

Approval of Tuition Rates for Non-District Students

August 12, 2008

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the 2008-09 tuition rates for non-district students.

BOARD GOAL:

VI (a) Growth & Change - review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board last reviewed this topic last year in setting the 2007-08 rate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The district continues to have a moratorium on open transfers into the district. Within this moratorium there are exception provisions for students of DISD employees who reside outside of the district.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

This item is reviewed annually. Even though the exception provisions do exist, very few transfers actually occur under these guidelines.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The tuition calculation for students of employees is actually based on the actual school taxes of the average home in Denton. The rate for 2007-08 was calculated to be \$1,965. The rate for 2008-09 on an average residence valued at \$178,425 with a \$15,000 homestead exemption is calculated to be \$2,435 at the proposed tax rate of \$1.49. This increase is the result of the average home value increasing as well as our increase in our debt service tax rate.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval of this item will allow the district to communicate the tuition rates to interested parties.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The district is required to report all transfers to the Texas Education Agency each year. The agency monitors the transfers to see if significant demographic shifts in population occur through these practices.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board can establish other rates or other procedures to calculate the rates. The Board can also choose to eliminate the current exception provisions that exist.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

To set the tuition rate for students of Denton ISD employees residing outside of the district at \$2,435 per immediate family as defined by first degree of consanguinity and first degree of affinity. Additionally, employees shall be allowed to use as a tuition credit, any tax amount paid into DISD for other DISD properties or holdings as outlined through current district guidelines.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent

APPROVAL:

Signature of Superintendent:

