

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

December 11, 2012

15% EOC Rule Update Report

Board Goal:

II. Teaching and Learning: In pursuit of excellence, the district will advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the school board of the November 30 news release from Texas Education Agency that Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams is deferring implementation of the 15 percent End of Course (EOC) grading requirement for the 2012-13 school year. (See attachment: *NEWS, Texas Education Agency, TEA News Release, November 30, 2012*)

Objectives

- the decision allows school districts the option of moving forward with using the 15% rule if they choose
- the accountability system is being overhauled at this time and will not be approved until perhaps late March 2013
- the deferment is for 2012-13 school year only

Operational Impact

It may be necessary to adjust our board EOC grading policy for one year to reflect this decision (deferment) by the commissioner. Policies impacted are **EIA (legal)** and **EIA (local)**.

Results

This allows the state and school districts to monitor the new assessment and accountability system for another year before the 15% rule goes into effect.

Other Options

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