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## UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**TOPIC** MOU for school district/private partnership consortium to pursue the Race to The Top – District grant application from the US Department of Education

**SUBMITTED BY** Dr. Edie Landeck of Grants Administration as directed by the Superintendent

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** August 15, 2012

### **Informational Item:**

United ISD will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a consortium of school districts located along the Rio Grande and a private industry partner to pursue funding for the Race to The Top District (RTT-D) grant program from the US Department of Education. These consortium partners will include: United ISD, Laredo ISD, Eagle Pass ISD, San Felipe Del Rio ISD, and Pearson Education. UISD will be the fiscal agent for the grant.

The Race to The Top – Districts grant (RTT-D) will support bold, locally directed improvements in teaching and learning that will directly improve student achievement and teacher effectiveness. RTT-D will reward those LEAs that have the leadership and vision to implement the strategies, structures and systems of support to move beyond one-size-fits-all models of schooling, which have struggled to produce excellence and equity for all children, to personalized, student-focused approaches to teaching and learning that will use collaborative, data-based strategies and 21st century tools to deliver instruction and supports tailored to the needs and goals of each student, with the goal of enabling all students to graduate college- and career-ready.