



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution to Stop the Cuts

SUBMITTED BY: Javier Montemayor, Pat Campos & Judd Gilpin OF: Board Members

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 18, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve the Resolution to Stop the Cuts

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

Resolution to Stop the Cuts

Whereas the Texas legislature cut \$5.4 billion dollars from the amount needed to maintain the current level of education funding for this two-year budget cycle, and

Whereas these cuts have already resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of education and education related jobs across Texas, and

Whereas the students served by **United Independent School District** have lost **\$25 Million** in state education support, and

Whereas these cuts are resulting in increased class sizes and overcrowding across Texas, and

Whereas the state's so-called Rainy Day Fund will have at least \$7.3 billion in unused revenue, and could have as much as \$11 billion, and

Whereas this untapped revenue could be used to eliminate the need for additional funding cuts in the second year of this budget cycle without resorting to any new taxes, and

Whereas local school boards are now preparing their budgets for the upcoming year, and need assurance of appropriate levels of state support in order to complete this process, and

Whereas only a special session of the state legislature can resolve this issue in a timely manner, and

Whereas only the governor can summon the legislature into special session,

Be it therefore resolved that the board of the **United Independent School District** calls on Governor Perry to immediately call the state legislature into special session for the expressed purpose of allocating \$2.5 billion in funds from the state Rainy Day Fund to restore the cuts in public education funding for the upcoming fiscal year, and

Be it further resolved that this call to stop the immediate cuts through a special session in no way eliminates the need for state government to find a long-term solution to the structural problems in the Texas school funding system.

Passed and approved on this _____ day of _____, 2012

Judd Gilpin, Board President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Board Secretary