

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

April 13, 2021

Consider Approval of 100% Remote/Other Waiver

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval to apply for an Other waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in accordance with the *TEA Inclement Weather Update*, dated March 4, 2021. The Other waiver applies when a district shifts to 100% remote instruction.

Due to the impact of Winter Storm Uri, several Denton ISD campuses incurred extensive damage requiring a shift from face-to-face learning to 100% remote learning for the specific grades and dates listed below. This consent agenda item requests approval to apply for an Other waiver for these campuses.

If approved, the Other waiver will be requested for the campuses/grades/dates listed below:

Denton ISD - 100% Remote/Other Waiver					
School	TEA ID Number	Building Status	100% Remote Learning	Total Days Remote	Anticipated Reopening
Borman Elementary School	061-901-111	Extensive damage impacting grades 4 - 5	Grades 4 - 5: 100% remote learning 2/24/2021 through 3/5/2021	8 days*	**Campus reopens for grades 4 - 5 F2F and virtual learning on 3/16/2021
Harpool Middle School	061-901-048	Extensive damage to entire building; not expected to reopen building for instruction until Fall 2021	All grades 6 - 8: 100% remote learning 2/25/2021 through 3/5/2021	7 days*	**All students will return F2F and virtual learning at an alternate site on 3/16/2021
Houston Elementary School	061-901-102	Extensive damage impacting grades K - 1	Grades K - 1: 100% remote learning 2/24/2021 through 3/5/2021	8 days*	**Campus reopens for grades K - 1 F2F and virtual learning on 3/16/2021
Nelson Elementary School	061-901-121	Extensive damage to entire building; expected reopening on 3/16/2021	Grades PreK - 5: 100% remote learning 2/25/2021 through 3/5/2021	7 days*	**Campus reopens for all students F2F and virtual learning on 3/16/2021
Union Park Elementary School	061-901-128	Extensive damage impacting grade 2 ONLY	Grade 2: 100% remote learning 2/24/2021 through 3/5/2021	8 days*	**Campus anticipated to reopen for grade 2 on 3/16/2021
E.P. Rayzor Elementary School	061-901-115	Building closed for grades K - 5; classrooms were shifted to accommodate the move in of grade 7 students from Harpool Middle School on 3/16/2021	Thursday, March 4, 2021 Friday, March 5, 2021	2 days*	**Campus was opened for all grades 2/16/2021 through 3/3/2021; closed to all grades 3/4/2021 and 3/5/2021 and reopened to all learners on 3/16/2021

*These campuses have also been included in our submission of a Missed School Day waiver

**Denton ISD Spring Break is March 8 - March 12, 2021; Staff PD/Student Holiday - March 15, 2021

BOARD GOAL:

Vision – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

Climate – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical

Parent and Community Involvement – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

No previous board action required for the 2021 – 2021 school year in relation to an Other waiver in relation to the impact of Winter Storm Uri.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This waiver is being submitted in accordance with the [Texas Education Agency’s guidance regarding Winter Storm Uri](#), last updated Marcy 4, 2021.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Consideration of extended closures/virtual learning on dates provided above may have a fiscal impact if the waiver is not submitted according to TEA’s guidance.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this action allows the District to submit an Other waiver for the dates referenced in the summary above in consideration of any impact to instructional days in TEA’s calculation of ADA and FSP funding, if applicable.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD board of trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Without consent of approval to submit the Other waiver for the above referenced campuses, the average daily attendance for these days may be utilized in determining ADA and FSP funding calculations without consideration of the impact of Winter Storm Uri.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Other waiver request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Superintendent: _____