



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4B. Action

Date: June 22, 2006

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAIVER

**BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.
All systems in Keller ISD will be effective, efficient, and accountable
in support of the district's mission.**

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

1. Keller ISD requested and received a waiver to limit the number of Foreign Exchange students to no more than fifteen in any one year.
2. Since that time the District has closed two high schools to in-district transfers.
3. The District has a policy to limit the number of Foreign Exchange students to no more than five per high school.
4. The Board directed the administration to not accept Foreign Exchange students at any district high school that is not open to in-district transfers.
5. After receiving a complaint from a foreign exchange organization about the implementation of this policy, which for 2006-2007 will limit Foreign Exchange students to less than the fifteen requested in the waiver, TEA informed the district that it could not limit the number to less than fifteen without approval of an amended waiver.

Administrative Considerations:

1. Because of continued rapid growth and overcrowding at two of the district's high schools, the district needs to limit the number of Foreign Exchange students that the District is required to place.
2. There are currently five approved Foreign Exchange students placed for 2006-2007 with a possible three additional who have requested admission.
3. Until the amended waiver is approved by TEA, the District must continue to accept students up to the fifteen student limit in the current waiver.
4. District policy (FD local) must be amended to comply with the TEA interpretation of the waiver limit and to address how the amended waiver will be addressed.

The following information is included as a part of this item:

- Letter from TEA regarding the complaint concerning admittance of foreign exchange students to Keller ISD
- Letter to TEA Waiver Department requesting an amendment to the District's waiver
- Board Action Item requesting a Foreign Exchange Waiver
- Signed waiver dated December 12, 2005
- Board Action Item regarding closed campuses, dated February 27, 2006
- Proposed amendment to Board Policy FD local to address the amended waiver.
- Current Keller ISD Administrative Regulation regarding Foreign Exchange students

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The administration recommends that the Board of School Trustees approve the amendment to the current Foreign Exchange Student Waiver as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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