



**June 16, 2020
Called Meeting
6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Meeting Opening**
 1. Prayer
 2. Pledges
- 4. Public Comments**
 1. The correct procedure for addressing the Board during Public Comments is as follows:
Members of the public were invited to email their public comments to the address published on the MISD website. Those comments will be read by a member of the MISD staff at this time. All comments regarding items on the agenda will be limited to three minutes. Copies of presentations should be made available to all trustees and the Superintendent. Board policy prohibits the discussion of complaints against district employees during an open forum.
- 5. Business Items Requiring Board Action**
 1. Consideration and Approval of TEA Waiver for Early Notice of Students at Risk of Failure
 2. Consideration and Approval of 2020-2021 TEA Waiver - Grades K and 7 Reading Instruments
- 6. Work Session**
 1. Discussion of the 2020-2021 Budget
- 7. Closed Session**
 1. Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee; 551.071, Consultation with the Board's Attorney, and 551.072, Real Property.
- 8. Reconvene**
 1. Reconvene to Public
- 9. Adjourn**
 1. Adjourn



**Board of School Trustees
Mansfield Independent School District**

TITLE: Consideration and Approval of 2020-2021 TEA Waiver - Grades K and 7 Reading Instruments DATE: June 23, 2020

ACTION

BACKGROUND:

Kindergarten: Local Education Agencies are required to use one of two TEA approved reading diagnostic instruments for the beginning-of-year screener, starting in the 2020-2021 school year. However, because of disruptions to the 2019-2020 school year and possible disruptions to the 2020-2021 school year resulting from COVID-19, districts may request a one-year waiver in order to continue to use the instrument they used in the 2019-2020 school year or another instrument approved by a local district board of trustees in order to best meet student needs in the 2020-2021 school year. [TEC, §28.006(b) and TEC, §28.006(b-1)]

Grade 7: Local Education Agencies are required to use one of four TEA approved reading diagnostic instruments. However, because of disruptions to the 2019-2020 school year and possible disruptions to the 2020-2021 school year resulting from COVID-19, districts may request a one year waiver in order to use another instrument approved by a local district board of trustees in order to best meet student needs in the 2020-2021 school year. [TEC, §28.006(c-1)]

CONSIDERATIONS:

Implementation of new assessments requires training. In light of the COVID-19 shutdown and the possibility of a hybrid instructional delivery model for the 2020-2021 school year, which will require additional technology, curriculum, and pedagogy training to support deployment, it is recommended that Mansfield ISD seek a one-year waiver for the required Kindergarten and Grade 7 reading instruments.

In lieu of the required reading assessments, Mansfield ISD will continue to assess Kindergarten students with our current screening/progress monitoring tool, Istation/ISIP, for the 2020-2021 school year

In lieu of the required reading assessments, Mansfield ISD will assess Grade 7 students with MAP – Measures of Academic Progress for the 2020-2021 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the waiver for the Reading Instrument Waiver for Kindergarten and Grade 7.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“I move that Mansfield ISD apply for a wavier to use alternate Kindergarten and Grade 7 reading instruments for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.”



**Board of School Trustees
Mansfield Independent School District**

TITLE: Request to Apply for TEA
Waiver of Required Early Notice of
Students at Risk of Failure

DATE: June 16, 2020

ACTION

BACKGROUND:

Under Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §101.2009, the district shall provide early notice to parents or guardians of students identified in a preceding grade to be at risk of failure on the first administration of the assessment required for grade advancement the next year. The superintendent must establish the instruments and procedures to be used to determine which students are at-risk. This notice shall include accelerated instruction participation requirements as stipulated by §101.2006 of this title (relating to Accelerated Instruction) and be provided before the end of the school year preceding the grade advancement requirements.

CONSIDERATION:

Given that the STAAR administrations for April, May, and June 2020 are cancelled, the at-risk determination will need to be made through means that do not involve state testing results from the current year. The current rule requires this notice to be issued before the end of a school year. The district does not have sufficient information to make a determination about a student's risk of failure at this time. According to the guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) the school district should request a waiver from the TEA Commissioner to delay the notice requirement until the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the request to apply for a TEA waiver of required early notice of students at risk of failure.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

"Move to adopt the request to apply for a waiver of required early notice of students at risk of failure as presented."