



# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Becky Burghardt, Director for Curriculum *BB*

Date: September 16, 2010

Subject: Expedited Waiver Related to the Timeline for New Accelerated Instruction Requirements under the Student Success Initiative

Agenda Item: I-4

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priority A and B: Goals 1, 2, and 3

## BACKGROUND

House Bill 3 requires districts to provide accelerated instruction to students in grades 5 and 8 who do not demonstrate proficiency on the TAKS reading and/or mathematics tests. The accelerated instruction must occur after each administration of the test, including the third administration. A student may advance to or be placed in the next grade level only if (1) s/he completes all accelerated instruction required by the grade placement committee (GPC), and (2) the GPC determines, by unanimous decision, that the student is likely to be successful by the end of the next school year given additional accelerated instruction during the course of the year.

To assist districts in meeting the accelerated instruction provision after the third administration of the test, TEA is allowing districts to apply for an expedited waiver to adjust the timeline for providing accelerated instruction to students who fail the third administration. Approval of the waiver would allow districts to promote or place these students in the subsequent grade during the first six weeks of the school year provided intensive instruction is completed during this time.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the CSISD Board of Trustees approve the Texas Education Waiver to allow students to be promoted or placed by the GPC in the next grade level and provided accelerated instruction during the first six weeks of the school year.

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