



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

3B. Report

Date: September 13, 2004

SUBJECT: WAIVER EVALUATION 2003-2004

BOARD GOAL: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Background Information:

We are required to report to the Board each year on the waivers that the District has in place. During the 2003-2004 school year, the Keller Independent School District had twenty-three active waivers.

- Nineteen were Physical Education waivers - The waiver evaluations are attached with student names removed for privacy reasons.
- One was for a restriction on the number of foreign exchange students – The waiver limits the number of Foreign Exchange Students to five per High School.
- One was for early start date – Allows for the first day of school to be scheduled prior to the week in which August 21 falls.
- One was for staff development – Allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of student instruction.
- One was for early release - Used to allow for teacher/parent conferences and late arrival for non-testing students on State testing days.

All waivers received positive feedback from the campus administration. Based on this information, we will continue to apply for these types of waivers as they are meeting the needs of our students, parents and schools. I will be happy to address any questions.

Administrative Considerations:

- TEA provides that students may apply for a waiver to substitute a commercially provided activity for school-based physical education programs.
- Keller ISD has adopted policy that also authorizes this practice.
- TEA also provides for waivers to address :
 - Early Start
 - Staff Development
 - Foreign Exchange restrictions
 - Early Release Days
- Campus and District personnel responsible for supervising these programs find that they are a benefit to students, staff and parents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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