



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Donations

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Gerardo Cruz

OF: Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 18, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees graciously accept the following donation(s) which will be attached to the minutes.

1. A donation by the United South High School Band Booster Club in the amount of \$181,000.00 to go towards the United South High School Band Program.
2. A donation by the J. R. Ramirez Parent Booster Club in the amount of \$7,541.45 to go towards the J. R. Ramirez Band Program for the purchase of a trailer to transport instruments and equipment.
3. A donation by the Texican Cattle Women Association in the amount of \$7,110.00 to be dispersed to three United ISD High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Programs: J. B. Alexander High School, United High School and Lyndon B. Johnson High School.
4. A donation by Cougar Bus Lines, LTD in the amount of \$4,500.00 to go towards the United ISD 2024 Golf Tournament.
5. A donation by the United High School Baseball Booster Club in the amount of \$2,250.00 to go towards United High Schools Baseball Program for Senior Scholarships and equipment purchases.
6. A donation in the amount of \$1,100.00 by the Borchers Elementary PTC Booster Club to go towards campus expenses and student incentives.

We had 3 donation(s) under \$1000.00.

1. A donation by Baker Hughes from The Blackbaud GIVING FUND in the amount of \$500.00 to Bonnie L. Garcia Elementary for teacher incentives for Teacher Appreciation Week.
2. A donation by the United Longhorn Boys Basketball Program in the amount of \$400.00 for weight room facility improvements at United High School.
3. A donation by an Elias Herrera Middle School Football Program supporter in the amount of \$200.00 for the ongoing development and needs of the school's student athletes.

GRAND TOTAL: \$204,601.45

RATIONALE: Enclosed you will find the attachments that coincide with the donations.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: No Budget Impact

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE: This is in compliance with Board Policy CDC: Other Revenues, Grants from Private Sources



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gerardo Cruz, PhD
Superintendent

December 2, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

A donation was made to United South High School Band. We are requesting an approval from the Board of Trustees, to deposit a check in the amount of \$181,000 donation to the band's account.

Name of donor: USHS Band Booster Club
Dollar Amount: \$181,000

Respectfully,

Martha I. Alvarez,
Principal



Martha I. Alvarez, Principal
United South High School

4001 Avenida Los Presidentes • Laredo, Texas 78046 • (956) 473-5401 • Fax (956) 473-5599



USHS Band Boosters, Inc.

4001 Los Presidentes Ave.

Laredo, TX 78046

November 20, 2024

Dear United South High School Band Members, Directors, and Families,

On behalf of the United South High School (USHS) Band Boosters, it is with great pride and excitement that we extend our heartfelt support to our incredible band program. Music has a unique power to unite and inspire, and we recognize the dedication and passion that you all bring to your craft.

In keeping with our shared commitment to fostering the growth and success of student musicians, we are delighted to provide a donation of \$181,000 to the United South High School Band for the purchase of band trailers. We hope this contribution will serve as a meaningful investment in the band program, helping to enhance your resources, opportunities, and overall experience as musicians.

We trust that this gift will positively impact our program and further your achievements. As fellow champions of music education, we applaud your hard work and look forward to seeing how your talents continue to shine both on and off the field and stage.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is ever a way we can further support your efforts. We hope this donation strengthens the bonds between our two programs and reminds us all of the power of community through music.

Wishing you continued success and memorable performances ahead!

With warm regards,

Jessica Villalobos
Band Booster President
USHS Band Boosters, Inc.

USHS Band Booster, Inc.
4001 Los Presidentes Ave
Laredo, TX 78046-6044



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DATE 11.12.24

\$ 181,000.00



Phone Deposit
Distribution

USHS BAND

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ORDER OF

DUE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 CENTS

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Laredo, Texas

Mr. Reynold Johnson

FOR TRAILER DONATION

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J.R. RAMIREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL MIGHTY RATTLER BAND BOOSTER CLUB

5-28-2025

Dear Principal and Band Directors,

On behalf of the Band Booster Club, we are excited to share that we will be donating **\$7,541.45** toward the purchase of a trailer to transport the band's instruments and equipment.

