



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Expedited and General State Waivers for the 2014-2015 School Year

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 19, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- **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 District's high schools will have 6 early releases: January 7th, 8th, 9th and June 2nd, 3rd, 4th. This will allow the high school students to take final exams. Middle and Elementary School students will observe an early release on June 4th to close out the 2014-2015 school year.
- **Staff Development 2014-2015:** 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 in the core content areas and to provide strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in 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 2014-2015 reflects 175 days of instruction.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE: