District Level Instructional Decision-Making Committee

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The ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT-LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL DECISION-

MAKING COMMITTEE functions as a representative advisory group for all AISD professional staff with regard to the establishment and review of the district's educational mission, goals, objectives and major district wide classroom instructional programs.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Patti Belknap DIDC Co-Facilitator, and Anne Miller, Interim Executive Director, Secondary Instruction welcomed the committee.

HOUSE BILL 5 (HB5) – NELL FIELDING, DIRECTOR, GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Nell Fielding explained the graduation requirement changes that will be implemented through HB5. She showed a side-by-side comparison of current graduation plans and the new plans. She also discussed the new requirements for the counseling department regarding student information and preparation for post-secondary experiences.

VIRTUAL RESEARCH MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY – JULIE MOORE COORDINATOR, LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

Julie Moore gave a review of the virtual resources available to AISD students through the Library/Media Services department and through individual school library budgets. She explained the state Instructional Materials Allotment process and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission process.

QUESTIONS - To facilitate the answering of your question:

1. See if it can be answered with the resources within your building. 2. Refer your question in writing to the appropriate Committee.

Scope of DIDC: Limited to AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs.

Insurance Committee Contact Person: Laura Clark, Administration Building Calendar Committee Contact Person: Michael Hill, Administration Building

Maintenance/Operations/Warehouse Communication Committee Contact Person: Cliff Summer

Food Service Communication Committee Contact Person: Jackie Anderson

If you have suggestions about any of the AISD's educational goals, objectives, curriculum or instructional programs, please fill out this form and attach it to a summary of your comments.

Send to DIDC, Attention: Patti Belknap c/o Secondary Instruction, Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas 76013. Please include your name and phone number so we may respond to your request personally. Name: School: Grade: Subject: Topic:____ Suggested Solution: Would you like to be contacted personally by a member of the DIDC? _____Yes No Please note: The District Level Instructional Decision Making Committee (DIDC) UPDATE is now on the AISD Website*.

*(www.aisd.net)