

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance

Credits (Netting ASATR)

PRESENTER: Earl Husfeld

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): Financial/Facilities – The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On July 17, 2012 the District received official notification of our Chapter 41 status for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- Because of this notification, the District is required to reduce its wealth per weighted average daily attendance (WADA) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year using one or more of the statutory options available.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

- The District has elected to use Option 3, Purchase of Attendance Credits From the State, to equalize our wealth level for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- Following is the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting ASATR) for your review and consideration.

FISCAL NOTE:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting ASATR) as presented.

Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting ASATR)

This agreement is entered into pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 41, Subchapters A and D, and rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized by the TEC, §41.006. The purpose of this agreement is to enable the district to reduce its wealth per weighted student to a level that is not greater than the equalized wealth level as determined by the commissioner of education in accordance with the TEC, §41.002.

The school year to which this agreement applies is **2012-2013** (the "school year").

This agreement is for the <u>Aledo School District</u> ("the district"), with a county-district number of **184-907**, to purchase attendance credits from the state for the school year.

The initial cost of recapture will be based on the commissioner's estimate of the cost of each credit using the district's projected maintenance and operations tax revenue and the estimated number of students in weighted average daily attendance for the school year (TEC, §41.093). The district agrees to offset its cost of recapture against the funds it receives under the provisions for Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) (TEC, §42.2516) in accordance with the provisions specified in the TEC, §41.0041.

When near-final data are available following the close of the school year to which this agreement applies, the district's entitlement to ASATR funds will be recalculated. If the amount of ASATR is less than the cost of recapture, as determined by the commissioner in accordance with the TEC, §41.093, using near-final data, the difference will be added to the estimated cost of recapture for the subsequent school year. If the estimated ASATR amount for the subsequent school year is less than the estimated cost of recapture for the subsequent school year plus any recapture balance carried forward from the school year to which this agreement applies, the district will no longer have the option to offset recapture costs against its ASATR funding and will be obligated to remit the total amount of the combined cost of recapture for deposit in the state treasury to be used for the Foundation School Program in the next year in which the district is subject to the provisions of Chapter 41.

The actual cost of each credit for the school year will be determined by the commissioner in accordance with the TEC, §41.093, when final data on the district's maintenance and operations tax revenue and the number of students in weighted average daily attendance for the school year are available.

The cost of purchased attendance credits will be reduced for county appraisal district costs. The reduction will be computed in accordance with the TEC, §41.097. If the reduction exceeds the cost for the school year, the difference will be carried forward and applied to each subsequent year's cost until the total amount of the reduction has been exhausted.

Signature of President, Board of Trustees Date: August 27, 2012
Signature of Secretary, Board of Trustees Date: August 27, 2012
Signature of Superintendent
Dan Manning
Typed Name of Superintendent
Date: August 27, 2012
Signature of Commissioner of Education or Designee Date: