

# Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

## Memorandum

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPEDITED WAIVERS  
**DATE:** January 22, 2013

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The T.E.A. allows districts to submit a waiver application for the following reasons.

- to allow professional development in lieu of 180 days of student instruction for 1) General Staff Development, 2) Subject Area Staff Development or 3) Conference Staff Development
- to modify the schedule of classes for students on state assessment days

The approval of these waivers by T.E.A. does not obligate us to offer fewer days of instruction, but does afford the flexibility to do so in the development of the instructional calendar.

The waivers may be requested for a maximum of three years in advance. Our waivers expire at the end of the 2012-13 school year. This request is for approval to submit the allowable waivers for the 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

The details of the request are attached.

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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request for the waivers.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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