

Executive Summary
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
October 22, 2013
NCLB Waiver from US Department of Education
(Review of ESEA Flexibility Request)

Board Goal:

- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.
- develop and expect a consistently high level of, and respect for, professional performance by all staff

Purpose of Report : The report shares the results of the NCLB waiver request made by TEA Commissioner Williams to U.S. Department of Education.

Objectives

- The purpose of the waiver will be explained;
- a comparison of statutes and intended impact of waivers will be made;
- to share the Three Principles and its components that TEA and LEAs must enact; and.
- explain the *conditional* aspect of the approval from Secretary Arne Duncan.

Operational Impact

See attachments:

Results

The TEA waiver request was made for the purpose of supporting the implementation of Texas' College and Career Readiness Standards, assessment and accountability system, accountability intervention system, and teacher certification and principal accountability systems, and to avoid duplication and unnecessary burdens on the Texas Education Agency and local education agencies (LEAs).

Other Options

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