

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting July 28, 2020

Consider Approval of Low Attendance Days Waiver

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval to apply for a low attendance day waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). As allowed by TEA, “districts or campuses can request a waiver to excuse any instructional days from ADA and FSP funding calculations that have attendance at least 10 percentage points below the last school year’s overall average attendance, for the district or applicable campus due to inclement weather, health, or safety-related issues.”

The ADA for last school year (2018-2019) was 96.21% As indicated in the documents attached, Cross Oaks, Pecan Creek, Rivera, and Union Park elementary schools as well as Bettye Myers and Rodriguez middle schools each realized a 10% or more drop in campus and/or district average daily attendance for the specific dates noted below during the 2019 – 2020 school year when compared to the 2018 – 2019 school year. The low attendance for each of these campuses is health related due to an increase in flu cases among our youngest students.

A summary of the ADA percentage information is included below:

Current Year Date	Current Year ADA Percentage	Prior Year Date	Prior Year ADA Percentage	Prior Year District ADA Percentage	Waiver Reason	Campus
11/4/2019	84.64%	2018 – 19	96.71 %	96.21%	Health	Pecan Creek
11/5/2019	83.73%	2018 – 19	96.71 %	96.21%	Health	Pecan Creek
11/18/2019	86.05%	2018 – 19	96.66 %	96.21%	Health	Cross Oaks
11/19/2019	83.98%	2018 – 19	96.66 %	96.21%	Health	Cross Oaks
11/20/2019	84.72%	2018 – 19	96.66 %	96.21%	Health	Cross Oaks
11/22/2019	82.64%	2018 – 19	96.66 %	96.21%	Health	Cross Oaks
11/22/2019	85.94%	2018 – 19	96.56 %	96.21%	Health	Bettye Myers
11/22/2019	84.73%	2018 – 19	96.51 %	96.21%	Health	Rodriguez
12/19/2019	85.31%	2018 – 19	96.14 %	96.21%	Health	Rivera
12/19/2019	85.34%	2018 – 19	N/A	96.21%	Health	Union Park

Board Goal:

Domain 1 – Teaching & Learning

- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship

Domain 2 – Culture & Climate

- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being

Domain 3 – Growth & Management

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

Domain 4 – Opportunities for Students

- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace, and for life.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The most recent board action for a low attendance day waiver was during the 2017-2018 school year. On July 24, 2018, the board approved this request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The ADA/ADM Statistics Report for the above referenced campuses reflects the average daily attendance rates for the 2018 – 2019 and 2019 – 2020 school years. Denton County Public Health Department reports low influenza activity for week 45 (Nov. 4-5, 2020) and high influenza activity for week 47 (Nov. 18-22, 2019) and week 51 (Dec. 19, 2019).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

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

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Consideration of the low attendance rate recognized on dates provided above in the summary of ADA percentages, may have a fiscal impact if the waiver is not submitted allowing the average daily attendance of these days to be calculated as an instruction day in ADA and FSP funding calculations.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this action allows the District to submit a low attendance day waiver for the dates referenced in the summary of ADA percentages, to excuse these days from instructional days in calculating ADA and FSP funding.

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:

Without consent of approval to submit the low attendance day for the above referenced campuses, the average daily attendance for these days will be utilized in determining ADA and FSP funding calculations without consideration of the health-related low attendance days.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the low attendance day waiver request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Angela M. Ricks, Director of Student Support Services

ATTACHMENT:

ADA/ADM Statistics Reports for Cross Oaks, Pecan Creek, Rivera and Union Park elementary schools as well as Bettye Myers and Rodriguez middle schools; 2018-2019 EOY District Summary Report

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Angela M. Ricks

Signature of Superintendent: _____