ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Resolution Regarding Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students (School Transformation Resolution)

PRESENTER: Dan Manning

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): ALL

Background Information: Recently, a team of 35 respected Texas superintendents finished formulating a vision document called, "A New Vision for Texas Public Education". Taking two years to write, the 48 page document contains several premises concerning education that are rapidly becoming a popular movement across Texas.

Some of the major tenets of this new vision include:
- Texas now has an over reliance on standardized, high stakes testing as the only assessment of learning that really matters in state and federal accountability systems.
- "One size fits all" High stakes testing is strangling our public schools and undermining any chance to create a better school system that prepares students to be competitive on a global stage.
- Accountability in public schools is very important and our students have performed very well in the past, but the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future.
- WE call on the Texas Legislature to re-examine the public school accountability system in Texas and to develop a more balanced system that encompasses multiple assessments, reflects greater validity, and is better understood by all stakeholders in the state.

Administrative Considerations: Many educators across the state believe it is time for parents, school boards, business leaders and taxpayers in local communities all over the state to stand up for a "world-class education system" that is accountable to its community and its community leaders, not micro-managed in Austin or Washington. Over 100 school districts across the state have adopted this resolution known as "MISSION: SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION".

FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board Adopt the School Transformation resolution as presented.