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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Consideration for Approval of Modified G/T Transportation Services Recommendation

SUBMITTED BY: Juan A. Molina, Ricardo Rodriguez, & Ricardo Molina **OF:** Board Members

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 22, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends modifying the recommendation to eliminate transportation services to transfer students attending the four Gifted and Talented Magnet Schools. The modified recommendation is to phase out these services over a two year period.

RATIONALE:

Students currently enrolled in these programs did so with services available. Completely eliminating these services at the end of the current school year would result in hardships for the parents. After meeting with parents, phasing out of these services over two years seems acceptable. This plan would still result in a cost avoidance of over \$97,000 in the first year of the plan.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

N/A

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

**United Independent School District
Modified Plan to Phase Out G/T Transportation Services
Beginning School Year 2009-2010**

- **School Year 2009-2010** – All new applicants for the four Gifted and Talented (G/T) Magnet Programs that do not reside within the attendance boundaries of those campuses will be notified at registration that transportation services for transfer students will no longer be available.
- **School Year 2009-2010** – Transportation services will be available to transfer students who were enrolled in the G/T Magnet Programs during the 2008-2009 school year. 4th and 5th grade transfer students at the elementary schools and 7th and 8th grade transfer students at the middle schools will be eligible for services. Incoming 3rd and 6th grade transfer students will not be eligible for transportation services.
- **School Year 2010-2011** – 5th grade transfer students at the G/T Magnet elementary schools and 8th grade transfer students at the G/T Magnet middle schools will remain eligible for transportation services. All other transfer students in the G/T Magnet Programs will not be eligible for services.
- **School Year 2011-2012** – All transportation services for transfer students at the G/T Magnet Programs will be discontinued.