

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting August 23, 2016

Consider Approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS)
Appraisers for 2016 – 2017

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the 2016 – 2017 administrator appraisers for the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS), the teacher appraisal system approved for the District. In accordance with Board Policy DNA (Legal) and DNA (Local), we respectfully submit the attached list of administrators for Board approval as T-TESS appraisers who possess the required credentials to perform the responsibilities of an appraiser within the Denton ISD.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None related to T-TESS appraiser approval; however, the Board of Trustees considers approval each year of campus administrators and district- level administrators to perform the responsibilities of a teacher appraiser.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) is the approved and recommended appraisal system supported by the Texas Education Agency. T-TESS was created for teachers by teachers and is aligned with the Texas Teacher Standards (TAC, Chapter 149, Section 149.1001).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

Board approval of the District T-TESS appraisers is required for campus administrators to initiate the appraisal system for all district teachers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications related to Board action.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of the 2016 – 2017 T-TESS appraisers will allow campus and specified district level administrators to initiate the T-TESS appraisal system, providing valuable feedback, coaching, and goal setting through the T-TESS evaluation process with specific and intentional targets to improve student achievement and learning for both students and educators.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2016 – 2017 T-TESS certified appraisers as required by state and local policy.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs
Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs
Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

T-TESS appraisers meeting eligibility requirements, as governed by the Texas Education Agency, to date.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____