13. 3. Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Term Limits for Board of Trustees Members

Quick Summary / Abstract

ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO:	Board of Trustees
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SUBJECT:	Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Term Limits for Board of Trustees Members

RECOMMENDATION
President Soto recommends that the Board of Trustees discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the exploration of term limits for members of the Board of Trustees, including potential models, legal considerations, and implementation processes.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
This agenda item provides an opportunity for trustees to discuss whether to pursue a term limits policy for school board members. Term limits are intended to promote fresh perspectives, broaden community participation, and prevent long-term concentration of power. Staff will compile trustee input and return with detailed options, including any necessary legal review.

RATIONALE/JUSTIFICATION
The California School Boards Association (CSBA) emphasizes that effective governance is strengthened by diverse participation and periodic leadership renewal. Term limits can foster trust by ensuring regular opportunities for new community voices to join the board, aligning with CSBA's vision of shared leadership and public accountability. This discussion allows the Board to weigh benefits and drawbacks, consider community perspectives, and determine whether to direct staff to take further steps toward developing a term limits proposal.

BACKGROUND
Currently, the Adelanto Elementary School District does not impose term limits on trustees. Any change would require a deliberate process, potentially involving voter approval. Several California districts have explored similar measures, typically through a ballot initiative or local board policy.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Board discussion of the concept of term limits and direction to staff regarding next steps and timeline.

FISCAL IMPACT

Potential future costs may include legal review, ballot measure preparation, and community engagement efforts. No direct costs are incurred by holding this discussion.

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