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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Waiver

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Deputy Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: October 19, 2022

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: October 19, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Extension Waiver for the following school year:
2022-2023

The district has a plan to comply with House Bill 3 which requires that full-day pre-kindergarten be provided for all eligible four-year-old students by the 2023-2024 school year. The district will continue to collaborate with Head Start as its partner in this endeavor and private childcare providers.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver
Public Hearing
June 28, 2022

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver

Summary:

House Bill 3 requires that full-day PreKindergarten be provided for all eligible four-year old students.

Exemption Conditions:

Exemptions may be granted if it determined that:

- 1. The District would be required to construct classroom, repurpose or lease a classroom facility or issue bonds for the construction or repurposing of a classroom facility;**
2. Implementation of a full-day program would result in fewer eligible children being enrolled in PreKindergarten.

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Additional Exemption Criteria:

In 2020, the District solicited and considered at a public meeting the following:

- a. Proposals for partnerships with public or private entities regarding offering full day preKindergarten for eligible four-year-old students.
The District did post on its website and in the Laredo Morning Times (June 5 and June 12, 2022) an ad notifying Child Care Providers/Early Learning Centers of the District's interest in receiving proposals for partnership and the criteria required. A meeting was held on June 28, 2022 at 201 Lindenwood for all interested Child Care providers to attend. Two Proposals were received.

Full-Day PreKindergarten Program Campuses

Full-Day PreKindergarten Programs in the District (8 stand alone sites)

Half-Day Programs (9 schools)

Clustered Sites (13 sites)

Johnson High School Feeder

1. Kennedy Zapata (non-HS)
2. Juarez Lincoln (non-HS)
3. Prada--HS Collaboration
4. Arndt--HS Collaboration
5. Veterans HS Collaboration
6. Roosevelt at Perez HS Collaboration
7. Perez HS Collaboration
8. Centeno HS Collaboration

Alexander High School Feeder

1. Newman--HS Collaboration
2. Gutierrez at Newman
3. Clark Elem. at Newman
4. Nye
5. Trautmann
6. Santos
7. Colonel Santos Benavides

Full-Day PreKindergarten Program Campuses

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United South High School Feeder

1. Freedom--HS Collaboration
2. Zaffirini--HS Collaboration
3. Bonnie Garcia at Zaffirini HS
4. Cuellar--HS Collaboration
5. Killam at Cuellar--HS Collaboration
6. Ruiz--HS Collaboration
7. Salinas at Ruiz--HS Collaboration

United High School Feeder

1. Malakoff
2. San Isidro
3. De Llano
4. Borchers
5. Finley -HS Collaboration
6. Fasken
7. Kazen at Finley- HS Collaboration
8. Muller (non HS)

For the 2022-23 school year, the district extended Newman Full Day PK services to all other north schools but not many requested that transfer.

Exemption Waiver -- Year One: 2019-2020

Exemptions from Full-Day PreKindergarten

Effective September 1, 2019

With a three-year exemption, the District must demonstrate good faith attempts to comply with the new requirements and offer full-day PK for all eligible students at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

2019-2020 School Year: Year One of Exemption

- ◆ Gather data which shall include the total number of additional classrooms needed;
- ◆ Hold a public meeting to solicit proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Consider proposals and make decision to:
 - a. Establish partnership and/or
 - b. Construct, repurpose, lease new space, or issue bonds

Exemption Waiver -- Year Two: 2020-2021 Year Three: 2021-2022

2020-2021 School Year: Year Two of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Begin providing full-day to some eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - b. At least one constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s)

2021-2022 School Year: Year Three of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Increase full-day opportunities for eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one additional partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - b. At least one additional constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s).

Exemption Waiver -- Year Two: 2020-2021 Year Three: 2021-2022 (revised) Covid Delays

2022-2023 School Year: Requesting a Renewal for one more year

- ◆ District may apply for an exemption renewal if unable to offer full-day PK for all (renewed only once).
- ◆ expand on schools offering full day PK but still pending six more sites

2023-2024 School Year:

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RFP 2022-020
SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIP(S) WITH ELIGIBLE PUBLIC OF PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
TABULATION
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

					Children's Fountain of Knowledge Learning Center,		Johnson's Daycare & Learning Center (Johnson's Daycare INC)	
					Total Price	\$6,650.00	Total Price	\$6,700.00
Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Estimated	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended
1	Please provide a total annual cost per eligible student.	1	Per Child		\$6,650.00	\$6,650.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
	Breakdown per child							
	Registration Fee (annually)				\$150.00			
	Consumables and curriculum fees (\$250 per semester)				\$500.00			
	Music Participation (mandatory) fee (annually)				\$250.00			
	Monthly Tuition for Children (based on 10 months) \$575				\$5,750.00			
	Total				\$6,650.00			
	Average Daily Attendance \$30 x 20 Days and \$600 x 9 months.						\$5,400.00	
	School Supplies						\$175.00	
	Field Trips (3)						\$30.00	
	Technology Equipment (testing)						\$32.00	
	Meals (Home Style)						\$30.00	
	Christmas Gift						\$8.00	
	Fundraisers (2)						\$200.00	
	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)						\$125.00	
	Indirect Costs						\$700.00	
	Total						\$6,700.00	
NOTE		USD will provide the teacher(s) for both childcare providers						