

**APPROVAL OF BOARD RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SB 149**

May 12, 2015

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill (SB) 149 provides a path to graduation for 11th and 12th graders who have met all curricular requirements but have not earned passing scores on one or two end-of-course exams. This bill establishes Individual Graduation Committees to review and determine graduation readiness/eligibility for students that have met all course requirements but have earned passing scores on only 3 or 4 of the 5 required end-of-course exams. Various data are included in the review including attendance, professional CTE certifications earned, course grades, dual credit/IB/AP/PreAP course grades, SAT/ACT scores and additional academic assignments determined by the committee. Committees include the student, parent, principal, teachers and counselor. Districts are directed to determine implementation processes for the 2014-2015 school year through administrative regulation, with processes for 2015-2016 to be determined by the Commissioner.

This item seeks approval of a resolution authorizing the administration to comply with the new law immediately. A policy update is not required at this time, but may be made through our customary review process after the Commissioner determines next year's implementation guidelines.

BOARD GOAL:

II.8 - Advocate and practice true accountability based on individual measurement of student progress over time, regardless of external mandates.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

This legislation is new this session and there has been no prior Board action on this topic.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The resolution recognizes efforts already taken by district staff and affirms that the district will implement the Individual Graduation Committees with fidelity.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to issue a resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the resolution supporting the implementation of SB 149 in Denton ISD be approved by the Board of Trustees.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

David Hicks, Executive Director Secondary Programs

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

APPROVAL:

Signature of Divisional Executive Director: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____