

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

April 12, 2022

Discussion of TIACON Digital Learning Conference 2022

Board Goal:

Teaching and Learning...In pursuit of excellence, we will

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Foster continuous improvement in teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

Purpose of Report

This report will provide the Board of Trustees with an update on the planning of Denton ISD's annual TIACON digital learning conference. TIACON was last held as an in-person conference in 2019, prior to the onset of the pandemic. In preparation for the return of the conference, some changes have been made to better align the conference with the district's staff development efforts as a whole. Rather than function as a standalone event in late July, TIACON will function as an embedded, technology-focused element of a two-week professional development event, joining the Mary Helen Martin Assessment For Learning Conference and Summer Seminar.

Objectives

- Provide educators from both Denton ISD and surrounding districts with high quality professional learning that facilitates increased proficiency in the use of digital tools and resources in support of student learning.

Operational Impact

TIACON is a self-sustaining event, generating revenue to support the conference through out-of-district registration fees (\$45 per attendee) and sponsorships from various companies that wish to support the event.

Results

TIACON will take place on May 31, 2022 and function as a one-day event, embedded within the Curriculum, Instruction and Staff Development department's two-week professional development event early in the summer. Teachers will be provided with sessions aimed at improving their work using digital tools and resources to support teaching and learning.

Other Options

N/A