Regular Board Meeting

April 21, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of the Request to the Texas Education Agency for

a Low Attendance Waiver

BOARD POLICY: FEB (Legal and Local)

STRATEGIC GOAL(S): 5.1

FISCAL NOTE: None Required

PREPARED/PRESENTED BY: Tellauance Graham

## **Background Information**

- School districts can request a waiver to excuse instructional days from the ADA (average daily attendance) and FSP (Foundation School Program) funding calculations that have attendance at least 10 percentage points below the last school year's overall average attendance.
- On February 3, 2025, Duncanville ISD experienced a lower-than-average attendance rate due
  to concerns over recent U.S. immigration policies. Many families feared that immigration
  enforcement actions could take place at schools and, as a result, chose to keep their children
  home.
- Duncanville ISD's ADA on February 3, 2025, was 80.14%.
- The ADA for Duncanville ISD in the 2023-2024 school year was 91.82%.
- Due to Duncanville ISD's ADA on February 3, 2025, and exceeding the 10-percentage points difference from last year's ADA, we are requesting approval to submit a waiver to the Texas Education Agency to exclude Duncanville ISD's February 3, 2025, attendance from the attendance funding calculations in the 2024-2025 school year.

## Recommendation

It is recommended the school board approve the request to submit a waiver to the Texas Education Agency for Duncanville ISD's low attendance on February 3, 2025, due to the recent U.S. immigration policies and family's fear of immigration enforcement actions.

## **Communication Deployment**

District records

## **Suggested Motion**

I move that we approve the request to submit a waiver to the Texas Education Agency for Duncanville ISD's low attendance on February 3, 2025, due to the recent U.S. immigration policies and families' fear of immigration enforcement actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. T. Lamar Goree



Superintendent