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United Independent School District AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC:	Approval of Dona	tions		_
SUBMITTED BY:	Dr. Gerardo Cruz	OF:	Superintendent of Schools	
APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:				
DATE ASSIGNED FO	OR BOARD CONSIDE	RATION:	April 16, 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 Woman's City Club Board of Directors in the amount of \$7,013.85 to go towards the purchase of equipment and supplies for the JB Alexander High School Graphics Design Club.
- 2. A donation by Mr. Robert and Mrs. Suzette Tijerina in the amount of \$5,000.00 to go towards the United ISD Partners for Scholars Foundation.
- 3. A donation by the United South High School Swim Team Booster Club in the amount of \$2,443.60 to go towards the Swim Team's account.
- 4. A donation by Mrs. Francisca V. Saldaña in the amount of \$2,100.00 to go towards the Raul Perales Middle School Boys Athletics Account.
- 5. A donation by the Borchers Elementary PTC Booster Club in the amount of \$1,617.00 to go towards the school's end of the year expenses and students' incentives.
- 6. A donation by the Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation's Board of Directors in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go towards the Juan R. Ramirez Middle School Band.
- 7. The US Department of Justice awarded United ISD a Non-Monetary Contribution of fifty HON 310 Series, 5-Drawer Vertical File Cabinets.

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

- 1. A donation by the Greater Houston Community Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 to go towards the Lyndon B. Johnson High School OSHA Club.
- 2. A meal donation by Olive Garden with an approximate value of \$450.00 for Malakoff Elementary for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.
- 3. A donation by the Laredo Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$300.00 to go towards the United High School Track Student Activity Account.
- 4. A donation by Castle Engineering and Testing in the amount of \$270.00 be used for JB Alexander Faculty and Staff Incentives.

GRAND TOTAL: \$20,694.45

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

John B. Alexander High School

Rosana Montemayor Arizola Principal



To: UIS

UISD Board Members

From: Rosana Montemayor Arizola, Principal

Date: March 18, 2025

Re: Donation

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

Women's City Club Board of Directors

\$7,013.85

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

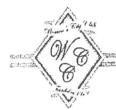
Thank you.

3600 East Del Mar Boulevard

Laredo, Texas 78045

(956)473-5800

Fax (956) 473-5999



Women's City Club ♦ P.O. Box 450084 ♦ Laredo, Texas 78045-0084

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John B. Alexander High School Graphic Design Club 3600 E Del Mar Blvd. Laredo, TX 78041

Mr. Fernando Silva, Teacher/Club Sponsor

Re: 2024 Disbursement Award

Dear Mr. Silva,

We are pleased to inform you that Women's City Club Board of Directors has approved a grant for your program in the amount of \$7.013.85 for the item(s) listed below:

- Bai Embroidery Machine One (1) \$5,413.95
- Holographic Vinyl Two (2) \$1,599.90

Our Disbursement Committee and Board of Directors worked diligently, putting much thoughtful consideration into the selection of the final awards from the numerous applications that were submitted. Although we cannot always grant the full request. We are happy and proud to be able to contribute toward the success of programs such as yours.

Please read the grant conditions listed below as they cover the terms and conditions of the grant:

All items should be purchased within three (3) months of this award. Promptly submit invoices of purchase for payment to:

> Alma Narvaez, Treasurer P.O. Box 450085 Laredo TX 78045-0085

- Please contact Alma Narvaez at (956) 237-0212 or anarvaez@falconbank.com to schedule a photo for our records.
- Where applicable, a permanent plaque or other approved marker should be placed on the awarded item(s) noting the donation by Women's City Club, as we feel it is important for our supporters to know how their donations impact our community.

Thank you for everything you do. We wish you success in meeting your goals.

eura R. Ducyrolo

Sincerely.

Ana Laura Guajardo President 2024

Dr. Cruz:

March 17, 2025

I hope this letter finds you in good health.

Please find enclosed a donation to the United ISD Education Foundation. If possible, my wife and I would like these funds applied towards student scholarships or teacher/student supplies.

Thank you, the School Board, and staff for all your trust and support!

Sincerely,

Robert & Suzette Tijerina

SCHOOL NAME	Accounting Dept DATE 04/04/25 40971
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	ers for Scholars Foundation. DOLLARS \$ 5,000.00
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Gerardo Cruz, PhD Superintendent

March 19, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

A donation was made to United South High School, Swim team, from their booster club. We are requesting an approval from the Board of Trustees, to deposit a check in the amount of \$2,443.60 donation to the team's account.

