



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: July 22, 2020

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Purpose:             Presentation/Report       Recognition       Discussion/ Possible Action

Closed/Executive Session     Work Session     Discussion Only     Consent

From: Dr. Marc Puig, Superintendent of Schools

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Item Title: Consideration and possible approval of TEA waiver requesting an extension to the start of the 2020-2021 school year transition beyond the four-week limit

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Description: If a school system believes it is best for the health and safety of students and staff to continue to restrict access to on-campus instruction beyond the first four weeks of their 2020-21 instructional calendar, they must submit a board approved waiver request to TEA to extend that transition window, up to four additional weeks. The board must take action to authorize this waiver by specific vote, and cannot otherwise delegate the waiver application to the superintendent. The waiver application must include an indication as to the local public health conditions that the LEA believes would warrant a faster end to the transition period. Teachers, staff, and parents should be consulted about the transition plan before the waiver is submitted. During this transition period, LEAs are still required to allow all students to access on-campus instruction who come from households without internet access or appropriate remote learning devices. During the extended period being requested with this waiver, at least some on-campus instruction must be provided each day. The procedures used by the LEA to limit access to on-campus attendance during this period should be clearly communicated to families in advance.

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Historical Data: N/A

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Recommendation: To approve the TEA waiver requesting an extension to the start of the 2020-2021 school year transition beyond the four-week limit

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APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

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CFO Funding Approval:

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Superintendent:

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District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 5 We will promote and ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

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Superintendent:

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# REQUEST TO EXTEND THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSITION BEYOND THE FOUR-WEEK LIMIT

## SECTION I: Requirements

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## SECTION II: Request

**District Name:** South San Antonio ISD

**First Day of School:** August 12, 2020

**Total Additional Weeks Requested (beyond the initial four weeks for transition):**

**Explain what local public health conditions that would cause you to end the transition period faster, so that all students have access to on-campus instruction. As an example: the most recent weekly count of COVID-19 cases is lower than the prior week in the county, and test positivity rate in the county is under 10%.**

The district will collaborate with local health officials with respect to ongoing comprehensive review of daily new cases and related data. A review of the 7 day rolling average of new Coronavirus cases will be monitored to ensure an informed decision is made regarding the return to in person instruction.

## SECTION III: Attestation/Signatures

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Board Approval Date</b>
<b>Board President Name</b>	<b>Superintendent Name</b>
<b>Board President Signature</b>	<b>Superintendent Signature</b>
<i>With the submission of this form, the district attests that teachers, staff, and parents were consulted about the transition plan before the waiver was submitted.</i>	

Submit completed request forms to: [waivers@tea.texas.gov](mailto:waivers@tea.texas.gov)

**Request must be submitted prior to the end of the initial four-week transition**