



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Waiver Related to Foreign Exchange Students

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- In the past, the Administration has recommended, and the Board of Trustees has approved the District submitting a three-year waiver to the Texas Education Agency to limit the annual number of foreign exchange students.
- The Administration recommends that the Board approve the submission of the waiver again, to limit the annual number of foreign exchange students attending Aledo ISD to seven. The Administration believes that this is prudent given the fast growth of the school district and in an effort to protect against the number of foreign exchange students creating a staffing hardship for the district.
- On average, the District enrolls between three to five foreign exchange students each school year.
- Annually, foreign exchange student programs promote Aledo ISD as an option for placing students from other countries. Aledo ISD acknowledges and appreciates that foreign exchange student programs offer valuable enrichment experiences for the foreign exchange students, as well as the students in our district. Administration wants to ensure that all students continue to benefit from the cultural experiences that are gleaned from foreign exchange student programs while providing the most successful academic experience for all students enrolled in Aledo ISD.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

- There are no fiscal implications for applying for the waiver from TEA.

ATTACHMENTS:

- None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

- Administration recommends the approval for Aledo ISD to seek a three-year TEA waiver that would limit the enrollment of foreign exchange students to seven students for each academic school year.

