

CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 29, 2021

AGENDA ITEM:

Consider the request to submit a Missed School Days Waiver application to the Texas Education Agency due to Winter Storm Uri.

EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE:

Crosby ISD elected to close schools to students and staff on February 16, 17, 18, and 19, 2021 due to Winter Storm Uri. During these days, Crosby ISD was unable to continue with in-person or remote instruction because of utility outages and damages caused by the winter storm. This decision was made to protect the safety of district students and their families, teachers, and staff. In the event of cancellation of classes over an extended period of time, Texas public schools can apply for a Missed School Days Waiver through the Texas Education Agency (TEA). A TEA approved waiver application provides the district the opportunity to make up the first two missed school days by utilizing excess instructional/staff development minutes, but does not require the district to make up the remaining missed school days.

The following guidance has been provided by the Texas Education Agency regarding the winter storm (Texas Education Agency (TEA) Winter Storm Uri Update, 3/4/2021):

Local education agencies (LEAs) had the following three options during the period of Friday, February 12 through Friday, February 26.

- Continue with in-person instruction.
- If your LEA continues to experience infrastructure issues because of outages and its related impacts, it may provide 100% remote instruction using your approved asynchronous plan. Your LEA must submit an "Other" waiver through the Waivers application via the TEA Login (TEAL) to claim full day minutes for any remote day along with any supporting documentation.
- If your LEA continues to experience infrastructure issues because of outages and its related impacts that prevents it from providing remote instruction, the LEA may close completely. Please submit these Missed School Day waiver requests through the Waivers

Application via TEAL, with supporting documentation, following
The closure event.

*(The third bullet above provides guidance directly related to this waiver
request)*

FINANCIAL OR PERSONNEL IMPLICATION:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the request to submit a Missed School Days
Waiver application to TEA.

CONTACT PERSON:

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