Name of donor: Swim Team Booster Club

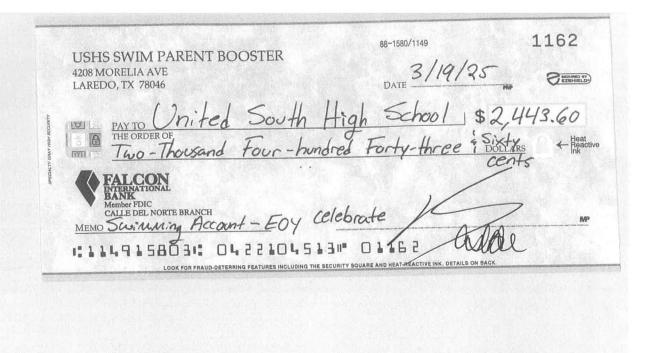
Dollar Amount: \$2,443.60

Respectfully

Martha I. Alvarez,

Principal







15-99 GROUP ORDERS

Invoice #_JF-FT-SG-0000010204		Date: 04/25/2025		
Group Name: United	Inited South High School Panthers			
Group Leader Name:	Claudia De La Cruz			
Email: cdelacruz@uisd.net		Phone Number:	(956) 645-0896	
Street Address: 4001	Los Presidentes Ave.			
City: Laredo	State: TX	Zip (Code: 78046	

Group Ticket Options	Quantity	Ticket Price	Subtotal
Sports Bottle Package	38	\$61.99	\$2,355.62
Mega Meal Deal w/Unlimited Refills	2	\$28.99	\$57.98
Hurricane Harbor Add-On:	40		
Parking:	1	\$30.00	\$30.00
Complimentary Admission:	2		
		FINAL TOTAL:	\$2,443.60

For operating hours and dates:

https://www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas/plan-your-visit/park-hours

Payment must be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance of visit date.

Payment Information

First Class Mail Check & Money Order

send to: Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Attn: Six Flags Entertainment Inc. PO Box 732302 Dallas, Texas 75373-2302

ACH/EFT

Payment Remittance should be sent to the emails below:

SixFlagsARTeam@sftp.com sixflagsgroups@sixflags.com

Card

Instructions to purchase will be sent via email.



To:

Board of Trustees

From:

Pamela Arredondo, Principal

Date:

03/06/25

We would like to acknowledge the generous donation given to Raul Perales Middle School. We respectfully request that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting for approval:

Mrs. Francisca V. Saldaña donated \$2,100.00 to the Raul Perales Middle School Boys Athletics Account to be used toward expenses for the Boys Athletes.

Raul Perales Middle School would like to thank the Saldaña family for their generosity and their support of our Boy Athletics at Raul Perales Middle School.

Thank you

Raul Perales Middle School
Pamela Arredondo, Principal
410 EG Ranch Rd • Laredo, TX 78046• (956)473-6800• Fax (956) 473-6899



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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 and any other events that occur throughout the year.

This 2024-2025 school year our 5th grade class would like to graciously accept a monetary donation of \$1617.00. These donations again will be solely used on our school end of the year expenses and students' incentives. Thank you for your continuous support and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rosenda K. Ruiz Borchers Elementary School





The Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation 7917 Mc Pherson Rd, Suite 205 #114 Laredo, TX 78045



March 21, 2025

Mrs. Rosario De Leon, Band Director Ramirez Middle School Laredo, TX

Dear Mrs. De Leon,

The Board of Directors of The Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation was very happy to have participated in your recent fundraiser for the Juan R. Ramirez Middle School Band. Our donation of \$1,000 has been donated during your fundraiser.

Ramirez Middle School is in its first year of operations and we wish you all the best success with your students. We know you are a dedicated professional and committed to the success of your students, your school land your School District.

Best wishes for continued success.

Regards,

Michael Landeck (electronic signature)

Michael Landeck, Ph. D. President

Cecilia Garza (electronic signature

Cecilia Garza, Ph. D. Board Secretary The Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation 17th Year of Operations

2024 Highlights Newsletter



The Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation, Inc.

2024 Highlights



Our 16th year set a new record with 147 scholarships awarded to students at-risk of not graduating! \$83,025 were awarded for a total of \$722,252.-since the inception of the Foundation in 2009!

 $\sqrt{+}$ You are receiving this **2024 Highlights** *Newsletter* because of your contribution to our organization either as a donor, volunteer or advocate interested in education and the youth in our community. You are valued and appreciated and we want you to share in our success.

What we do:

 $\sqrt{+}$ We solicit recommendations from school Counselors and Communities in School staff to recommend students most at-risk and who are struggling with multiple obstacles which may prevent their high school graduation.

 $\sqrt{+}$ Our scholarships are granted while students are in high school. The scholarships are awarded after each of four report cards verify student's passing grades and at least 90% attendance rate.

