



## **ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE**

**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM:** 15% Rule Deferral Option

**ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY:**

- Learning – The district will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 2007- SB 1301 calls for the creation of End of Course Exams
- 2009 – HB 3 calls for the use of EOC scores in the calculation of final course averages
- February 22, 2012 – Districts received official notice from Commissioner Scott that the application of the EOC grade as 15% of the final course average could be deferred for the 2011-2012 school year.
- February 23, 2012 - Districts were notified of a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for declaring their intent for the 15% rule.
- March 19, 2012 – Aledo ISD Board passed a resolution to defer the application of the 15% rule for the 2011- 2012 school year.
- November 30, 2012 – Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams announced that, for the 2012-2013 school year, districts may defer the implementation of the statutory provision that requires performance on the End-of-Course (EOC) assessment to count as 15% of a student's final course grade.
- TASB indicates that given the number of legislators that have indicated a desire to change the current statutory provisions on EOC assessments, a legislative change seems likely during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session and could affect whether districts are required to count EOC assessments as 15% of a student's grade for future years.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:** This is a report item only. Administration will bring this report back to the board as an action item to consider the deferral of the 15% rule for the 2012-2013 school year.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There are no fiscal implications

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Report Item Only