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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent
From: ·   Greg McIntyre, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
              Donna Adams, Director of Instruction
Date: December 9, 2010
Agenda Item: H-2
Re: TEA Expedited Waiver for Staff Development (2011-2014) and Early
              Release (2011-2012)

Background

The Texas Education Agency requires that school districts operate for 187 days each school year. Of the 187 days, a minimum of seven days must be used as staff development days. Through a TEA Staff Development Waiver, districts may substitute three staff development days for student days if the district has the need to provide staff development.

CSISD has operated under a TEA Staff Development Waiver for the many years, and we continue to have the need to provide ongoing and sustained staff development beyond the seven days that the State has designated. If approved to take to the School Board, the three additional staff development days requested from the State will be used by CSISD staff members to align our curriculum and assessments horizontally and vertically among grade levels and subject areas, to gain knowledge and develop trainings related to new TEKS and State mandated assessments, and to provide training related to best instructional practices.
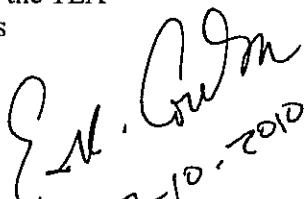
The TEA Expedited Waiver for Staff Development is requested for the years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014.

The TEA also allows early release for districts to conduct school for less than seven (7) hours for up to six (6) days of student instruction to provide additional training in educational methodologies and/or to provide time to meet the needs of students and local community.

In order to maintain more consistent professional development throughout the school year, the District is recommending two days of early release during the 2011-2012 school year.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the College Station Board of Trustees approve the submission of the TEA Expedited Waiver for Staff Development (2011-2014) and Early Release (2011-2012) as presented.