

APPROVAL OF TEA GENERAL STATE WAIVERS

August 23, 2011

SUMMARY:

- This item requests that the Board approve Expedited and General State Waivers for Staff Development, Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver, Staff Development through Participation in Eligible Conferences Waiver, Early Release Waiver, Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver, Early Release Waiver, Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver, Timeline for Accelerated Instruction Waiver, Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System Waiver, Textbook Waivers and Foreign Exchange Student Waiver for 2011-2014.

BOARD GOAL:

- II. Teaching and Learning...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**
Establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities
- IV. Parent and Community Involvement...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**
Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development
- VI. Growth and Change...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:**
Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- These are extensions of previous waivers that were approved by the board during previous years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- A similar request was made in 2009 for a General State Waiver. The waiver was valid through school year 2010/2011 and was approved by the board.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

-None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- The district will be in compliance with T.E.A.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

-The Board may choose to deny the request.

OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the TEA General State Waivers be approved by the Board of Trustees.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
- Anderson Cornelius, Chairperson 2010-2011 EIC

ATTACHMENT:

-Application for Expedited and General State Waivers for 2011-2014 School Year

APPROVAL:

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____