

**WAIVER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD
FOR THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
September 8, 2020**

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of a waiver which would provide Denton ISD the flexibility to allow extension of the beginning of the year transition period beyond the four-week limit. The decision to extend the transition period has not been made, however in the event we need to consider an extension and/or the ability to continue the hybrid model at the middle school campuses, or other scheduling flexibilities, this waiver request provides the flexibility to do so. This decision would provide Denton ISD the ability to limit on-campus access to facilitate a safe, effective return to face-to-face instruction.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For students in grades 6-8, the District may desire to create a modified schedule with less-than-daily on-campus attendance in order to allow for social distancing. The only way for the District to accomplish this in grades lower than 9th grade is through this waiver to extend the transition period at the beginning of the year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

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

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Adoption of this waiver will allow Denton ISD to extend the beginning of the year transition period, and thereby provide campus attendance flexibility in order to limit the number of students on campus at any one time.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will allow Denton ISD to have the ability to provide an intermittent on-campus attendance option.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will then process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD board of Trustees

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Without consent for the approval, the District will have no ability to create a modified in-person attendance schedule in order to accommodate social distancing guidelines in order to address student and staff safety.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the waiver for the ability to extend the transition period at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year beyond the four-week limit.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Gwen Perkins, Area Superintendent
Deron Robinson, General Counsel

ATTACHMENT:

Waiver Request for extending the transition period at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year beyond the four-week limit.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____