

Alvord ISD Family – I have some highlights for you from the April 27 board meeting.

The options for graduation were discussed with the board. Some districts are moving forward with plans for a virtual graduation, at this point we are not planning on a virtual graduation unless we have no other viable option. We are waiting on guidance to determine what our options may be for an in person graduation. Coach Tefertiller and I will be discussing our options with the seniors. More information on our graduation plans will be coming as soon as we get the answers and guidance we need.

The board approved revisions to DHE (LOCAL) Board Policy which significantly increases the number of employees who will be subject to random alcohol and drug testing next school year. Employees who are added to the testing pool will be notified.

EIC (LOCAL) Policy Resolution was approved by the board to allow the changes in grading practices needed due to the COVID-19 caused school closure. Grades from the fall 2019 semester only will be used for class rank and GPA calculations for this school year, the spring of 2020 semester grades will be eliminated from class rank and GPA calculations for this year and all future years.

The board approved an amended District of Innovation (DOI) plan, which will allow us to provide employees with more health insurance options. The amended plan will also allow us to locally certify certified social studies teachers in social studies subjects outside of their certification. Local certification of teachers through our DOI plan also requires board approval.

The process for accepting new student transfer applications was reviewed by the board. In an effort to keep our class sizes small, we will not be accepting new student transfer requests in elementary grades with 54 or more students. The only elementary grade we expect to have less than 54 students in next year is 5th grade, as a result we will not be accepting new transfer applications for next year for 1st through 4th grades. This does not apply to current transfer students, we will continue to accept transfer applications from enrolled transfer students each year.

We will initially only consider Kindergarten transfer applications from students who already have older siblings enrolled in school and from students whose parents are school district employees. After school starts next year we can consider additional transfer requests if we have less than 54 students enrolled in kindergarten.

We will continue to accept new transfer applications from middle school and high school students.

I want to thank everyone again for your patience and understanding during this strange and difficult time. We all look forward to a time when we can be together again. In the meantime we will continue to work together, improve, and provide our students with the best experience possible!