

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

July 27, 2010

Denton ISD Virtual School Workshop

Board Goal

- II. a. cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all student
- II. b. establish high expectation with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- II. h. actively pursue, foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

Purpose of Report

The workshop will give an update and overview of Denton ISD's preparation and current use of on-line learning.

Objectives

- Share benefits of on-line learning
- Give national snapshot of on-line learning
- Provide details of the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) and how Denton will participate in the network
- Current status of DISDs participation in TXVSN

Operational Impact

The district will be obligated to provide oversight of the program, mentors (site coordination), finance approver, curriculum supervision, and counseling of potential student enrollees.

Results

As Denton ISD better prepares our students for 21st learning skills, the use of on-line instruction and coursework will be considered a necessity. Furthermore, most students that enter post-secondary institutions will be expected to experience on-line courses; therefore, our obligation is to seek instructional approaches that give DISD students the college and career readiness "edge."

Options

Create DISD on-line courses rather than accessing TXVSN.