

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 9, 2020

Consider Approval of TEA COVID-19 Missed School Days Waiver

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the Loss of Instructional Days Waiver and the Instructional Continuity Attestation as a result of the school closures due to COVID-19.

BOARD GOAL:

Vision – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

Climate – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical

Parent and Community Involvement – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

No previous Board action on this waiver or attestation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Our goals for this waiver and attestation include:

- Provide waiver for the loss of instructional days for in person instruction that began on March 17, 2020 and ended on May 21, 2020.
- Inform the Board and TEA of the specific days of Denton ISD closure.
- Communicate the manner in which instruction continued during closure.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

No additional significant issues to report other than those reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

TEA has communicated how funding for ADA during closure will be calculated. Dr. Nivens has presented state funding projections in a separate topic.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this action allows staff to apply for the provided waivers and communicate with TEA the manner in which instruction continued in Denton ISD during COVID-19 closure.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Closed Preparing for Instruction 3/17/20 – 3/20/20

Closed Providing Instruction 3/23/20 – 4/9/20

4/10/20 Closed for a planned holiday, Good Friday

Closed Providing Instruction 4/13/20 – 5/21/20

Each day of closure, whether preparing or providing instruction is equal to 440 instructional minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the waiver and attestation.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Susannah O'Bara

Signature of Superintendent: _____