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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Approval to Request for Class Size Waiver for the Fall Semester 2008-2008 School Year _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Gloria Rendon _____ **OF:** _____ Asst. to the Superintendent _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ October 15, 2008 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees Approve the Request for Class Size Waiver for the Fall Semester 2008-2008 School Year

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE

Texas Education Agency
Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver
 Fall Semester (2008-2009 School Year)

District Name: United I.S.D.
 Address: 201 Lindenwood Dr.
Laredo, TX 78045

240 - 903 Acceptable
 County-District Number Current District Accountability Rating

This form is also available on-line at www.tea.state.tx.us. Completed forms must be submitted in hard copy to the Texas Education Agency, State Waiver Unit, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701-1494 or Fax: 512-475-3666. (This report is authorized under TEC §39.183.)
*** It is not necessary to submit this form unless a waiver is needed.**
 Revised 10/15/2008 (Clark added)

			Total Number of District Sections That Exceed 22:1 Class Size Ratio: <u>6/7</u> (This amount should be entered only one time even though additional sheets may be needed for campus information.)					F=Facilities T=Teachers G=Unanticipated Growth	
Campus Name(s)	Campus No.	Campus Accountability Rating	K	1	2	3	4	Reason(s)	
			Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total K-4 Sections	
Gutierrez	114	Recognized					2	2	F
Killam	132	New campus		4				4	F
Additional campus (10/15/2008)									
Clark	105	Acceptable	1					1	F
District Totals			6	7	4	0	0	6/7	

Instructions

Each district is to conduct a class enrollment survey of Kindergarten through Grade Four (K-4) no later than **September 11, 2008**. Based on class enrollment surveys for Grades K-4, enter the campus name and campus number for each campus in which the class size ratio exceeds 22:1. Enter the total number of sections and the reason(s) for the waiver request. Class size limits do not apply to physical education or fine arts classes.

The waiver request must be submitted by **October 10, 2008**, and must include a **current compliance plan** that has been approved by the local board of trustees. The plan must include the name(s) of campus(es), campus rating, grade(s), and number of sections exceeding a 22:1 class size ratio; steps to be taken to bring the district into compliance; timeline for completion; any new efforts/progress toward compliance (if plan was previously submitted); and specific reasons that noncompliance must be addressed. In addition, districts that request a waiver due to an inability to employ teachers must document efforts to recruit and hire staff.

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9-17-08 Revised 10/15/2008
 Date
9-17-08 Revised For Against Abstain Absent
 10/15/2008 Board Vote
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United Independent School District Compliance Plan Fall 2008

United Independent School District continues to experience student enrollment growth; therefore, the district persists in its recruiting efforts, construction of additional campuses, and the constant evaluation of boundaries and student demographics.

Gutierrez Elementary (240-903-114) TEA Recognized Rating:

2 sections in 4th grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- this campus has a unique situation due to the reason that this campus is one of two *Gifted and Talented Magnet Schools*. Those Gifted and Talented students in grades 3-5 who choose to attend this campus are homogenously grouped. The two sections that are over the 22:1 ratio are composed of G.T. students.

Killam Elementary (240-903-132)--No rating because it is a new campus:

4 sections in 1st grade over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;

Other steps that the district has taken include:

- Continue collaborative efforts with local educational institutions to graduate qualified paraprofessional staff members as teachers.
- The district has established a "Tomorrow's Teachers" Project. This project addresses the need for qualified teachers in all areas of education and plans to meet the challenge by "growing our own" teachers from the talented pool of United I.S.D. students.
- The District is currently meeting with a citizen's group consisting of over 100 constituents to review the district's growth and how to best deal with it. The committee is looking at the possibility of a new bond election.

Additional Campus 10/15/2008

Clark Elementary (240-903-105)—TEA Acceptable Rating

1 section in Kinder over the 22:1 ratio

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments.

WAIVER HISTORY 2007 on

CAMPUS	SP '99	FALL '99	SP '00	FALL '00	SP '01	F SP	SP '02	FALL '02	F SP	Fall '03	F SP	Fall '04	SP '05	Fall '05	SP '06	F SP	Fall '07	SP '08	Fall '08
ARNDT																			
CLARK																			
COL. SANTOS		2(4TH)								3(4th)	1 (4th)								
CUELLAR		2(K)																	
FINLEY																			
GUTIERREZ																			
JUAREZ																			
KAZEN	10(1ST)	5(K)	2(K)	1(K)															
			2(1ST)																
KENNEDY	2(1ST)	5(K)																	
DELLANO		5(K)		2(K)	2(K)	2(2ND)		2(K)											
MULLER				1(1ST)															
NEWMAN																			
NYE																			
PEREZ		3(3RD)						1(1st)											
PRADA																			
ROOSEVELT																			
RUIZ																			
SALINAS	2(K)																		
TRAUTMANN	3(1ST)				2(1ST)			1(K)											
DD HACHAR																			
ZAFFIRINI		6(1ST)	6(1ST)	5(3RD)															
		4(3RD)	3(3RD)																
			3(4TH)																
BORCHERS																			
GARCIA																			
CENTENO																			
MALAKOFF																			
KILLAM																			
FASKEN																			
Total	17	32	16	9	5	2	8	13	8	7	14	38	0	5	16				