

Approval of Discontinuance of DISD Driver's Education Program

February 9, 2010

BOARD GOAL: VI

SUMMARY:

We are recommending discontinuing the driver's education program after the completion of the 2009-2010 school years. The final course would start early April, 2010 and end in May of 2010. This would mean we would not offer driver's education beginning the summer of 2010.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

A report on the changes to the driver's education program was presented before the board during the January meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- New law begins on May 29, 2010.
- A study was done by the Payroll Department, Transportation Department, and Student Support Services. Based on the results of our study, we recommend the discontinuation of the driver's education program.
- Continuing the program would mean an increase in needed funding.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

An increase in the number of hours of driving required to be certified for a driver's license.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Increase mainly due to the make-ready of the automobiles by the Transportation Department
- For fiscal year 2010, cost will be covered by the tuition charged. However, there are unrecoverable costs of the man hours put in by the Payroll, Transportation, and Student Support Services staff.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

This will allow the Payroll, Support Services, and mainly the Transportation staffs to devote more time to their main responsibilities.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed

OTHER COMMENTS:

We have had a decline in the number of students enrolled in driver's education program over the last two years. With the new law, we will be responsible for certifying hours driven that we will not observe.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Larry Shaw, Director of Student Support Services

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____