

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

August 27, 2013

Compulsory Attendance

Board Goal: III. Climate:

- Establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents and community.

IV. Parent and Community Involvement:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- Establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools

Purpose of Report: Explain the compulsory attendance law and the process of court action for “failure to attend” and “Contributing to Non-Attendance”.

Objectives:

- Outline Compulsory Attendance
- Identify a “LOSIT”
- Illustrate what charges may be filed
- Differentiate Unexcused/Unverified absences
- FEC (Local)
- Relate attendance accounting to state accountability
- Tracking “leavers”
- Introduce the two courts and the Denton ISD working relationship with each.

Operational Impact: This workshop is designed to explain the Compulsory Attendance Law and some of the most misunderstood components, thus leading to court action for parents and students. Joe Holland, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, will assist in this presentation and clarify his approach and assistance to parents/students in Denton ISD.

Results: The policies and procedures outlined in this presentation will review the State Compulsory Attendance Law and our existing relationship with the current attendance courts utilized by Denton ISD. It is our goal to decrease court cases and increase overall attendance on each campus.

Other Options: