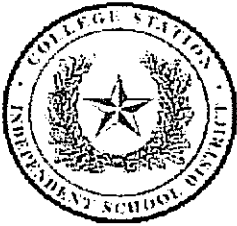
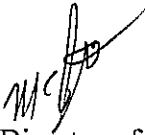


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MEMORANDUM

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To: Greg McIntyre 
From: Donna Adams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Date: March 3, 2008
Priorities: Priorities 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
Agenda: I-3
Re: TEA Staff Development Waiver for 2008-2011

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.

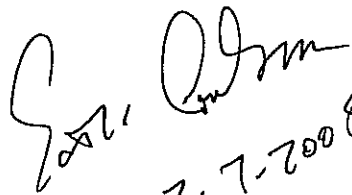
CSISD has operated under a TEA Staff Development Waiver for the many years, and we continue to have the need to provide ongoing and sustained staff development beyond the seven days that the State has designated. If approved by the School Board, the three additional staff development days that will be requested from the State will be used to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance such as aligning our curriculum between grade levels and subject areas, continuing work in the areas of Student Engagement, Response to Intervention, Achieve Texas, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), and providing training related to best instructional practices.

The TEA Staff Development Waiver will be for the years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011.

On February 13, 2008 the DEIC approved this recommendation being forwarded to the School Board.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the School Board approve the TEA Staff Development Waiver as presented.


3.7-2008