

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

April 11, 2023

Announcement of Continuing Education Hours

Purpose of Report

The continuing education required under the Texas Education Code, §11.159, applies to each member of an independent school district board of trustees. The continuing education requirement consists of four categories (sometimes called “tiers”) including orientation sessions, an annual team building session with the local board and the superintendent, and continuing education to meet the assessed needs and training on evaluating and improving student outcomes. New board members must complete a minimum of 25 hours of continuing education credit their first year. Experienced board members shall receive between nine to sixteen hours of continuing education annually. Required hours after the first year will vary depending on how the Post-Legislative Update, Child Abuse, and Student Achievement and Accountability hours fall for an individual trustee.

Objectives

Since 1996, the State Board of Education (SBOE) rule has required the board president to make a public announcement each year of the names of those board members who have completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours of continuing education, and who is deficient in meeting the required continuing education as of the anniversary of the date of each board member's election or appointment to the board. In June 2018, the Legislature amended the provisions to require that during the last regular meeting of the board of trustees before an election of trustees, the minutes reflect whether each board member has fulfilled their training requirements as of the date of the meeting.

Results

Each board member of Denton ISD has exceeded the State Board of Education requirement for the minimum number of hours required annually.