



Little Elm ISD

Special Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 2020 6:00 PM

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Little Elm ISD

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Little Elm ISD will be held July 30, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Zellars Center for Learning and Leadership.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. Call to Order Open Session.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction and Roll Call
4. Citizen Input
Audience participation shall be permitted at Regular Board Meetings and shall be limited to the public comment portion designated for that purpose.
5. Action Items
 - A. Consider approval of Denton County Public Health Countywide Recommendation
Presenter: Ross Roberts 4
6. Board President Comments
Presenter: David Montemayor
7. Board Comments
8. Superintendent Comments
9. Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board of Trustees should determine that a closed meeting should be conducted, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. The meeting will be held by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the School Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

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| 551.071 | Private consultation with the Board's attorney. |
| 551.072 | Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. |
| 551.073 | Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations. |

- 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.075 To confer with employees of the school district to receive information or to ask questions.
- 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific occasions, for or implementation of security personnel or devices.
- 551.082 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
- 551.0821 Considering personally identifiable information about public school student.
- 551.083 Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employees groups,
- 551.084 Excluding witnesses from a hearing.

Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections or the Act authorizing the closed meeting.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or
- (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

Superintendent

Original copy of this agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the Little Elm ISD Administration Building 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

Sonia S. Flores

Board Agenda Item

Little Elm Independent School District
300 Lobo Lane
Little Elm, Texas 75068

Board Mtg. Date	Reports of the Superintendent	Action Item	Consent Agenda	Reports, Routine Monthly	Other
7-30-2020	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject:	DENTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COUNTYWIDE RECOMMENDATION				
Presenter or Contact Person:	Ross Roberts, Deputy Superintendent				
Policy/Code:	EB(LEGAL), EB(LOCAL)				
Strategic Plan Goal:	N/A				
Summary:	On Monday, July 27, Denton County Public Health sent a letter to School Boards and Superintendents of Denton County making the recommendation to delay in-person instruction until September 8, 2020. The recommendation from the Denton County Public Health department is to conduct virtual, remote learning in compliance with LEISD's approved start date of August 25, 2020 until September 8, 2020.				
Financial Implications:	There is no financial implication to the budget.				
Attachments:	Denton County Public Health Recommendation				
Recommendation:	The Administration recommends the Board approve the Denton County Public Health recommendation to delay in-person instruction until September 8, 2020.				
Motion:	I move the Board approve the Denton County Public Health recommendation to delay in-person instruction until September 8, 2020.				

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DCPH Provides COVID-19 Recommendations to Denton County School Districts

July 27, 2020 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) Director Dr. Matt Richardson and DCPH Health Authority Dr. Marty Buchanan issued recommendations to independent school districts within Denton County on Monday, July 27, 2020, to provide guidance on the upcoming school year. These recommendations allow local district boards to make district-wide decisions while COVID-19 health and safety precautions remain prioritized.

In light of continued high community transmission of COVID-19 in Denton County, and in addition to the available scientific knowledge of transmission across Texas and the United States, DCPH is making the following countywide recommendations to school officials:

1. Delay face-to-face instruction until September 8th

The following exceptions may be necessary, and should require continual use of facial coverings and physical distancing:

- On-site virtual instruction activities by administrators, teachers and staff school-sponsored events/activities such as UIL sports, bands, choirs, competitions and similar events may be conducted outdoors with the use of masks and physical distancing.
 - Self-contained special education instruction may occur when necessary and in accordance with TEA guidelines, as feasible.
2. Schools should conduct virtual, remote, or distance learning activities, in compliance with their approved start dates, prior to Tuesday, September 8th to meet TEA requirements.
3. School administrators, teachers, and staff may return to school campuses to provide virtual learning instructional activities, provide food distribution including free and reduced lunch services and to perform administrative duties, as consistent with TEA guidelines.
4. Schools should create, maintain, and provide a safety protocol/plan for resuming in-person instruction on or after Tuesday, September 8th to the school boards and disseminate the plan to parents and stakeholders two weeks prior to re-opening campuses, per ISD approved calendars.

“We continue to utilize the latest information available to us locally and through the scientific community in order to provide recommendations to best protect all community members in Denton County,” stated Dr. Buchanan. “School district boards remain the decision makers in determining their school calendars, methods of education provision, and daily education operations.”

“We remain in continued communication with superintendents throughout Denton County as we navigate this unprecedented time due to COVID-19,” Dr. Richardson stated. “These recommendations are due to growing case counts, growing positivity rates, and the likely disease transmission that occurs days before symptoms occur. We take these and other factors into consideration when making this recommendation.”

These recommendations comply with the intent of Governor Greg Abbott’s Executive Order, as well as guidance for school districts provided by the Texas Education Agency. A copy of the letter of recommendations submitted by DCPH to superintendents and school boards in Denton County follows this press release.

For local COVID-19 data including active case information by municipality, hospital capacity, and ventilator utilization, visit dentoncounty.gov/COVIDstats. For information regarding DCPH’s upcoming testing centers, please visit dentoncounty.gov/COVID19testing.

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