the student attendance data will be made for the 2023-2024 school year.

Historical Data: South San Antonio ISD monitors Low Attendance Days annually and submits waivers when applicable. The last waiver that was submitted and approved by the SSAISD School Board was on December 20, 2023. That waiver is pending approval by TEA .

Recommendation: Request to approve the Administration's recommendation to submit attendance waiver applications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on behalf of SSAISD schools.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

Goal:1. SSAISD will increase academic achievement for all students and thus closing the gap between student populations in pursuit of advanced performance

Monthly Campus Attendance %	2022-2023 EOY	1/16/2024
South San HS	89.07	51.08
West Campus HS	88.481	48.8
DAEP	78.081	39.34
Dwight MS	89.176	45.96
Shepard MS	89.096	49.34
Zamora MS	91.503	50.08
Armstrong Elem	91.35	61.3
Benavidez Elem	92.43	53.45
Carrillo Elem	90.25	48.89
Five Palms Elem	90.493	41.73
Hutchins Elem	92.327	51.54
Madla Elem	89.406	51.44
Palo Alto Elem	88.426	46.96
Price Elem	90.689	57.92
DISTRICT	90.01	