



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Adopt Board Resolution to Suspend Portions of EIE (LOCAL) for the 2014–2015 School Year Only

SUBMITTED BY: Cynthia L. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Elementary Education

OF: Curriculum and Instruction Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: July 23, 2014

Recommendation:

EIE (LOCAL) policy is one of three policies affected by the implementation of the STAAR Program. This policy addresses retention and promotion. TEA's Transition Plan explains that performance standards for grades 3–8 will not be established until fall 2014, which is several months after students have taken the first round of assessments in spring 2015. Because of this timeline, the Student Success Initiative (SSI) promotion requirements will not include use of the STAAR results in the 2014–2015 school year only. The law continues to require the use of other academic information in promotion decisions, such as teacher recommendations and student grades.

Rationale:

Budgetary Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

EIE (LOCAL)



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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD TO SUSPEND PORTIONS OF EIE(LOCAL) FOR THE 2014–15 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

WHEREAS, Title 19, Chapter 101 of the Texas Administrative Code and section 28.0211(a) of the Texas Education Code require students in grades 5 and 8 to meet the passing standards on the reading and mathematics state-mandated assessment instruments for those grade levels to be promoted to the next grade.

WHEREAS, the United I.S.D. EIE(LOCAL) policy requires students in grades 5 and 8 to satisfy the above stated promotion standards in addition to local standards of promotion to be promoted to the next grade.

WHEREAS, the essential knowledge and skills for mathematics in grades kindergarten through grade 8 found in Title 19, Chapter 111 of the Texas Administrative Code have been revised and will be implemented in the 2014–15 school year.

WHEREAS, state passing standards for the STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics examinations will not be established for the 2014–15 school year and only raw score data will be available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of United I.S.D. shall suspend for the 2014–15 school year only the portions of EIE(LOCAL) that require students in grades 5 and 8 to meet the passing standards on the mathematics state-mandated assessment instruments for those grade levels to be promoted to the next grade.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2014, by the United I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

Javier Montemayor, Jr. -- President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez--Secretary