These funds were raised through the generous support of our families, community, and fundraising efforts throughout the year. We're proud to contribute in a way that directly supports the students, directors, and the continued growth of the band program.

We believe this trailer will make a significant difference in streamlining transportation for performances, competitions, and other events and we're thrilled to make this possible for the program.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our students. We look forward to seeing the band continue to thrive!

Sincerely,

Amy Castro-Lopez

President, Band Booster Club

Rosario De Leon, Head Director
J.R. Ramirez MS Band
402 Aquero Drive
Laredo, TX 78045

To Whom it may concern:

We are requesting approval from the office of the superintendent to purchase a trailer for the Ramirez Rattler Band. It has become a safety concern to travel with our larger instruments namely the percussion and sousaphones in the school bus with our students. Our program is growing and we will be traveling with 120 students and it is difficult to load and unload the buses with that many students.

Our band parent booster club has donated the money to purchase the trailer through the band school activity account. If purchased, the trailer would be picked up by plant facilities as all the other band programs have their trailers driven by drivers from plant facilities. We would be requesting a driver each time we need to transport our large instruments to football games and concerts. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rosario De Leon

NEWS RELEASE: Today's Date: May 1, 2025



Contact Information: Carolyn Leyendecker, **Texican Cattle Women Association**
Phone: (956) 740-5260. Email: carolynleyendecker@att.com

Who: Texican Cattle Women Association

What: Announcement of donations in the amount of \$11,850.00
in total being dispersed to five local FFA's

When: Friday, May 9, 2025

Time: 12 Noon

Where: Falcon Bank • 3 RD Floor Community Suite • 7718 McPherson Road • Laredo, Tx.

Why: Texican Cattle Women Association will donate \$2,370.00 to five area FFA Chapters that responded to the announcement letters sent out to all area FFA's that donations were available: •J. W. Nixon High School FFA • J. B. Alexander High School FFA • L. B. Johnson High School FFA • Martin High School FFA • United High School FFA

Additional Information:

Texican CattleWomen's purpose is the promotion of the BEEF INDUSTRY. They are active in beef promotion, education and legislation. There are three areas of focus in which they engage: Beef Promotion, Youth Development and Legislation. A primary goal is to work to keep consumers informed of nutrition information related to beef and strives to provide an opportunity for youth interested in the beef industry to educate consumers and students about beef nutrition, food safety & stewardship practices of the beef industry.

The FFA (Future Farmers of America) is a youth organization that prepares members for leadership and careers in agriculture. It focuses on developing future generations of leaders in the fields of agriculture, food, and natural resources. FFA provides opportunities for personal growth, career success, and leadership development through agricultural education. FFA is student-led, dynamic, and determined to help students grow personally, as well as develop critical career and leadership skills. It accomplishes this through national events, programs, contests, and more. The FFA motto is: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." This motto guides FFA members to develop their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday May 7, 2025 by Text (956) 740-5260 or email carolynleyendecker@att.net to Carolyn Leyendecker, Texican Cattle Women



Texican CattleWomen Association

February 24, 2025

Dear FFA Chapter,

On behalf of the **Texican CattleWomen** we propose to make a donation to your Chapter if you wish to accept it.

We realize how important it is to help students develop their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success. To prepare students for the challenges of feeding a growing population, develop public speaking skills, participate in meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving abilities, and assume civic responsibilities. Students can also gain friendships and mentors, practice essential skills, learn to be leaders in their industry, win competitions, and ultimately become the best versions of themselves possible.

Texican CattleWomen's purpose is to work for the betterment of the beef industry and encourage the youth to go into a career of agriculture. We serve as ambassadors of the Cattle Industry. A primary goal of Texican CattleWomen is to work to keep consumers informed of nutritional information, food safety & stewardship related to beef. We provide an opportunity for youth interested in our mission to pursue accomplishing their educational goals.

