

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting July 24, 2018

Consider Approval of Low Attendance Days Waiver

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval to apply for a low attendance day waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). As allowed by TEA, “districts or campuses can request a waiver to excuse any instructional day(s) from ADA and FSP funding calculations that have attendance at least 10 percentage points below the last school year’s average attendance due to inclement weather, health, or safety-related issues.

As indicated in the documents attached, Gonzalez for Young Children, Windle School for Young Children, Evers Park Elementary School, and Hodge Elementary each realized a 10% or more drop in their average daily attendance for 2017 – 2018 as compared to the 2016 – 2017 school year. The low attendance for each of these campuses is health related due to an increase in flu cases among our youngest students.

A summary of the ADA percentage information is included below:

Current Year date	ADA Percentage	Prior Year Date	ADA Percentage	Waiver Reason	Campus
12/18/2017	78.30%	12/16/2016	92.96%	Flu	Hodge ES
12/19/2017	78.09%	12/16/2016	92.96%	Flu	Hodge ES
12/20/2017	75.40%	12/16/2016	92.96%	Flu	Hodge ES
12/20/2017	73.15%	12/16/2016	92.96%	Flu	Ann Windle
12/20/2017	71.14%	12/16/2016	92.96%	Flu	Gonzalez
2/2/2018	87.46%	2/2/2017	97.40%	Flu	Evers Park ES

BOARD GOAL:

Vision – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

Climate – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical

Parent and Community Involvement – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

No previous Board action for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The ADA/ADM Statistics Report for the above referenced campuses reflects the average daily attendance rates for the 2017 – 2018 and 2016 – 2017 school years.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Consideration of the low attendance rate recognized on dates provided above in the summary of ADA percentages, may have a fiscal impact if the waiver is not submitted allowing the average daily attendance of these days to be calculated as an instruction day in ADA and FSP funding calculations.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this action allows the District to submit a low attendance day waiver for the dates referenced in the summary of ADA percentages, to excuse these days from instructional days in calculating ADA and FSP funding.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD board of trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Without consent of approval to submit the low attendance day for the above referenced campuses, the average daily attendance for these days will be utilized in determining ADA and FSP funding calculations without consideration of the health-related low attendance days.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the low attendance day waiver request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

ADA/ADM Statistics Reports for Gonzalez SYC, Windle SYC, Evers Elementary, and Hodge Elementary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Superintendent: _____