



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** Approval of Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver for 2010-2011 School Year

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Superintendent's Office

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** November 18, 2010

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Due to the requirements mandated by the Texas Education Agency, Administration recommends approval of the following class size waivers:

| <b>Campus</b>        | <b>No. of Waivers Needed</b> | <b>Grade</b>    |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Muller Elementary    | 1                            | 1 <sup>ST</sup> |
| Trautmann Elementary | 1                            | Kinder          |
| Killam Elementary    | 1                            | 3rd             |
| Total                | 3                            |                 |

## **RATIONALE:**

Law requires a request for waiver when student ration exceeds 22:1 in grades Kinder-Fourth

## **BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

## **BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:**

TEC 25.112; UISD Policy EEB (LEGAL)



TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

# 2010 - 2011 Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver Exception

## State Waiver Unit

1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701-1494 512 463-9630 512 475-3666 Fax www.tea.state.tx.us

This form is also available on-line at [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us). Completed forms must be submitted via email to [waivers@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:waivers@tea.state.tx.us) or 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 §39.332.) \* **It is not necessary to submit this form unless a waiver is needed.**

|                              |   |   |                               |  |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| District Name:<br>United ISD | District Address:<br>201 Lindenwood Dr. | District City, Zip Code:<br>Laredo, 78045 | County/District #:<br>240-903 | District Accountability Rating:<br>(E=Exemplary, R=Recognized,<br>A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable,<br>NR=No Rating, LP=Low Performing<br><input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP |
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### Instructions

Each district is to conduct a class enrollment survey of Kindergarten through Grade Four (K-4) no later than **September 10, 2010**. 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 to TEA (Commissioner) no later than **October 1, 2010 or 30th day after the first school day the district exceeds the limit, along with this form include a copy of 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.

| Campus Name      | Campus No.  | Campus Accountability Rating:<br>(E=Exemplary, R=Recognized,<br>A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable, NR=No<br>Rating, LP=Low Performing<br><input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP<br><input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP | Total Sections |   |   |   | Total K-4<br>Sections | Reason(s): (F=Facilities;<br>T=Teachers,<br>UG=Unanticipated Growth)                         |
|------------------|-------------|--|----------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|--|
|                  |             |  | K              | 1 | 2 | 3 |                       |  |
| J.B.J. Muller    | 240-903-126 | <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP   |                | 1 |   |   | 1                     | <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UG |
| Trautmann        | 240-903-110 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP   | 1              |   |   |   | 1                     | <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UG |
| Killam           | 240-903-132 | <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> R <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NR <input type="checkbox"/> LP   |                |   | 1 |   | 1                     | <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UG |
| District Totals: |             |  | 1              | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0                     | 3  |

|   |  |   |                                       |         |                             |        |                                      |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. | Print Name of Superintendent:<br>Roberto J. Santos | Signature of Superintendent:            |                                       |         | Board Vote:                 |        |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. | Print Name of Board President:<br>Pat Campos       | Signature of Board President:           | For                                   | Against | Abstain                     | Absent | Date of Board Approval<br>11-18-2010 |
| Print Name of Contact Person:<br>Gloria S. Rendon   |  | Phone: (###) ###-####<br>(956) 473-6243 | Fax: (###) ###-####<br>(956) 728-8691 |         | E-mail:<br>grendon@uisd.net |        |                                      |



## United Independent School District Compliance Plan School Year 2010-2011

United Independent School District continues to experience student enrollment growth; therefore, the district persists in its recruiting efforts, construction of additional campuses/wings, relocation of portables, and the constant evaluation of boundaries and student demographics. Beginning the 2009-2010, the District will cap “high growth” campuses that exceed the 22:1 ratio.

### **J.B. J. Muller Elementary (240903-126) TEA Recognized Rating:**

#### **1 section in 1<sup>st</sup> 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;

### **Trautmann Elementary (240-903-110) TEA Exemplary Rating:**

#### **1 section in kindergarten 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;

### **Killam Elementary (240-903-132) TEA Acceptable Rating:**

#### **1 section in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- District staff and demographer are currently reviewing potential growth affecting our schools. Changes to boundaries will be made based on these findings.
- The district has established a “Tomorrow’s Teachers” Program. This program 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 reviewing budget allocations to plan accordingly.