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1D. Action

TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

DATE: May 10, 2004

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING WAIVER FOR NEW DIRECTION LEARNING CENTER

Texas Administrative Code 19 TAC 129.21(h) states that a student must be enrolled for at least two hours of daily instruction to be considered for one-half day membership, and must be enrolled for at least four hours of daily instruction to be considered in membership for one full day. The Commissioner of Education is considering waiver requests for attendance accountability for Alternative Education programs. The District is recommending that student attendance at the New Direction Learning Center be calculated on a daily basis as described below.

- ❖ The waiver will allow New Direction to check attendance for ADA two times each day. To be considered present for the day, a student must be present at one official attendance time and be present for a total of four hours.
- ❖ The Alternate Attendance Accounting Waiver will support our District goals to expand and improve services to all students who are at-risk of dropping out of school and to increase the percentage of student attendance.
- ❖ The Site-based Decision Making Committee reached consensus in support of this waiver.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the alternate attendance accounting waiver for the New Direction Learning Center as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy McGee, Principal
New Direction Learning Center