LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUBJECT: Office of Information Technology Services

REFERENCE: HB 0500, HD1, SD1, CD1, Section 75, Act 213

ACTION REQUESTED: Progress and Status Report

DOE REPORT:

Introduction:

eSIS is the Department of Education’s centralized student information system. It is currently being used by 259 schools for student demographics, attendance, report cards, and student transfers. With eSIS, schools have the flexibility to assess and track their student’s progress by running reports and extracting information as needed.

Listed is a progress and status report on the implementation of the electronic student information system.

- 2008-2009 School Year
  - Pilot Diploma Module – track student progress towards different diploma requirements and 4-year course planning.
  - Pilot School Health Module – track health room visits and medications. School Health Aides and Department of Health Public Health Nurses will be involved in this pilot.
  - Pilot Athletic Eligibility Reporting Period Grade Checks – extract students by teams with quarterly grades and GPA calculations.
  - McKinney Vento Act (MVA) Enrollment Process Enhancements – changes to the eSIS enrollment process to comply with MVA.
  - Free and Reduced Meals Lunch Status – import the lunch status from the DOE School Food Services Office to provide view only access to the schools.

- New Servers – 2008-2009 School Year
  - Purchase and install additional servers in anticipation of additional Charter Schools using eSIS from July 2009.
  - Additional servers will also be used to prepare for vendor changes to eSIS developed using a new base platform.

- 2009-2010 School Year
  - Implement Charter Schools interested in using eSIS.
  - Elementary Report Card Changes – new Kindergarten Report card and changes required to create a separate Grade 1-5 and a Grade 6 report card.
FINDINGS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The eSIS system will continue to be sustained and enhanced with more functionality over time.