



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: December 20, 2023

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Approval to Submit Application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Attendance Waivers for the Low Attendance Days at West Campus High School on October 26, 2023

From/Presenters: Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer
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Description:

The TEA permits school districts to submit attendance waivers for missed instructional and low attendance days due to weather, health, or safety related issues. Districts may request these waivers as a district or on a campus by campus basis. A waived day of instruction is removed from the calendar for the requested schools and functions like a holiday, so it is not included in attendance funding calculations.

Low attendance is defined as a day of attendance at least ten percentage points lower than the prior year's percent of attendance as reported to TEA in Summer PEIMS. State funding for the district is based on attendance, so low attendance days have a negative impact. The recommended Application for a Low Attendance Day is for SSAISD campus 015908006 West Campus High School (WCHS).

On October 26, 2023, WCHS reported an attendance percentage of 38.01%; 50 points below last year's campus overall percentage of 88.5%. In the early morning of that day, the campus had a false report of a terroristic threat. Due to safety concerns by the public, many families chose to keep their children at home.

If approved by the Board, the waiver request will be forwarded to TEA. If approved by TEA, updates to the student attendance data will be made for the 2023-2024 school year.

Historical Data:

South San Antonio ISD monitors Low Attendance Days annually and submits waivers when applicable. The last waiver that was submitted and approved by the SSAISD School Board was on June 21, 2023. The waiver was approved by TEA on July 24, 2023.

Recommendation: Request to approve the Administration's recommendation to submit attendance waiver applications to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on behalf of SSAISD schools.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

Goal: 1. SSAISD will increase academic achievement for all students and thus closing the gap between student populations in pursuit of advanced performance.