



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Report

- A. District Events
- B. Aledo "A" Trademark Status
- C. United States Department of Education Ruling on Texas Special Education Services
- D. Administrative Position on Business Variance Requested of the City of Aledo
- E. Terry and Helen Hyles Attendance Awards –Fall Semester

PRESENTER: Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): All

Report Information:

A. District Events

Jan 25 – Aledo City Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Jan 26 – Jack Harvey Recognition – Weatherford College – 11:00 AM
Jan 28-31 – TASA Mid-Winter Conference on Education – Austin Convention Center
Feb 7 – Brown Bag Lunch – Coder – Noon
Feb 9 – AEF Executive Board Meeting – Administration - 9:00 AM
Feb 12 – Dallas County Schools Dissolution Committee – DCS - 10:00 AM
Feb 15 – Speech Dinner Theatre – Daniel – 6:00 PM
Feb 19 – Monthly Board Meeting – Administration – 6:00 PM

Other dates of which the Board should be aware:

Jan 1-31 – Texas School Board Recognition Month
Feb 1-28 – Career Tech Education Month
Feb 5-9 – Counselor Appreciation Week
Feb 19-23 – National Future Farmers of America Week

B. Aledo "A" Trademark Status

Attached is a letter from legal counsel providing AISD notice the application for trademark status has been approved for the District logo. This measure provides legal protection against unapproved use of the logo for purposes not otherwise formally approved by the school district.

C. United States Department of Education Ruling on Texas Special Education Services

Not surprisingly, the US Department of Education through their Office of Special Education Programs found that the State of Texas through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has identified and placed through the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) process

artificially low percentages of student populations that should be served via special education programs. The TEA standard was given to local districts as 8.5%. In the opinion of the federal government, the true standard should have been in 11.1-15% range. The true figure may well be somewhere in between. A copy of the U.S. Department of Education findings are enclosed. Additionally, a response from the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education is found [here](#).

Our community should know that AISD has never honored the TEA 8.5% figure as being a true service percentage standard. The District's practice is to seek identification of any disability a child may have and then work with the parents or guardians to seek the best individual education plan appropriate for that child.

D. Administrative Position on Business Variance Requested of the City of Aledo

There exists a variance request to be heard by the Aledo City Council on January 25, 2018 which seeks a variance from the physical setback required of businesses seeking to sell alcoholic products near existing schools.

The AISD Administration strongly opposes this variance request and plans on attending the meeting of the city council on Thursday evening to voice that opposition. A copy of the council agenda item is unavailable at this writing but will be at each board member's place at tonight's meeting.

Administration welcomes feedback from Trustees in regard to this matter.

E. Terry and Helen Hyles Attendance Awards –Fall Semester

As is the District's practice, names will be drawn of employees with perfect attendance during the fall semester. Each staff member drawn will receive a \$250 reward. This program is generously funded by Mr. Terry Hyles and Mrs. Helen Hyles. The District is very grateful for their continued generosity to our District and to the staff. They are Bearcats through and through.