

# **Executive Summary**

## **Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **June 8, 2021**

## **Discussion of Waiver Request for the Opening of a Denton Independent School District Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year**

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### **BOARD GOALS**

#### **Teaching and Learning**

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments supporting all students
- Establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship
- Cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- Foster continuous improvement in teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment
- Establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors

#### **Culture and Climate**

- Honor the dedication and professionalism of all staff
- Celebrate, respect and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- Establish high expectations for success
- Instill in students a love of lifelong learning
- Foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- Promote mental health, physical wellness and social-emotional well-being

#### **Growth and Management**

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- Adjust policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to discuss the proposed TEA waiver which would allow Denton ISD the opportunity to establish a K-8 Virtual Academy, a permanent full-time online learning option for families.

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### **OBJECTIVES**

During the workshop, we will provide an overview of the waiver proposed for consideration.

The Denton ISD K-8 Virtual Academy will be a public, tuition-free school, serving students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The fully remote learning option will provide an opportunity for students who thrive in the online environment to learn virtually.

### **OPERATIONAL IMPACT**

Passage and TEA approval will allow the District to implement the Denton ISD Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 School Year.

### **RESULTS**

The Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

None noted