

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**Board of Trustees Meeting October 25, 2016**

**Consider Approval of Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS)  
Additional Appraisers for 2016 – 2017**

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of additional 2016 – 2017 administrator appraisers for the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS), the teacher appraisal system approved for the District. This additional list of T-TESS appraisers have recently completed and/or provided evidence of the credentials required to perform the duties and responsibilities of a T-TESS appraiser as required by the Texas Education Agency. In accordance with Board Policy DNA (Legal) and DNA (Local), we respectfully submit the attached list of additional administrators for Board approval as T-TESS appraisers who possess the required credentials to perform the responsibilities of an appraiser within the Denton ISD.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The Board of Trustees approved an original list of T-TESS appraisers on August 23, 2016.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) is the approved and recommended appraisal system supported by the Texas Education Agency. T-TESS was created for teachers by teachers and is aligned with the Texas Teacher Standards (TAC, Chapter 149, Section 149.1001).

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

Board approval of the District T-TESS appraisers is required for campus administrators to initiate the appraisal system for all district teachers.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no fiscal implications related to Board action.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Approval of the 2016 – 2017 T-TESS appraisers will allow campus and specified district level administrators to initiate the T-TESS appraisal system, providing valuable feedback, coaching, and goal setting through the T-TESS evaluation process with specific and intentional targets to improve student achievement and learning for both students and educators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2016 – 2017 T-TESS certified appraisers as required by state and local policy.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs  
Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs  
Susannah O’Bara, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs

**ATTACHMENT:**

T-TESS appraisers meeting eligibility requirements, as governed by the Texas Education Agency, to date.

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_