

Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Stephanie Howard, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TEA WAIVER FOR REMOTE LEARNING AND SCHOOL CLOSURE

DATE: February 23, 2021

In acknowledgement of inclement weather recently facing the state of Texas, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has allowed Local Education Agencies to request an 'other' waiver in TEAL for closures or the switch to remote learning to claim full-day minutes. With Board approval, the District will submit the Board-approved waiver request with supporting documentation. At this time, TEA has only allowed this option for the recent inclement weather system.

The District will submit the following waivers: Friday, February 12, 2021 – Closure Monday, February 15, 2021 – Remote Learning Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – Remote Learning Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – Remote Learning Thursday, February 18, 2021 – Remote Learning Friday, February 19, 2021 – Remote Learning

If all waivers submitted are approved, we will not have to make-up the five days we utilized remote learning or the one day we closed. Monday, February 15 was the make-up day for the bad weather day we had to use in October. If the February 12, 2021 waiver is approved, we will not have to make up the bad weather day on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval of the TEA Waiver for Remote Learning and School Closure