

# Executive Summary

## Board of Trustees Meeting June 22, 2021

### 2020 - 2021 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Reporting Period Attendance Report

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#### **Board Goals:**

##### Domain 1 – **Teaching & Learning**

- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship

##### Domain 2 – **Culture & Climate**

- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being

##### Domain 3 – **Growth & Management**

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

##### Domain 4 – **Opportunities for Students**

- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace, and for life.

#### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 6<sup>th</sup> Reporting Period of the 2020-2021 school year (April 19, 2021 through May 27, 2021) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance.

#### **Objective:**

The objective is to routinely analyze and monitor Denton ISD's attendance data with the goal of improving student attendance. By making this data readily accessible throughout the school year, the district will raise awareness of school attendance and monitor trends and changes across the district. The district will also provide transparent communication, training, and support; where needed, to improve student attendance in Denton ISD.

#### **Operational Impact:**

The analysis and monitoring of attendance data will increase the funding received from ADA, increase academic success and school completion, and support the district goal ensuring that all students are reading on grade level by the end of grade 3.

#### **ADA Hold Harmless for the 2021-2022 School Year:**

TEA will ensure that districts receive funding for an ADA hold harmless for the first two six-week attendance reporting periods. Denton ISD has submitted an attestation statement to TEA requesting ADA hold harmless for the third six-weeks attendance reporting period. The ADA hold harmless methodology will be identical to the methodology used for the first two six-weeks attendance reporting periods, except that the third six-weeks will be examined independent of the first two six-weeks

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attendance reporting periods. Specifically, if an LEA’s refined ADA counts during the third six-weeks attendance reporting periods are less than the ADA hold harmless projections, the third six-weeks attendance reporting periods for 2020–2021 will be excluded from the calculation of ADA and student FTEs for FSP funding purposes and will be replaced with the ADA hold harmless projections.

In addition to the hold harmless for the first through third 6-weeks discussed above, TEA will ensure that LEAs receive funding for hold harmless during the fourth through sixth 6-weeks reporting periods. To be eligible for the full amount of hold harmless established for the fourth through sixth 6-weeks, an LEA must meet specific criteria established by TEA.

#### **Results:**

There are 29 instructional days in this 6<sup>th</sup> Reporting Period. The district ADA% for 2020-2021 Reporting Period 6 is 96.52%, we do not have any data to compare this to from last school year due to COVID-19.

EP Rayzor had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 98.54%. Harpool had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 99.28%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.15%.

The previous school years ADA percentages are below:

#### **Reporting Period 6 Comparisons**

School Year	Attendance Percentage
2019-20	COVID-19
2018-19	96.35%
2017-18	96.07%
2016-17	95.9%
2015-16	95.52%
2014-15	95.73%
2013-14	95.84%

6<sup>th</sup> grade had the highest ADA% at 97.79%, followed by 7<sup>th</sup> grade with 97.69%. Pre-K had the lowest ADA% at 94.22%, followed by Early Childhood Education (EE) with 94.27%.

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The truancy prevention measures used in Reporting Period 6 include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (4,303) online truancy class referrals (771), in-person truancy class referrals (305), counselor referrals (152), attendance contracts (443), campus consequences (1505), home visits (39), truancy officer referrals (36), court referrals and court contempts (2). Denton ISD campuses have provided over **7,556** truancy prevention measures in this 6<sup>th</sup> Reporting Period.

Denton ISD campuses had **41,986** unfunded absences in the 6<sup>th</sup> reporting period. Elementary School had 10,607 excused absences and 12,509 unexcused absences. Middle School had 2,070 excused absences and 3,957 unexcused absences. High School had 2,738 excused absences and 10,105 unexcused absences.