

# **Consider Approval of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium Resolution**

January 21, 2014

## **SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium Resolution

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The Board of Trustees discussed becoming a member of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium at the December 10, 2013 board meeting.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Texas High Performance Schools Consortium has invited Denton ISD to join in the transformation work as a Consortium Associate to partner with the Consortium districts to research, explore, develop and implement an assessment and accountability framework that is not over-reliant on high-stakes testing and meets the needs of urban, suburban, and rural communities.

The Consortium, consisting of 23 school districts selected in September 2012 by Commissioner Michael Williams, was established in 2011 by the Texas Legislature. The purpose of the Consortium is to improve student learning through innovation in four areas:

- Development of high-priority learning standards
- Use of multiple assessments to measure learning
- Integration of technology into student learning
- Creation of robust community-based accountability systems

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

Denton ISD's participation in this work as a Consortium Associate will enable our district to share ideas, resources and results with all transformation partner districts. We will have the benefit of learning with innovative leaders in other districts who are committed to the vision principles and to creating future-ready students. We will have access to TASA's school transformation supports, including access to national leaders in educational innovation, research on key initiatives and direct in-district services.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The District will be expected to commit staff time and resources to support the district's participation, including joining the TASA School Transformation Network.

## **BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

The Consortium is charged with improving student learning in the state of Texas by developing innovative high-priority learning standards and assessment and accountability systems. The Consortium is designed to give districts space to research, explore, develop and implement an assessment and accountability framework that is not over-reliant on high-stakes testing and is malleable enough to meet the needs of urban, suburban, and rural communities

## **PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

- None

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- No alternative actions are proposed

## **OTHER COMMENTS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Superintendent recommends approval of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium Resolution*

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

- Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent

**ATTACHMENT:**

- High Performance School Resolution

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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