



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of State Waivers

PRESENTER: Denise Dugger

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY:

- Learning – The District will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional and technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.
- Fiscal - The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management and stewardship.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: TEA allows districts to apply to the commissioner for a waiver of a requirement or restriction imposed in the Texas Education Code 7.056. A waiver may be submitted for a period of three years.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS: Aledo will submit the following waivers ;

Low Attendance Waiver ~ This waiver is due to low attendance at McAnally on May 21st. Mr. Bob Harmon made the decision to cancel the field trip due to weather predictions of thunderstorms, hail and tornadoes in the area on May 21st. Many parents chose to take their children home. Total absences for the day were 112. This resulted in an attendance rate of 68%, which exceeds the 10% variance from the previous year.

Timeline for Accelerated Instruction – As part of the Student Success Initiative districts are required to provide accelerated instruction to students in grades 5 and 8 who do not demonstrate proficiency on the STAAR reading or math tests. To assist districts in meeting the accelerated instruction provision after the third administration, the Agency allows districts to apply for a waiver to adjust the timeline for providing accelerated instruction to students who fail the 3rd administration.

Teacher Data Portal – The 81st Texas Legislature enacted legislation to provide access to student assessment data for parents, educators and the general public. Districts that choose to provide teacher access to student assessment data through a local student data system must apply for an expedited waiver from TEA. AISD uses Eduphoria for this purpose.

Staff Development ~ General Waiver – This waiver allows districts to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of student instruction.

FISCAL NOTE: None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the above referenced waivers to the TEA