

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

March 08, 2016

Truancy/Attendance Update

Board Goal: III. Climate:

- Establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents and community.

IV. Parent and Community Involvement:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- Establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools

Purpose of Report: Provide an update on Truancy and Attendance since the implementation of HB 2398, September 1, 2015.

Objectives:

- Explain the Uniform Truancy Policy Committee and its membership
- Describe the task of the Uniform Truancy Policy Committee
- Describe the two subcommittees created
- February 19, 2016 Committee Meeting
- Describe the observations from 02/19/2016
- Provide an update on the Denton ISD attendance procedure
- Describe the 2015-16 truancy interventions
- Answer any questions

Operational Impact: This workshop is designed to explain the Denton County Uniform Truancy Policy Committee and required changes in the Compulsory Attendance Law due to the passing of HB 2398. TEC 25.0916 (f) requires each county create a uniform process for filing truancy; uniform administrative procedures; uniform deadlines for processing truancy; local strategies to address truancy including prevention, intervention, and diversion methods; a system for tracking truancy information; and recommend any changes to the statutes and/or state agency rules.

Results: The procedures outlined in TEC 25.0916 (f) are intended to create a uniform truancy process in schools and courts. The Denton County Uniform Truancy Committee has been created and working to ensure the intent of the statute.

Other Options: