Action Sheet

MEETING DATE:

October 21, 2020

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss and consider submitting for a TEA waiver for Missed School Days.

Districts or campuses can request a waiver for excused absences if instructional days are missed due to inclement weather, health, safety-related, or other issues. The first two days missed for any reason must be made up, using either designated makeup days or additional minutes. See Student Attendance Accounting Handbook 3.8.1. House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, amends Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.081, by adding (c) which allows a school district to add additional minutes to the end of the district's normal school hours as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closure caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity. Because of Hurricane Beta, we missed additional instructional days beyond the two days made up using built in or additional minutes or days.

The recommendation is to waive September 18 and 20-23, 2020 for the Crenshaw Campus located on the Bolivar peninsula in a low lying area and to waive September 20-23, 2020 for all other GISD campuses.

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board of Trustees grant permission to administration to submit a TEA waiver for the Missed School Days (September 18 and 20-23, 2020.)

Kelli Moulton Superintendent