



Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Consent Item

Primary Contact: Dr. Roosevelt Nivens

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Item Name: CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A STAFF DEVELOPMENT WAIVER TO THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL MINUTES IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Item Summary: Each year Lamar CISD develops an instructional calendar with Board approval that exceeds the minimum 75,600 operational minutes as required by state law to receive full funding for the school year. This waiver would allow the district 2,100 additional operational minutes to use on designated early release / staff development days to count toward the 75,600-minute requirement. Having these additional minutes ensures the district has the equivalent of 2.5 days of inclement weather or emergency closure minutes without having to make students attend on teacher workdays or increase the minutes in the current bell schedule.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board of authorize the Superintendent to submit a Staff Development Waiver for the 2026-2027 school year.

Policy Reference: DMA (LEGAL / LOCAL), EB (LEGAL / LOCAL)

Strategic Plan Priority: Staff Quality and Support

District Value(s): Accountability Big-Thinking Compassion Excellence Integrity Joy

Currently Budgeted? Yes No No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: If approved, the waiver will be submitted to TEA within 30 business days for approval.

Our Vision:

We are a values-driven community where innovation thrives, excellence is the standard, and every student has access to an elite education.