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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Requests from Judd Gilpin for use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for
Trautmann Elementary School for \$26,291.50, Col. Santos Benavides School for \$7,880 and United
Engineering & Technology Magnet for \$26,500

SUBMITTED BY: Judd Gilpin **OF:** Board Member

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 17, 2009

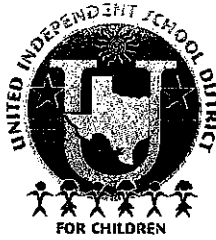
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the requests from Judd Gilpin for use of Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds for Trautmann Elementary School for \$26,291.50, Col. Santos Benavides School for \$7,880 and United Engineering & Technology Magnet for \$26,500.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:



**United Independent School District
Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds Request Form
Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Requesting Campus: Arastram Elementary School

Campus Principal: Cynthia R. Rodriguez

Board Member: Mr. Judd Hilgen

Description of Request: Completion of initiatives which have proven to be successful at my campus: 1) Audio Enhancement System for 13 more classrooms to complete entire underground classrooms 2) add Reading Plus licenses in order to service an entire class. Presently, we only have 10 licenses. We need 12 more. I plan to use my campus budget to pay part of this expense. I am requesting discretionary funds to help pay the entire amount.

Estimated Cost of Request Audio Enhancement System for 13 rooms = \$21,131.50
Reading Plus Program (12 more licenses) = \$ 5,160.00
Total: \$26,291.50

Principal Signature: [Signature] Date 2/18/09

Board Member Approval: Yes No

Board Member Signature: _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature: _____ Date _____

Board Approval: Yes No Date Approved: _____

Please return the completed form to the Superintendent's Office for final processing.

Proposal for 12 Online CC Seats



District/School: Trautman Elementary
Street Address: 810 Lindendwood Drive
City, St Zip: Laredo, TX 78045
Telephone: 956-473-3102
Contact: Cindy Rodriguez, Principal
Email: crodriguez@unitedisd.org

Contact: Southwest Education
Ben Rodriguez
866-472-6949
830-385-2790 Cell
Ben@SouthwestLearning.com

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
12	Reading Plus 12 Concurrent User Online Licenses		\$11,160.00
	Includes: * Seat License: any 12 students at anytime may be on program; that means that if you used the program every period and after school you could have over 100 different students on the program each day * Automatic Updates * Maintenance free, 24/7 Online Delivery * Includes three-years of hosting		
	<i>Training and Support</i>	Included	Included
	Subtotal		\$
	Shipping and Handling 1%		\$
	Total		\$

Please make and send the purchase order to:
Southwest Education (Fed: ID # 80-0222337)
Fax: 830-693-4169
208 Ridge Drive
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Cynthia Rodriguez

From: Cynthia Rodriguez [crodriguez@unitedisd.org]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 12:39 PM
To: 'jgilpin@gilpinengineering.com'
Subject: Request
Importance: High

Mr. Gilpin,

I recently faxed you a request for Discretionary Funds form with copies of the proposals for the two items I would like to purchase. I invite you to come by and visit our campus to see first-hand how the audio enhancement system and the reading plus program are helping our students and teachers. The reading plus program has improved the fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary skills of our struggling students. After witnessing the improved performance of these students, my teachers have requested more licenses in order to serve a bigger population---I presently have only 10 licenses. While the program assists students who are low in reading, it can also serve to challenge students who are already reading, since it extends reading practice and instruction up to college level.

The audio enhancement system provides a surround sound effect in the classroom for our teachers. Our campus has a unique floor plan-- our 2nd thru 5th grade classrooms are all located downstairs. The pounding of basketballs being used outside in our patio area or in the gym; people walking upstairs; even the air conditioning unit turning on and the bathroom blowers could be heard in the classrooms. This forced teachers to really strain their voices as they taught, and oftentimes students were not well heard when they were asked to respond to questions or read aloud in the classroom. The audio enhancement system allows the teacher to be heard clearly via an adjustable amplifying device they wear around their neck, and students can also be heard clearer when they speak into the additional microphone provided by the system (the device the teacher wears allows him/her to control their sound and pitch as well as the students'). The system even allows us to project anything the teacher presents via the computer or television with surround sound---this means teacher presentations via United Streaming, Brain Pop, V-Brick, Orchard, etc. can now be heard loud and clear (some of our computer speakers are not loud enough).

