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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Elimination of Busing Services to G/T Magnet Elementary and Middle Schools

SUBMITTED BY: Eduardo Zuniga / Joe Aranda OF Associate Supt. for Student Support Services/
Ex. Dir. Transportation

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 16, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has reviewed the costs associated with student busing to the G/T Magnet programs at Gutierrez Elementary, Ruiz Elementary, Clark Middle, and United South Middle Schools. Potential savings could exceed \$160,000 per year.

RATIONALE:

All district elementary and middle schools are currently providing G/T services to students.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

Potential cost savings of \$160,000 per year

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

**United Independent School District
Current Transportation Requirements for G/T Magnet Students
School Year 2008-2009**

GT Program			
Route	School	Students	Miles
214	Amparo Gutierrez/Clark Middle	5	37
242	Clark Middle	5	35
253	Clark Middle	26	63
256	Amparo Gutierrez	3	30
88	Amparo Gutierrez	18	40
222	Ruiz Elementary/United South Middle	51	112
24	Ruiz Elementary/United South Middle	37	76
Total		145	393

Potential Cost Savings:

5 Bus drivers at \$25,000 per year	\$125,000
Mileage - 393 miles/day X 175 days X \$.55 per mile	<u>\$37,826</u>
Total Potential Savings	<u>\$162,826</u>