

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

3G. Action

Date: December 13, 2004

SUBJECT:FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION/EARLY START WAIVER
2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **BOARD GOAL:** Academic Excellence
- FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- Keller ISD Board of Trustees Approved a Proposed 2005-2006 School Calendar at the November 22 Board meeting as presented by the Administration and DEIC of Keller ISD.
- TEC Chapter 25.0811 allows districts to begin instruction for students before the week in which August 21 falls.
- A public hearing was conducted on December 6 to gather public input.
- Included in the waiver application there must be a summary of the opinions expressed at the hearing regarding the beginning date of instruction for students and explanation of the calendar development process.

Administrative Considerations:

- A public hearing was held on December 6, 2004 to gather input regarding an application for First Day of Instruction (Early Start) Waiver.
- The consensus of comments received from the public hearing and additional public input was in support of application for an early start waiver for the first day of instruction to be on August 8, 2005.
- The results of the hearing along with other calendar development information and the waiver request will be submitted to TEA for their approval. A response from TEA is expected within 30 days of submission.

The Administration and the DEIC recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the application to TEA for a First Day of Instruction (Early Start) Waiver for the 2005-2006 calendar as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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