Both, the audio enhancement and the reading plus program are initiatives that are working well for us and need to be extended to service more students. Please consider visiting our campus if you need to confirm the funds would be well invested. I would really appreciate your help with this. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do on my part to get this approved.

Thanks,

*Cindy Rodriguez, Principal
Trautmann Elementary,
810 Lindenwood Dr.
Laredo, Texas 78045
(956) 473-3102*

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**UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RFCQ CQ003-2009
AUDIO SYSTEM FOR CLASSROOMS**

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Audio Enhancement System- include amplifier receiver, teardrop teacher mic, dome sensor, power supply, 4 ceiling speakers, 2 AA rechargeable batteries, 1 battery charger, wireless hand held microphone	6	\$1,475.50	\$8,853.00	\$1,350.50	\$8,103.00
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Total Price		\$20,226.00		\$18,975.00	

Option II

	Est. Qty.	Audio Enhancement		Audio Visual Aides	
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Exhibit A

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Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds Request Form
Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Requesting Campus: Colonel Santos Benavides School

Campus Principal: Dr. Myrtha Villarreal

Board Member: Mr. Judd Gilpin

Board Member: Mr. William Johnson

Description of Request: CSBS is requesting additional funds to purchase benchmarks and enrichment workbooks for grades first through fifth for 2009-2010. These additional materials are closely aligned to the TAKS tests given to third through fifth grade students, and are more challenging than the actual TAKS tests. The purpose of these materials is to provide teachers with vital information on TAKS objectives in the areas of Reading, Math, Writing, and Science. With this information, teachers are able to identify specific objectives and prepare lessons to help students master the TAKS tests. This help is provided during RTI small group intervention in the classroom as well as after school and Saturday tutorials. The integration of these materials has led to our Exemplary status. We would like to continue to enhance our district's scope and sequence by using these materials; however, our limited budget does not allow us to purchase these items.

Estimated Cost of Request \$15,760.00 (see attached; all or partial) / 2 = \$7880.00

Principal Signature: Myrtha Villarreal Date 5-12-09

Board Member Approval: Yes No

Board Member Signature: Date

Board Member Signature: Date

Superintendent Signature: Date

Board Approval: Yes No Date Approved:

Please return the completed form to the Superintendent's Office for final processing.

**Colonel Santos Benavides School
Detailed Request**

<u>ITEM REQUESTED</u>	<u>COST</u>
1st Grade Math TAKS Benchmarks	\$1,323.00
Reading First Through Science Enrichment Workbooks (1st, 2nd, and 5th grades)	\$4, 556.00
Measuring Up Science Enrichment Workbooks (3rd and 4th grades)	\$3,629.00
Measuring Up Writing Enrichment Workbooks (4th grade)	\$1,846.00
TAKS Master Power and Practice: Reading, Math, Writing (3rd-5th grades for after school tutorials)	\$4,406.00
TOTAL COST:	\$15,760.00



Exhibit A

**United Independent School District
Board of Trustees Discretionary Funds Request Form
Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Requesting Campus: United Engineering & Technology Magnet

Campus Principal: Alberto Aleman, Jr. / Magnet Dean - Beth Porter

Board Member: Mr. Judd Gilpin District 7

Board Member: _____

Description of Request: Monies for instructional modules for Engineering classes, new robotics kits, specialized software, instructional materials for special engineering projects, travel for field trips, entry fees for academic and robotic competitions, incentives for students, recruiting needs, Research & Design presentations.

Estimated Cost of Request \$26,500.00

Principal Signature: *Alberto Aleman, Jr.* Date 5/19/2009

Board Member Approval: Yes No

Board Member Signature: _____ Date _____

Board Member Signature: _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature: _____ Date _____

Board Approval: Yes No Date Approved: _____

Please return the completed form to the Superintendent's Office for final processing.

**Discretionary Funds for
United Engineering & Technology Magnet
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

Description of Request for Monies:

1. Technology & Software for Specialty Classes	\$3,500.00
2. NASA Field Trip Entry fees & transportation	\$6,000.00
3. Big Bend Field Trip Includes all expenses: transportation, Meals, Entry fees	\$4,000.00
4. Robotic Needs: Local, State & National Competitions	\$12,000.00
5. Student incentives all grade levels	\$1000.00
Total Funds Needed:	\$26,500.00