√+Our scholarships offer a unique and practical way to help students stay in school while holding them accountable. Scholarship awards are: Senior year - \$800 [all participating public high schools; Junior year - \$600 and Sophomore year - \$500. Now only for LBJ and MHS students].

Why we do it:

√+In Webb County, 31.8% of the adult population does **NOT** have a high school diploma. Our thrust is to improve the odds for young people and to keep them in school. A well-educated population enhances the quality of life in any community.

 $\sqrt{+}$ For too many students, their countless difficulties are matched only by their many dreams for a better future and their wish to make their families proud.

 $\sqrt{+}$ Students learn to demonstrate responsibility in tangible actions and understand that they are being held accountable to earn their scholarship. Students report an overwhelming change in their confidence, their level of maturity, belief in themselves and pride in their ability, which they happily share with their families.



 $\sqrt{+}$ Scholarships are usually offered only for higher education which excludes a large portion of the student population. Our mission is to be much more inclusive and to offer opportunities to more deserving students.

 $\sqrt{+}$ Also unique about our non-profit organization is that all of our work is a non-compensated volunteer effort. Our administrative costs are limited to 2.1% to pay for liability insurance and accounting costs associated with each current tax return.

√+We are constantly improving our reach to higher education and are working effectively with community organizations, including: Communities in Schools, Laredo College, LISD- Cigarroa High School, Garcia Early College High School, Martin High School and Nixon High School, J Valdez High School, MHS Class of 1968 alumni, Sacred Heart Children's Home, Texas A&M Int'l University, Triumph Public High Schools, UISD − Alexander High School, LBJ High School, United and United South High School, and the University of Texas Education and Research Center and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Social Work.

We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes. If you have already donated this year, we thank you for your contribution. We need and greatly value your loyal support as each year brings new students. All amounts are appreciated. For more information, please email ceciliagarza@stx.rr.com. \square Donations may be sent to: The Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation 7917 McPherson Road, Suite 205, #114 Laredo, Texas 78045. We promptly acknowledge all donations with a receipt.

$\mathbf{F}_{ ext{eedback from a few students:}}$

"My family had many problems this year when we had to move out of the mobile home to another one that needed a lot of repairs. I want to study welding. The scholarship gave me hope that things would get better. The scholarship money helped me buy the welding helmet, safety glasses, gloves and gown."



"This scholarship has motivated me tremendously. I learned that showing up matters. I was able to help my parents so they wouldn't worry about my Senior year expenses."

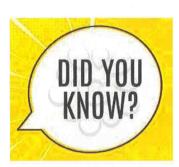
"I am so grateful to have been chosen for the scholarship. Our car was useless and too expensive to repair. Transportation to and from school was very difficult. The scholarship has meant a lot to me and to my family."

"As my first ever scholarship, I have nothing but gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity. The scholarship has been a great relief to me and my family. My mother works very hard as a waitress and my dad cuts grass with the help of my brother. It's such a wonderful feeling that I could offer my family relief from worrying about expenses and that I could help in some way."

"My whole attitude has changed. Before I used to not show up or be late to class, not do my work or do it at the last minute. I have learned that putting all my effort and attending school will pay off with my scholarship. With the scholarship money I was able to buy tires and get to school."

"The money I received from this scholarship helped me a lot. I was able to use some of the money to purchase my medications for ADD and to help my mom fix her car. I have learned to not give up. I did not receive one of my checks due to my bad grades and attendance but that also made me determined to improve my grades and attendance."

For more feedback from students, please reach out to us. Also available electronically is our Annual Report.



Donors and Volunteers are what sustains us as a nonprofit organization.

Students are aware that the scholarships they receive are a result of the community support which comes from our individual donors and grant support. The student's Award Certificates credit the donors. Students are justly appreciative that others unknown to them care about their future; many pledge to pass it forward. Student's fears about their future are replaced with confidence and realistic goals. We are especially thankful to The Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Foundation, The Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust, The Raymond M. and Melba Gutierrez Trust, IBC

Foundation, the family of Jose and Josie Valls Guerra, Gregorio and Ambrosia A. Gutierrez and the MHS Class of 1968 for their loyal support and understanding of our student population and to all who contributed their time and advice to help students graduate and experience a memorable and rewarding year.

