

**Ector County Independent School District
Odessa, Texas**

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Tom Crowe, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VGo (AUDIO-VIDEO COMMUNICATION)
AND TEA WAIVER TO ALLOW FOUNDATION SCHOOL PROGRAM (FSP)
FUNDING FOR VGo**

DATE: November 14, 2017

VGo would be utilized for students who can't physically go to school due to an illness, accident or medical condition. ECISD has 6 devices that could be used with any student whose 504 or ARD committee determine is appropriate. VGo allows the student to get back to the traditional schooling environment by providing a physical device which allows them to attend class from home or the hospital. It is operated in real-time by the student (not the teacher or an aide) so they feel empowered with their independence and education. VGo enables students to:

- Receive the same instruction as their peers
- Move around/between classrooms independently
- Participate in a full school day with their classmates

Waiver to allow for FSP (Foundation School Program) Funding for a Virtual Presence Device. This will allow for 2 current students, up to 4 more students, to qualify for FSP funding while using the VGo device. This will waive requirement of 19 TAC 129.21 that a student be on campus during official attendance taking time and agency's policy of considering only face to face instruction as classroom time for the purpose of FSP funding.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept and approve the VGO as presented and the request to submit a waiver to allow FSP Funding for the VGo for the current two students and possibility up to 4 more, for a total of 6 students.

Respectfully submitted,

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