

Approval of W. S. Ryan Targeted Improvement Plan

November 11, 2014

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of the Targeted Improvement Plan for W. S. Ryan Elementary.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Approval of W. S. Ryan Campus Improvement Plan on October 28, 2014
- These two plans are closely related; however, the Targeted Improvement Plan provides more specificity and is in compliance with TEA requirements for campuses rated Improvement Required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- W. S. Ryan was designated *Improvement Required* during the summer of 2014
- TEC Sec 39 states requirements for district and campus response, including development, hearing and approval of the Targeted Improvement Plan.
- This TIP was developed by teachers at the campus – primarily the Campus Leadership Team, as required by statute.
- Support for this process is required by statute to be given by the Campus Improvement Team, comprised of a Professional Service Provider (PSP – Dr. Sharon Long) and District Coordinator of School Improvement (DCSI – Vicki Sargent).
- Initiatives and activities described in the plan are currently being implemented. Tonight's review and approval follows the timeline given by TEA for these activities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- W. S. Ryan students scored below the standard in Index 3 of the new Texas assessment system.
- As a result, improvement is required for student performance at the campus this year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The district has committed \$10,000 for the required Professional Service Provider, to date. Additional funds will be necessary to complete the project.
- The campus has expended or committed their budgetary resources to implementation of the plan.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow compliance with TEA requirements.
- Passage will show endorsement of improvement efforts undertaken by the W. S. Ryan community – staff and families.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- The public hearing and board approval of the Targeted Improvement Plan will be reported to TEA in February, in accordance with their timeline.
- Records will be maintained of official Board action should they be requested in an audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Tonight's public hearing met the requirements for public comment on this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed, as this is a component of compliance.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- The W. S. Ryan Campus Leadership Team has shown great commitment to improvement efforts and were eager to share their plan with the Board and community this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the W. S. Ryan Targeted Improvement Plan as presented.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Vicki Sargent, Executive Director of Elementary Academic Programs and District Coordinator for School Improvement

ATTACHMENT:

- W. S. Ryan Targeted Improvement Plan

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____