Volunteer Officers, School Counselors and Advisors

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Michael Landeck, Ph.D., President Cecilia Garza, Ph.D., Secretary Rosario De Leon, Dir. Rosa Coleman, Advisor Elsa Martinez, Advisor Cigarroa High School: Sandra Hoover Diana Parra, CIS Olga Perez Elizabeth Ruiz Martha Sierra Garcia Early College H.S. Gabriela Herrera, CIS Martin High School: Maricela Ayala Antonio Cavazos, III Ana Gomez, CIS Yanira Lucio

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Communities in School:
Claudia D Guzman, Executive Director
Sandra Salinas, Prog. Coordinator

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CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

United Independent School District greatly appreciates the support of:
Name of Contributor/Organization: U.S. Department of Justice Address: 1406 Jacaman, Svite B. Laredo, 7) Contact Name/Phone Number: Humberto Ramirez 956-523-623 Contact E-mail Address: humberto.ramirez @usdoj. gov
Through the contribution of:
Monetary Contribution – Cash, Check, Money Order, Cashier's Check, Gift Cards, Certificates or Other Amount \$
Non-Monetary Contribution - Technology, Equipment, Furniture, or Other Type Forniture
Description:
HON 310 Series 5-drawer Vertical File Cabinets 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: Hector G. Cavalos
Title of the District Employee: Dire C+CV
Campus or Department: Fixed Assets/Costodial Services
Signature: Leute Can
Date Contribution Received: 3/18/25

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 deductable 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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U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review Laredo Immigration Court 1406 Jacaman, Suite B Laredo, Texas 78041

March 18, 2025

RE: Excess File Cabinets

Attn: Hector Cavazos

Director of Fixed Assets/Custodial Services

United Independent School District

Mr. Cavazos,

Under the General Services Administration, the Laredo Immigration Court can excess personal property to reduce the federal environmental footprint through responsible management.

Our agency takes sustainability seriously by keeping items that can be reused in service is one of our top priorities. By donating property, we also save taxpayer dollars and ensure assets no longer needed at the Federal level continue to benefit communities across the country.

This is why the United Independent School District was awarded fifty HON 310 Series 5 Drawer Vertical File Cabinets.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call me at (956) 523-6232.

Sincerely,

HUMBERTO RAMIREZ

Digitally signed by HUMBERTO Date: 2025.03.18 09:37:50 -05'00'

Humberto Ramirez

Court Administrator



To: Gerardo Cruz, Superintendent

From: Armando Salazar, Principal

Date: March 18, 2025

Re: Donation

We are incredibly grateful to the Greater Houston Community Foundation for their generous donation of \$500.00 to our OSHA Club. This contribution will directly support our students by providing much-needed meals and incentives as they prepare for the state competition. Their support will be instrumental in helping our team succeed.

Sincerely,

Armando Salazar

Principal, Lyndon B. Johnson High School





To: United ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent

The United High School Track Team received a donation of

team's continued success in the program.

\$300.00 from Laredo Federal Credit Union for the 2024-2025 track

season. The funds will be deposited into the Track Student Activity

account and will be used to purchase equipment to support the

Date: March 5, 2025

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Jessica C. Salazar

United High School Principal

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UNITED HIGH SCHOOL Jessica C. Salazar, Principal 2811 United Ave., Laredo, TX 78045 Phone# 956-473-5600 Fax # 956-473-1980



Laredo Federal Credit Union

February 27, 2025

Dear Huerta,

Laredo Federal Credit Union donated \$300 to United High School Track Team. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at (956)898-4064.

Sincerely,

Anel Christina Rodriguez

Human Resources/Marketing Director



United Independent School District

John B. Alexander High School

Rosana Montemayor Arizola Principal



To:

UISD Board Members

From: Rosana Montemayor Arizola, Principal 🗸

Date:

March 18, 2025

Re:

Donation

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

Castle Engineering and Testing

\$270.00

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

Thank you.

Laredo, Texas 78045

(956)473-5800

Fax (956) 473-5999



Date: March 5, 2025

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Lozano, Campus Activity Coordinator

We are pleased to inform you that Castle Engineering & Testing will be donating \$270.00 for the faculty and staff breakfast on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the main and 9th-grade campuses.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of educators, and we hope this donation helps make this event even more special. Please let us know if any further information or documentation is needed.

Thank you for all that you do, and we look forward to supporting your efforts in the future.

Jesus M. Pompa, Vice President



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Memorandum

To:

U.I.S.D. School Board

Dr. Gerardo Cruz, Superintendent

From:

Anna R. Martinez, Principal

Subject: Donation

Date:

April 10, 2025

This memo serves as a formal request to include the following item on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting:

Approval of a meal donation valued at approximately \$450.00 from Olive Garden to Malakoff Elementary for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.

Dr. M.E. Malakoff Elementary is appreciative of the meal donation.

XC: Cindy Rodriguez, Executive Director for Elementary Education Zaida Gonzalez, Director of Elementary Education