



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mrs. Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Asst. Superintendent for Administration

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** March 23, 2011

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the following Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver Exception for the 2010-2011 School Year.

## **RATIONALE:**

## **BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**

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



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: United ISD - Third Submission	District Address: 201 Lindenwood Dr.	District City, Zip Code: Laredo, TX 78045	County/District #: 240-903	District Accountability Rating: (E=Exemplary, R=Recognized, A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable, NR=No Rating, LP=Low Performing) <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: (E=Exemplary, R=Recognized, A=Acceptable, U=Unacceptable, NR=No Rating, LP=Low Performing)	Total Sections				Total K-4 Sections	Reason(s): (F=Facilities, T=Teachers, UG=Unanticipated Growth)
			K	1	2	3		
Salinas Elementary	240-903-107	<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			5		5	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
Zaffirini Elementary	240-903-110	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> UG
District Totals:			1	0	5	0	0	6

<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	Print Name of Superintendent: Roberto J. Santos	Signature of Superintendent:	Board Vote:			Date of Board Approval: 3/23/2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Print Name of Board President: Pat Campos	Signature of Board President:	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Print Name of Contact Person: Gloria S. Rendon		Phone: (###) ###-#### (956) 473-6243	Fax: (###) ###-#### (956) 728-8691		E-mail: grendon@uisd.net	





## United Independent School District Compliance Plan

School Year 2010-2011 –Submission 3 (previously submitted 11-18-2010 and 1/19/2011)

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.

### **Salinas Elementary (240-903-107) TEA Recognized Rating:**

**5 sections in second grade over the 22:1 ratio—one grade level teacher resigned her position in late January and the class was dispersed among the other classroom teachers.**

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;

### **Zaffirini Elementary (240-903-124) TEA Acceptable Rating:**

**1 section in kinder over the 22:1 ratio—one grade level teacher resigned her position in late January and the class was dispersed among the other classroom teachers.**

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.