

# APPROVAL OF TEA GENERAL STATE WAIVERS

July 29, 2014

## SUMMARY:

This item seeks Board approval for the following Expedited State Waivers: Early Release, Staff Development, Modified Schedules on State Testing Days, Timeline for Accelerated Instruction, Teacher Data Portal, and Foreign Exchange Student.

## BOARD GOAL:

### II. Teaching and Learning...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

Establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities

### VI. Growth and Change...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

TEA grants these waivers for 3 years. This request is an extension of previous waivers that were approved by the Board and by TEA in 2011.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

None

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of these waiver requests will allow the district to remain in compliance with TEA requirements. The attached summary page provides information about each of the requested waivers and summarizes the benefits of Board action.

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

## ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose to deny the request.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the TEA Expedited State Waivers be approved by the Board of Trustees.

## STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David Hicks, Executive Director Secondary Programs

## ATTACHMENT:

Summary Information on Expedited Waivers for 2014-2017 School Years

## APPROVAL:

Signature of Divisional Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_