



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt a Resolution Requesting Federal Stimulus Funding For Texas Schools Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Juan Cruz / Jaime Garcia **OF:** Attorney

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: March 25, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the USD Board of Trustees discuss and take possible action to Adopt a Resolution Requesting Federal Stimulus Funding for Texas Schools Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

Resolution of the Board Requesting Federal Stimulus Funding for Texas Schools Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the American CARES Act, whereby the State of Texas received an estimated \$1.3 billion in stimulus funding for K-12 public education (the “first round of stimulus”);

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, whereby the State of Texas received an estimated \$5.5 billion in stimulus funding for K-12 public education (the “second round of stimulus”);

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, whereby the State of Texas is to receive an estimated \$12.4 billion in stimulus funding for K-12 public education (the “third round of stimulus”);

WHEREAS, most of the funds received by the State of Texas for K-12 public education in the first round of stimulus was used to supplant, rather than supplement, state funding for public education;

WHEREAS, the funds received by the State of Texas for K-12 public education pursuant to the second round of stimulus and the third round of stimulus is awaiting dispersal, with the funds provided in the second round of stimulus currently being considered by the Texas Legislature;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the United States Congress and President of the United States intended for the funds provided to the State of Texas for K-12 public education in the three rounds of stimulus to help public school districts meet the demands of a number of COVID-19 related needs, including academic and social emotional programs, hiring counselors and nurses, and modernizing facilities and HVAC systems;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the funds provided to the State of Texas for K-12 public education in the three rounds of stimulus is urgently needed to enable the District to meet the demands of a number of COVID-19 related needs, including academic and social emotional programs, hiring counselors and nurses, and modernizing facilities and HVAC systems;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT:

1. The findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.
2. The UISD Board of Trustees determines that District urgently requires that the funding provided to the State of Texas for K-12 public education in the three rounds of stimulus be made available in order to meet the demands of a number of COVID-19 related needs, including academic and social emotional programs, hiring counselors and nurses, and modernizing facilities and HVAC systems.

3. The UISD Board of Trustees hereby respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature provide adequate federal stimulus funds to supplement, and not merely supplant, the funds provided to the District and all public-school districts in Texas.

4. It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, time, place, and subject of the meeting of the UISD Board of Trustees at which this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by Texas Government Code chapter 551, and that this meeting has been virtually open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The UISD Board of Trustees further ratifies, approves, and conforms such written notice and posting thereof.

Adopted this _____ of March 2021, by the United ISD Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Ramiro Veliz, III
Board President

ATTEST:

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez
Board Secretary