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CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consider approval of TEA Waiver for Staff Development Minutes for 2026-2027 school year

PRESENTER: Joanne Ferguson, Director of Curriculum

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informational Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only |

SUMMARY: The Staff Development Waiver allows the district and charter schools to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction during the school year.

The Staff Development Minutes Waiver provides for a maximum of 2,100 total waiver minutes to use for professional development for districts and charter schools that provide operational and instructional minutes. Each district and open-enrollment charter school may choose how to apply their approved Staff Development Minutes Waiver. For instance, schools may choose to offer early release, late start, all day staff development, or a combination. However, the total waiver minutes for staff development shall not exceed 2,100 minutes per year.

This waiver is for staff development in place of student instruction; therefore, the waiver minutes are only applicable to staff development provided instead of student instruction during the school year. The Staff Development Minutes Waiver may not be used prior to the first day of student instruction or after the last day of student instruction.

On staff development days when students are in attendance part of the day, in order to receive full ADA funding, the district or open-enrollment charter school must provide at least 120 minutes of student instruction. Instructional minutes are defined in the SAAH as the portion of the school day in which instruction takes place along with other exceptions. In addition to the 120 minutes of student instruction, any staff development waiver minutes reported must reflect actual staff development minutes provided.

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Performance and Preparedness for Life Beyond High School	N/A
PRIORITY 2: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Faculty and Staff Commitment	2.2 Capacity Building for all Faculty and Staff
PRIORITY 3: Increasing Community Engagement and Commitment	N/A
PRIORITY 4: Effective and Efficient Operations	N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the Board approve the TEA Waiver for Staff Development Minutes for 2026-2027 school year.

MOTION LANGUAGE: No specific language required.

FUNDING SOURCE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not Applicable

Funding Source:	Financial Impact:
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