




# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services 

Date: April 9, 2014

Subject: Consider approval of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for low attendance on bad weather days

Agenda Item: K-3

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priority 3, Goal 4

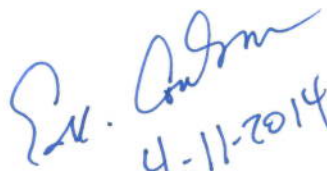
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## BACKGROUND

College Station experienced a colder than normal winter this school year. Several times, the district was faced with a morning commute that included the forecast of sub-freezing temperatures and precipitation. In each situation district administrators reviewed the changing forecasts, assessed road conditions and communicated with local governments, school districts and emergency managers at Texas A&M. Three mornings this winter, CSISD campuses opened two hours late. The district did not have to close for an entire day.

Student attendance on some of those days at some campuses was lower than normal. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) allows districts or charter schools the ability to request a waiver for low attendance that is at least 10% below the last school year's average daily attendance (ADA) because of weather, health conditions, safety, or other issues. If the waiver is granted, these days are excused from ADA calculations for the current school year.

On January 24, 2014, CSISD attendance was 85.5%, which was more than ten points lower than the 2012-13 average attendance rate (96.2%). On January 28, 2014 the district was not ten points below the previous year's average; however, three individual campuses did exceed that number:

  
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<u>% Attendance</u>	<u>Average % Attendance Previous Year</u>	<u>Campus Name</u>
46.15	80.5	Center for Alternative Learning
84.41	96.1	South Knoll Elementary
85.64	96.2	College Hills Elementary

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve the waiver application for lower attendance on bad weather days occurring on January 24, 2014 and January 28, 2014.