

## **BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting June 25, 2019**

Consider Approval of 2019 – 2020 Expedited State Waivers

#### **SUMMARY:**

This consent agenda item requests approval to apply for the Expedited State Waivers listed below for the 2019 – 2020 school year. In recent years some of the Expedited State Waivers previously submitted for the Denton ISD may no longer be offered. In these situations, no waiver will be required/submitted.

- **\*Staff Development Minutes Waiver (description attached):** This Expedited State waiver replaces the Staff Development – General, Staff Development – Subject Area, and Staff Development – Conferences waivers.

The following regarding Expedited State Waivers should be noted:

- **Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days** (approved through 2019 – 2020; will resubmit July 2020)
- **Foreign Exchange Student** (approved through 2019 – 2020; will resubmit July 2020)
- **Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System** (approved through 2019 – 2020; will resubmit July 2020)
- **Timeline for Accelerated Instruction** (approved through 2019 – 2020; will resubmit July 2020)
- **\*Staff Development – General:** Effective with the 2018 – 2019 school year, TEA will offer a new *Staff Development Minutes Waiver* that 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.

#### **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 grants are typically approved for up to three years as noted above. This request is for approval and submission of the **\*Staff Development Minutes Expedited Waiver**.

**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. The attached summary provides information about the Staff Development waiver.

**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 State Waivers request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

**ATTACHMENT:**

Summary of Expedited State Waivers

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_