

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
Board of Trustees Meeting July 27, 2017

Consider Approval of 2017 – 2018 Expedited State Waivers

SUMMARY:

This consent agenda item requests approval to apply for the following Expedited State Waivers for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- Early Release
- Modified Schedule/State Assessment Testing Days
- Foreign Exchange Student
- Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System
- Timeline for Accelerated Instruction
- Staff Development – General
- Staff Development – Subject Areas
- Staff Development - Conferences

BOARD GOAL:

Vision – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- Develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

Teaching & Learning – In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Cultivate a consistent strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- Establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life
- Stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- Advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

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
- Instill in students a love of life-long learning

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:

- Review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district goals as appropriate
- Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Texas Education Agency grants are typically approved for up to three years. This request is an extension of previous waivers requested and approved by the Board and Trustees and TEA in 2014.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

No additional background information to report other than that reflected in the summary of this consent agenda item.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

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

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None noted at this time.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Board approval of the TEA waiver requests allows the District to remain in compliance with TEA requirements. The attached summary page provides information about each of the requested waivers and summarizes the benefits of Board approval.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Trustees may choose to deny the request.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the TEA Expedited State Waivers request to be submitted for consideration to the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent for Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

Summary of Expedited State Waivers

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Superintendent: _____