BOARD OF EDUCATION
WYLIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABILENE, TEXAS

AGENDA ITEM: E-4 **DATE:** 3-3-14

SUBJECT: Consider Expedited Waivers for 2014-15

****
ACTION
****

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Our site-base committee decision making committee has determined that additional staff development days would benefit student performance.

In the past, we have modified the schedule on STAAR testing days. We would like to continue this schedule for 2014-15.

In the past, we have requested 6 early release days. We would like to continue this for 2014-15.

We would like to request a waiver of participation in the teacher portal component of the Texas Assessment Management System.

We would like to request an expedited waiver that allows the number of foreign exchanges students to 5 at the high school.

We would like to request a waiver that allows us to conduct additional staff training for reading/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies training one day per subject in lieu of student instruction for two days.

As part of the Student Success Initiative (SSI), we are required to provide accelerated instruction to students in grades 5 and 8 who do not demonstrate proficiency on the STAAR reading and/or mathematics tests. This accelerated instruction must occur after each administration of the test, including the third administration. To assist districts in meeting the accelerated instruction provision after the third administration of the test, we would like to apply for a waiver to adjust the timeline for providing accelerated instruction to students who fail the third administration.

ITEM ADDRESSED:

Board approve expedited waivers for 2014-15 school year.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Board approval.