



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** Approval of Application for Expedited and General State Waivers for the 2013-2014 School Year

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

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

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** January 16, 2013

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the following Expedited State Waiver Application in the following areas:

- **Staff Development 2013-2014:** This waiver allows the district to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of instruction.
- **Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Waiver:** This waiver allows the district to conduct additional staff training for Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and lieu of a maximum of two days of student instruction. The District will be requesting the maximum 5 days in lieu of student instruction days. The 2013-2014 calendar reflects 175 days of instruction.
- **Early Release Waiver:** This waiver allows the district to conduct school for less than seven hours for a total of six days of student instruction to provide additional training in educational methodologies and/or to provide time to meet the needs of students and local communities. The high schools will have 6 early releases: January 8, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> and June 3,4,5<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the high school students to take final exams. Middle and Elementary schools will observe an early release on the June 5<sup>th</sup> to close out the 2013-2014 School year.

## **RATIONALE:**

## **BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

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