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To: CISD Board of Trustees

From: Judy Denman

CC: Dr. Jeff Turner

Date: July 23, 2008

Re: Board Adoption of Policy – EIF (LOCAL)

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - GRADUATION

The district has changed its requirements for graduation without stating when the new requirements become effective. To minimize the risk of legal challenge, Mrs. Magee, TASB Senior Attorney, recommended the new requirements be applied prospectively making the change applicable to incoming freshmen classes. The proposed change to the policy text follows. The suggested change has been approved by TASB.

NEW TECH HIGH

The District requires completion of additional criteria for graduation under the Recommended Program or Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program beyond those mandated by the state for students enrolled in the District's New Tech High. Beginning with students entering grades 9 and 10 during the 2008-2009 school year, all incoming students shall be required to complete the following additional graduation requirements: These requirements include:

- 1. Twelve hours of dual credit courses;
- 2. Forty hours of community service;
- 3. A digital portfolio; and
- 4. Completion of an approved internship experience.