



Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Stephanie Howard, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A WAIVER TO TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY TO EXTEND THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR BEYOND THE FOUR – WEEK LIMIT

DATE: August 11, 2020

The Texas Education Agency allowed a four-week transition period to the start of the year. We are currently phasing students who chose in-person learning into the school buildings through August 28.

School districts may submit a waiver for up to four additional weeks of transition for a maximum eight-week transition period. This flexibility is provided as districts respond to the local context in their communities. Administration is asking for approval of the waiver for a maximum of up to four more weeks which would allow the transition period to extend through October 6, 2020 if needed. Board approval would allow the District to extend for one week, two, three, or the full four additional weeks without needing a special meeting. Decisions on the necessity to extend the transition period would be made in cooperation with our local agencies related to the number of active cases and the positivity rates of those being tested.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval to Submit a Waiver to TEA to Extend the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Beyond the Four-Week Limit