If you choose to accept this one time donation from the Texican CattleWomen's organization please contact me by March 28, 2025.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Leyendecker
Secretary, Texican Cattlewomen
956-740-5260
carolynleyendecker@att.net



Texican Cattle Women Association Agenda

Friday, May 9, 2025 12 Noon.

Falcon International Bank 3 RD Floor Community Suite

- Opening remarks by Carolyn Leyendecker
(FOOD SERVING: ONGOING THOUGHT OUT EVENT)

Thank you Falcon International Bank for hosting our event today

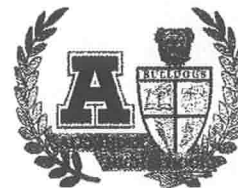
- Prayer by Karina Nava Leyendecker
- Pledge of Allegiance lead by Cathy Walker Reed
- Introduction of guest
- History of Texican Cattlewomen by Lynne Southerland Nava
- Presentation:
donation of \$11,850.00 in total being dispersed to five local FFA's
 - J. W. Nixon High School FFA \$2,370.00
 - J. B. Alexander High School FFA \$2,370.00
 - L. B. Johnson High School FFA \$2,370.00
 - Martin High School FFA \$2,370.00
 - United High School FFA. \$2,370.00



United Independent School District

John B. Alexander High School

Rosana Montemayor Arizola
Principal



To: UISD Board Members
From: Rosana Montemayor Arizola, Principal *RMA*
Date: June 10, 2025
Re: Donation

We would like to acknowledge the generous donation given to J. B. Alexander High FFA for equipment and supplies. We respectfully request that these items be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting for approval:

Texican Cattle Women Association \$2,370.00

J. B. Alexander High School would like to thank the mentioned organization for their generosity and their support of our students at AHS.

Thank you.

3600 East Del Mar Boulevard - Laredo, Texas 78045 - (956)473-5800 - Fax (956) 473-5999

It is the policy of United ISD not to discriminate on a basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972; and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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TEXICAN CATTLE WOMEN

REMITTER

APRIL 22, 2025

DATE

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

UNITED HIGH SCHOOL FFA

*****\$2,370.00*****

Two thousand three hundred seventy and 00/100ths USDollars

Memo:

Issued By: Susana Aguilar

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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

United Independent School District greatly appreciates the support of:

Name of Contributor/ Organization: COUGAR BUS LINES, LTD

Address: 209 FLECHA LANE LAREDO, TEXAS 78045

Contact Name / Phone Number: 956-726-9978

Contact E-mail Address: _____

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Description:

2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT (CHK #26586)

The estimated value is not verified by United ISD. The amount reported to the IRS is the responsibility of the contributor and not the District.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

This support will assist the District in continuing to improve the educational environment.

Name of District Employee receiving the Contribution: BOBBY CRUZ

Title of the District Employee: DIRECTOR

Campus or Department: ATHLETICS

Signature: B. Cruz by A. Salinas

Date Contribution Received: 5/12/2025

United Independent School District is a public school district and is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The District is not a tax-exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code Section 501 (c)(3). However, the District is considered a tax-exempt organization that may receive charitable contributions according to the IRS Code Section 170(c)(1).

The District may receive charitable contributions if they are for public purposes, such as benefiting a group and **NOT** an individual. Contributions may be made to the District, District schools, District departments, or various District groups and clubs. These charitable contributions are deductible by the contributor on their tax return. The federal identification number of United Independent School District is 746028859.

Please note, contributions made to various parent organizations, such as PTO's and Booster Clubs, are **NOT** contributions to the District. Since these organizations are separate entities from the District, the District's tax-exempt status does not apply to these organizations. These organizations must apply for their tax-exempt status under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Evidence of their tax-exempt status would be a Determination Letter from the IRS. When a PTO or Booster Club donates monetary or non-monetary items to the District, then the donation is considered a contribution to the District.

