



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: _____ School Finance Update _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Laida P. Benavides, CPA _____ **OF:** _____ Chief Financial Officer _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ April 17, 2024 _____

Informational Item:

A school finance update presentation will be made by Mr. Leo Lopez from Moak Casey & Associates. Mr. Leo Lopez brings over 20 years of experience working in public school finance, most recently serving at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as Associate Commissioner for School Finance and Chief School Finance Officer. During that time, he was instrumental in directly supporting the Texas Commission on Public School Finance and in the development and implementation of House Bill 3, an historic school finance bill passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019.

Before serving as Chief School Finance Officer for TEA, Leo spent four years as the Executive Director of Finance for Austin ISD, where he oversaw the budget, finance and accounting, treasury, risk management and Medicaid billing functions for the district. Leo started his career in public school finance at TEA, where he spent a decade in the agency's school finance unit, including six years managing Foundation School Program operations.