

College Station Independent School District

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To:

CSISD School Board

From:

Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

Date:

November 10, 2011

Agenda:

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Re:

School Board Elections

Background

To comply with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE), the Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 100. To comply with Senate Bill 100, CSISD must change the timing of its local elections. CSISD has two options to consider:

- 1) Move elections to every other year in May (odd number years) in order to avoid the overlap in election cycles caused by the primary elections run-off schedule. Moving the CSISD elections to every other May would cause the district to move to four year terms for trustees and would likely result in CSISD not being able to partner with other local entities for elections.
- 2) Move elections to the uniform election day in November. Moving the elections to November will cause CSISD to adjust the terms of all current trustees according to the schedule below. Also, CSISD expects to be able to partner with other local entities in November elections, thus reducing the costs of elections for CSISD.

The City of College Station held a referendum recently related to this elections issue. By a majority vote, the residents of College Station indicated they prefer the City of College Station to hold elections annually in November as opposed to every other year in May. While this referendum was not specific to College Station ISD, it lends support to the CSISD Board moving its elections to November of each year.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CSISD School Board move its local elections to the uniform election day in November beginning in 2012.

It is also recommended that the terms of Board of Trustees be changed according to the following schedule:

Place 1/Paul Dorsett

November 2012

Place 2/Carol Barrett

November 2012

Place 3/Garland Watson

November 2013



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• Place 4/Jeff Harris November 2013

Place 5/Randall Pitcock
November 2013

Place 6/Kimberly McAdams
November 2014

Place 7/Valerie Jochen November 2014