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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Approval to Authorize Administration to Submit Class Size Waivers to TEA _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Gloria Rendon _____ **OF:** _____ Asst. to the Superintendent _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ October 17, 2007 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees Approve to Authorize Administration to Submit Class Size Waivers to TEA

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE

Texas Education Agency
Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver
 Fall Semester (2007-2008 School Year)

District Name: United I.S.D. 240 - 903 Acceptable Amended Copy
 Address: 201 Lindenwood Drive County-District Number Current District
 Laredo, TX 78045 Accountability Rating

This form is also available on-line at www.tea.state.tx.us. Completed forms must be submitted in hard copy to the Texas Education Agency, State Waiver Unit, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701-1494 or Fax: 512-475-3666. (This report is authorized under TEC §39.183.)
*** It is not necessary to submit this form unless a waiver is needed.**

Campus Name(s)		Campus No.	Campus Accountability Rating	Total Number of District Sections That Exceed 22:1 Class Size Ratio: 5 Amended (This amount should be entered only one time even though additional sheets may be needed for campus information.)					Total K-4 Sections	Reason(s)	F=Facilities T=Teachers G=Unanticipated Growth
				K	1	2	3	4			
Matias De Llano		116	Acceptable	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	Total Sections	1	G	
Zaffirini		124	Acceptable	2					2	G	
Gutierrez		104	Acceptable					1	1	G/T	
Clark Elementary		105	Recognized			1				G	
District Totals				2		1	1	1	5		

Instructions

Each district is to conduct a class enrollment survey of Kindergarten through Grade Four (K-4) no later than **September 13, 2007**. Based on class enrollment surveys for Grades K-4, enter the campus name and campus number for each campus in which the class size ratio exceeds 22:1. Enter the total number of sections and the reason(s) for the waiver request. Class size limits do not apply to physical education or fine arts classes.

The waiver request must be submitted by **October 12, 2007**, and **must include a current compliance plan** that has been approved by the local board of trustees. The plan must include the name(s) of campus(es), campus rating, grade(s), and number of sections exceeding a 22:1 class size ratio; steps to be taken to bring the district into compliance; timeline for completion; any new efforts/progress toward compliance (if plan was previously submitted); and specific reasons that noncompliance must be addressed. In addition, districts that request a waiver due to an inability to employ teachers must document efforts to recruit and hire staff.

Roberto J. Santos
 Print Name of Superintendent

John M. Bruce
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Gloria S. Rendon
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Signature of Superintendent
 Signature of Board President
 Telephone Number
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 Date
 Approval
 Fax Number

For ___ Against ___ Abstain ___ Absent ___
 Board Vote



United Independent School District Compliance Plan Fall 2007 (amended to include Clark Elementary)

United Independent School District continues to experience tremendous student enrollment growth; therefore, the district persists in its recruiting efforts, construction of additional campuses, and the constant evaluation of boundaries and student demographics.

Action Plan for:

Matias DeLlano Elementary (240-903-116):

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments.

Zaffirini Elementary (240-903-124):

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- the district will relocate portable buildings to campuses with over-projected enrollments;
- the new elementary campus scheduled to open for the 2007-2008 (opening has been pushed back one year due to factors beyond the district's control) school year will relieve the enrollment at Zaffirini Elementary.

Gutierrez Elementary (240-903-114):

The district has taken the following measures to assure that this campus is in compliance with class size requirements:

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;
- this campus has a unique situation due to the reason that this campus is one of two *Gifted and Talented Magnet Schools*. Those Gifted and Talented students in grades 3-5 who choose to attend this campus are homogenously grouped. The district is currently reviewing its *Gifted and Talented Program*.

Clark Elementary (240-903-105):

- the district will continue to work closely with the district's demographer to review district wide growth to plan accordingly;

Other steps that the district has taken include:

- In the fall of 2003, the voters of the District approved a \$142 million Bond package. Four additional elementary schools have been constructed and are now serving students. Construction of one additional campus for the 2008-2009 school year is in progress.
- Continue collaborative efforts with local educational institutions to graduate qualified paraprofessional staff members as teachers.
- The district has established a "Tomorrow's Teachers" Project. This project addresses the need for qualified teachers in all areas of education and plans to meet the challenge by "growing our own" teachers from the talented pool of United I.S.D. students.

WAIVER HISTORY 2007 on

CAMPUS	FALL '98	SP '99	FALL '99	SP '00	FALL '00	SP '01	F 0 SP 02	FALL 02	SP 03	F 0 Sp	Fall 04	Sp 05	Fall 05	Sp 06	F Sp 07
ARNDT														2 (K)	
CLARK								3(4th)	1 (4th)					1 (2nd)	1 (3rd)
COL. SANTOS			2(4TH)												
CUELLAR			2(K)												
FINLEY								1(4th)	2 (4th)						
GUTIERREZ						1(3RD)	1(4TH)				1(2nd)	1(2nd)		4(4th)	1(4th)
											1(4TH)	1(4th)		3(2nd)	
JUAREZ															
KAZEN	1(K)	10(1ST)	5(K)	2(K)	1(K)						1(2nd)	1(2nd)			
	2(1ST)			2(1ST)											
KENNEDY		2(1ST)	5(K)					2(K)							
DELLANO			5(K)		2(K)	2(K)	2(2ND)						1(K)	3 (K)	1(3rd)
MULLER					1(1ST)				4(4th)						
									2 (K)						
NEWMAN															
NYE															
PEREZ			3(3RD)					1(1st)					2(3rd)	2(3rd)	
PRADA													2(3rd)		
ROOSEVELT															
RUIZ													4(1st)	3(1st)	
SALINAS	2(K)	2(K)											1(1st)	6(1st)	
														2 (2nd)	
TRAUTMANN	2(1ST)	3(1ST)				2(1ST)		1(K)					2(4th)	5(K)	
														4(4th)	
DD HACHAR															
ZAFFIRINI			6(1ST)	6(1ST)	5(3RD)								3(4th)	1 (4th)	2(K)
			4(3RD)	3(3RD)											
				3(4TH)											
BORCHERS															
GARCIA															
CENTENO															
MALAKOFF															
FASKEN														2(k)	
Total	7	17	32	16	9	5	2	8	13		8	7	14	38 0	5