



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Maximum Class Size Waiver for Spring 2008 Semester

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: January 23, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:



United Independent School District Compliance Plan Spring 2008

United Independent School District continues to experience tremendous student enrollment growth; therefore, the district persists in its recruiting efforts, construction of additional campuses, and the constant evaluation of boundaries and student demographics. The District will make all reasonable attempts by the start of the 2008-2009 to assure that these campuses do not require a waiver come spring 2008.

Nye Elementary (240-903-103) Acceptable:

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

This campus opened a new building in the fall 2007 and did not anticipate the growth in 1st grade.

This campus can accommodate additional teachers and students; so the district will work closely with the demographer in order to plan accordingly.

Gutierrez Elementary (240-903-114) Acceptable:

1 section 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 district is currently reviewing its *Gifted and Talented* Program.

Colonel Santos Benavides Elementary (240-903-122) Acceptable:

3 sections in 2nd 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' enrollment will decrease with the opening of a new elementary campus scheduled to open for the 2007-2008 (opening has been pushed back one year due to factors beyond the district's control);

Zaffirini Elementary (240-903-124) Acceptable:

1 section 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;
- this campus' enrollment will decrease with the opening of a new elementary campus scheduled to open for the 2007-2008 (opening has been pushed back one year due to factors beyond the district's control);

Muller Elementary (240-903-126) Acceptable:

5 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;

Centeno Elementary (240-903-129) Acceptable:

1 section 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:

- In the fall of 2003, the voters of the District approved a \$142 million Bond package. Four additional elementary schools have been constructed and are now serving students. Construction of one additional campus for the 2008-2009 school year is in progress.
- 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.

WAIVER HISTORY 2007 on

	FALL '98	SP '99	FALL '99	SP '00	FALL 00	SP '01	F SP '02	FALL 02	SP 03	F SIFall 04	Sp 05	Fall 05	Sp 06	F SIF 07	Sp. 08
CAMPUS															
ARNDT															
CLARK								3(4th)	1 (4th)				2 (K)	1(2nd)	
COL. SANTOS			2(4TH)										1 (2nd)		3(2nd)
CUELLAR			2(K)												
FINLEY								1(4th)	2 (4th)						
GUTIERREZ						1(3RD)	1(4TH)				1(2nd)	1(4th)	4(4th)	1(4th)	1(4th)
JUAREZ													3(2nd)		
KAZEN	1(K)	10(1ST)	5(K)	2(K)	1(K)	2(1ST)					1(2nd)				
	2(1ST)			2(1ST)											
KENNEDY		2(1ST)	5(K)					2(K)							
DELLANO			5(K)		2(K)	2(K)	2(2ND)					1(K)	3 (K)	1(3rd)	
MULLER					1(1ST)				4(4th)						5(1st)
								2 (K)							
NEWMAN															
NYE								1(1st)							
PEREZ			3(3RD)												2(1st)
PRADA															
ROOSEVELT															
RUIZ													4(1st)		
SALINAS	2(K)	2(K)											1(1st)		
													6(1st)		
													2 (2nd)		
TRAUTMANN	2(1ST)	3(1ST)				2(1ST)		1(K)					2(4th)		
													5(K)		
													4(4th)		
DD HACHAR															
ZAFFIRINI			6(1ST)	6(1ST)	5(3RD)								3(4th)		
			4(3RD)	3(3RD)									1 (4th)		1(1st)
			3(4TH)												
BORCHERS									1 (1st)						
									3 (2nd)						
GARCIA															
CENTENO															
MALAKOFF															
FASKEN													2(k)		1(1st)
Total	7	17	32	16	9	5	2	8	13	8	7	14	38.0	5	13