



Decatur Independent School District

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

To: Board of Trustees
From: Taylor Williams
Subject: Consideration and Take Action for Purchase of Attendance Credits and Delegation of Contractual Authority to Superintendent
Meeting Date: July-30-2026
Type of Item: ☐ Information ☐ Presentation ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Discussion ☒ Action
Supporting Documents: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Background Information and Rationale:

Decatur ISD is again classified as a preliminary Chapter 49 recapture district (formerly Chapter 41) by TEA for the 2026-2027 school year. Texas Education Code requires all school districts that reach "recapture" or "property rich" status to conduct an election to gain voter authorization of the option selected by the district to equalize wealth. The agreement for the purchase of attendance credits was approved by the voters of Decatur ISD on August 29, 2006. Although a new election is not required each year, approval to TEA is required each year, AND before the District can adopt a tax rate.

In 2025-2026 the District was also required to complete this action - **although ultimately no recapture was due**. Currently there does not appear to be any excess revenue, however, TEA does not have the latest property values and therefore it is possible that recapture may be due.

Regardless, the District is required to select an option before it is allowed to adopt a tax rate.

From TEA, "Each year the district school board must delegate the authority to obligate the school district under chapter 49 to the superintendent. The following language is required to be recorded in the board minutes. and the board minutes must be uploaded via the Excess Local Revenue system of the online FSP System. The board minutes do not have to be approved/signed prior to loading the minutes in the Excess Local Revenue module, though please keep a copy on file should the approved/signed copy be requested. The contract will not be approved via the Excess Local Revenue module without the board minutes delegating authority to the superintendent.

Board Minute Language - For the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.



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Support of Strategic Goals:

4.3 DISD will provide operational efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency to maximize taxpayer dollars.

Fiscal Implication:

Currently it is not estimated that the District would pay recapture. However, because of potential recapture, the DISD must complete this authorization.

Administrative Recommendation:

For the 2026-2027 school year, I recommend we delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or the Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting Chapter 48 Funding.

Contact Person(s)

Respectfully submitted,

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Taylor Williams
Superintendent

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Gary Micinski
Interim CFO