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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Waiver

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Deputy Superintendent for

Administration and Operations

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: February 19, 2020

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 19, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Exemption Waiver for the following school years:

2019-2020

2020-2021

2021-2022

The District has a plan to comply with House Bill 3 which requires that full-day pre-kindergarten be provided for all eligible four year old students by the 2022-2023 school year. The District will continue to collaborate with Head Start as it partner in this endeavor.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

WE ARE UNITED



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver
Public Hearing
February 19, 2020

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver

Summary:

House Bill 3 requires that full-day PreKindergarten be provided for all eligible four-year old students.

Exemption Conditions:

Exemptions may be granted if it determined that:

- 1. The District would be required to construct classroom, repurpose or lease a classroom facility or issue bonds for the construction or repurposing of a classroom facility;**
2. Implementation of a full-day program would result in fewer eligible children being enrolled in PreKindergarten.

Full-Day PreKindergarten Exemption Waiver

Additional Exemption Criteria:

The District may not receive an exemption unless it has solicited and considered at a public meeting the following:

- a. Proposals for partnerships with public or private entities regarding offering full day preKindergarten for eligible four-year-old students.
The District did post on its website and in the Laredo Morning Times (January 16, 2020) an ad advising Childcare Providers/Early Learning Centers of District's interest in receiving proposals for partnership and the criteria required. A meeting was held on January 23, 2020 at 201 Lindenwood for all interested Childcare providers to attend. The Deadline to submit proposals was January 30, 2020.

Proposals received: None

Full-Day PreKindergarten Program Campuses

Full-Day PreKindergarten Programs in the District (14 schools)

Half-Day Programs (16 schools)

Johnson High School Feeder

1. Kennedy Zapata
2. Juarez Lincoln
3. Prada--Head Start Collaboration
4. Arndt--Head Start Collaboration
5. Veterans
6. Roosevelt--Head Start Collaboration
7. Perez
8. Centeno--Head Start Collaboration

United South High School Feeder

1. Freedom--Head Start Collaboration
2. Zaffirini--Head Start Collaboration
3. Cuellar--Head Start Collaboration
4. *Bonnie Garcia
5. *Ruiz
6. *Salinas
7. *Killam

Alexander High School Feeder

1. Newman--Head Start Collaboration
2. Gutierrez --clustered at Newman site
3. Clark Elem. --clustered at Newman site
4. *Nye
5. *Colonel Santos Benavides
6. *Elementary #30 to open 2021-2022

United High School Feeder

1. *Malakoff
2. *Borchers
3. *San Isidro
4. *De Llano
5. *Trautmann Elem.
6. *Fasken
7. *Finley
8. *Kazen
9. *Muller

Exemption Waiver -- Year One: 2019-2020

Exemptions from Full-Day PreKindergarten

Effective September 1, 2019

With a three-year exemption, the District must demonstrate good faith attempts to comply with the new requirements and offer full-day PK for all eligible students at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

2019-2020 School Year: Year One of Exemption

- ◆ Gather data which shall include the total number of additional classrooms needed;
- ◆ Hold a public meeting to solicit proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Consider proposals and make decision to:
 - a. Establish partnership and/or
 - b. Construct, repurpose, lease new space, or issue bonds

Exemption Waiver -- Year Two: 2020-2021 Year Three: 2021-2022

2020-2021 School Year: Year Two of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Begin providing full-day to some eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - b. At least one constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s)

2021-2022 School Year: Year Three of Exemption

- ◆ If necessary, hold another public meeting to solicit and consider proposals for partnerships with eligible childcare providers/early learning centers;
- ◆ Increase full-day opportunities for eligible four-year old children through:
 - a. At least one additional partnership with an early learning center and/or;
 - c. At least one additional constructed, repurposed, leased classroom(s).

2022-2023 School Year:

- ◆ District shall begin offering full day PK for all eligible four-year old students
- ◆ District may apply for an exemption renewal if unable to offer full-day PK for all (renewed only once).

FULL DAY PRE KINDER ADJUSTMENT

YEAR 1 - **WAIVER**
2019-2020

YEAR 2
2020-2021

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSED @	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Collab.	NET	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
KILLAM ELEM							
CUELLAR ELEM	CUELLAR	152	5 (2 HS)	7	2	0	3 classrooms needed / 2 vacant classrooms available / 1 portable bldg needed
BONNIE GARCIA ELEM							
ZAFFIRINI ELEM	ZAFFIRINI	175	5 (2 HS)	8	2	1	4 classrooms needed / 4 portable classrooms available

YEAR 3
2021-2022

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSED @	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Collab.	NET	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
SALINAS ELEM							
RUIZ ELEM	RUIZ	148	2	7		5	6 classrooms needed / 2 available / 2 portable buildings needed

YEAR 4
2022-2023

NAME OF SCHOOL	HOUSED @	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	CURRENT TEACHERS	PROJECTED TEACHERS	Head Start Collab.	NET	CLASSROOMS NEEDED
FINLEY ELEM	KAZEN						
KAZEN ELEM		110	2	5		3	4 classrooms needed / 2 vacant inside classrooms available / 1 portable needed
FASKEN*	FASKEN	110	2	5		3	
MULLER ELEM	MULLER	130	2	6		4	2 portable buildings needed
NYE ELEM							
TRAUTMANN ELEM	TRAUTMANN	154	2	7		5	6 classrooms needed / 5 vacant classrooms available / 1 portable building needed
BORCHERS ELEM							
MATIAS DE LLANO ELEM							
MALAKOFF ELEM	MALAKOFF	186	3	9		6	8 classrooms needed / 6 vacant classrooms inside / 2 portable classrooms needed
ELEM #30	ELEM #30	188	2	9		7	Coves opens 2021-22 school year - New Boundaries will be established
SAN ISIDRO ELEM							
COL SANTOS							

CONTINGENT ON REPURPOSING OF CLASSROOMS/FINANCES AND HEAD START COLLABORATION EXPANSION