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United Independent School District
201 Lindenwood Dr.
Laredo, TX 78045

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UHS Baseball Booster Club

May 21, 2025

United High School
Laredo, Texas

To Whom it may concern:

The United High School Baseball Booster Club would like to donate to the United High School Baseball club/organization the amount of \$2,250 to pay for Senior Scholarships and any equipment needed for the Baseball Program.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$2,250 made payable to United High School.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (956) 815-8626.

Sincerely,

Mayra Garcia

Mayra Garcia

UHS Baseball Booster Club Treasurer



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 22, 2025



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**Gerardo Cruz, PhD
Superintendent**

201 Lindenwood Drive
Laredo, Texas 78045
Phone: (956) 473-6355
Facsimile: (956) 728-8691

Dear UISD Board Members,

On behalf of students and staff here at Borchers Elementary, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude for all that you do. Our campus has been fortunate to have a very active PTC Booster Club, the club's purpose is to facilitate any needed funding that the campus may need. They raise money every year to provide any support needed for classroom supplies, school equipment, student incentives and any other events that occur throughout the year.

This 2024-2025 school year our campus would like to graciously accept a monetary donation of \$1100.00. These donations again will be solely used on our school expenses and students' incentives. Thank you for your continuous support and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Borchers Elementary School



BORCHERS
Elementary School



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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BONNIE L. GARCIA ELEMENTARY

Diana J. Escamilla-Flores

Principal

1453 Concord Hills Blvd. Laredo, TX 78046 (956) 473-8900 Fax (956) 473-8999

Baker Hughes
The Blackbaud GIVING FUND
65 Fairchild Street
Charleston, SC 29492

Dear Baker Hughes,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00 to Bonnie L. Garcia Elementary received on February 5, 2025.

Mrs. Gonzalez, our librarian reached out to your company requesting a donation to provide a little something extra for our teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week (May) is dedicated to honoring and expressing gratitude and recognition for our teachers. Our teachers go far and beyond in guiding students' academic development as well as inspiring them to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your generosity and for joining us in celebrating the invaluable contributions of our teachers.

Respectfully,

Diana Escamilla-Flores,
Principal



Longhorn Boys Basketball Program

To Whom It May Concern:

The Longhorn Boys Basketball Program is making a donation to support the development and improvement of the weight room facilities at United High School.

We believe that upgraded weight room facilities will play a vital role in enhancing the training experience, promoting safety, and supporting the overall athletic development of the various organizations that have access to the area.

We are proud to partner with the UHS Football Program with a \$400 donation and look forward to seeing the positive impact of this donation in the seasons to come.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at 763-3484.

Thank you & Go Horns!

Sincerely,
Celia R Taboada
Booster President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Celia R Taboada', located in the bottom right corner of the page.



**UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Elias Herrera Middle School**

**Mr. Carlos Martinez
Principal**

Assistant Principals

• Maritza Cremer • Celita Escamilla • Jeanette Montalvo

Date: June 6, 2025

To: Javier Montemayor Jr.

United Independent School District

201 Lindenwood
Laredo, TX 78045

Subject: Notification of Donation to Football Program Approval Request

Dear Mr. Montemayor and Esteemed School Board Members,

I am writing to formally inform you that the Elias Herrera Middle School Football Program has received a generous donation in the amount of \$200.00. This contribution was made by "a local supporter" to support the ongoing development and needs of our student-athletes.

The funds will be used to assist our program with any upcoming expenses, ensuring continued growth and safety for the members of our football teams.

We are grateful for the community's ongoing support of our athletic programs and will ensure that the donation is used responsibly and in alignment with district guidelines.

Please let me know if any additional documentation or action is required regarding this donation.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Gaytan

EHMS HEAD COACH