




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: CSISD School Board

From: Eddie Coulson, Superintendent 

Date: March 7, 2014

Subject: Consideration, discussion and possible action related to a Chinese language course in CSISD

Agenda Item: H-1

BACKGROUND

Several parents and students have communicated with the district over the course of this semester to encourage CSISD to offer a Mandarin Chinese language class. I have met with a group of parents, exchanged emails with parents, and several parents and students have addressed the school board related to the addition of a Chinese language class.

In response to the request of the parents and students, the school board has discussed the districts foreign language offerings at its December 2013 and January 2104 regularly scheduled workshops. The result of the school board discussions was to refer the request for a Chinese language program to the districts normal process for considering new classes.

It is expected that the request for the addition of the new class will be referred to the A&M Consolidated High School and College Station High School Campus Improvement Teams in August 2014 for discussion and consideration. If the campuses determine to recommend the addition of such a class, the District Education Improvement Committee will then consider the request.

If approved by the Campus Improvement Teams and the District Educational Improvement Committee, a recommendation to add a new class will be made to the school board during the fall 2014 semester. If a class is recommended and ultimately approved by the school board, the earliest a Chinese language class would be implemented is August 2015.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board receive a report related to the request for a Chinese language report.

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