



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Adequate Yearly Progress

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 18, 2008

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Attached please find the final AYP Ratings released by the Texas Education Agency on October 23, 2008, the specific areas of concern, and a copy of the appeal letter sent to Commissioner Robert Scott on behalf of UISD and all of our campuses.

T E X A S E D U C A T I O N A G E N C Y
 OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DATA QUALITY
 PRELIMINARY 2008 AYP RESULTS
 BY DISTRICT NAME
 REGION 01

| DISTRICT/ CAMPUS | 2008 | 2008-09 TITLE I SIP |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| UNITED ISD | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| UNITED H S | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| UNITED SOUTH H S | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| JOHN B ALEXANDER H S | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| UNITED STEP ACADEMY | MISSED AYP | STAGE 1 |
| JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE PR | NOT EVALUATED | NONE |
| LYNDON B JOHNSON | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| UNITED MIDDLE | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| UNITED SOUTH MIDDLE | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| SALVADOR GARCIA MIDDLE | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| CLARK MIDDLE | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| LOS OBISPOS MIDDLE | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| TRAUTMANN MIDDLE | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| ANTONIO GONZALEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL | MISSED AYP | STAGE 1 |
| LAMAR BRUNI VERGARA MIDDLE SCHOO | MISSED AYP | NONE |
| NYE EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| CLARK EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| SALINAS EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| NEWMAN EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| TRAUTMANN EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| PEREZ EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| FINLEY EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| UNITED D D HACHAR EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| GUTIERREZ EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| RUIZ EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| MATIAS DE LLAMO EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| KAZEN EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| JUAREZ/LINCOLN EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| PRADA EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| CHARLES BORCHERS EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| KENNEDY ZAPATA EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| COL SANTOS BENAVIDES EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT EL | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| JUDITH ZAFFIRNI ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| HENRY CUELLAR ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| JULIA BIRD JONES MULLER ELEMENTA | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| JOHN W ARNDT ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| BONNIE L GARCIA ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| RODOLFO C CENTENO ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| DR MALAKOFF ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |
| BARBARA FASKEN ELEMENTARY | MEETS AYP | NONE |

UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent

October 24, 2008

Robert Scott
Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494

Dear Commissioner Scott,

This letter is to appeal the 2008 AYP status for the **United Independent School District** (ID# 240903) and campuses listed below:

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| District/Campus | Indicators Appealed | Reason |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| UNITED ISD (240903) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education Measure |
| UNITED H S (240903001) | Math Performance | LEP Measure |
| UNITED SOUTH HS (240903002) | Math Performance | All students and subgroups |
| JOHN B ALEXANDER HS (240903003) | Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| LYNDON B JOHNSON (240903009) | Reading and Math Performance | All students and subgroups |
| SALVADOR GARCIA MIDDLE (240903044) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE (240903045) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| CLARK MIDDLE (240903046) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| LOS OBISPOS MIDDLE (240903047) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| TRAUTMANN MIDDLE (240903048) | Math Performance | Special Education Measure |
| ANTONIO GONZALEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL (240903053) | Math Performance | Special Education and LEP Measure |
| LAMAR BRUNI VERGARA MIDDLE SCHOOL (240903054) | Reading and Math Performance | Special Education Measure |

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We are requesting that you consider changing the AYP status of United ISD and the aforementioned campuses on the basis of unintentional discriminatory treatment of our special needs students.

While TAKS Accommodated was introduced previously in English Language Arts and Math at Exit level testing, it was first introduced to AYP accountable students in grades 3-8 and 10 in Reading and Math in 2008. Additionally, TAKS Modified did not have a set standard in place at the time of the assessment. As a result, student ARD decisions were made with limited standard information. The absence of knowledge gained from field test experiences also contributed to the inaccuracy of ARD committee instructional and assessment decisions. Consequently, the potential for inappropriate classroom instruction and assessment was probable. Unique to our district, due to its sheer geographic location, is the probability of dual identification of students into the Special Education and LEP subgroups. Therefore, several UISD campuses missed AYP in both subgroups for Reading and/or Math. In addition, the lack of a phase-in plan for these assessments, as implemented for AEIS accountable subgroups at the inception of a new assessment (TAKS), appears to be discriminatory towards our students with specialized educational needs.

- There was only one opportunity for our students who were taking TAKS-Modified assessments. This put students who were in an SSI grade level at an undue disadvantage because they did not have personal instructional interventions (at a 10 to 1 ratio) and multiple opportunities to be assessed as did all AEIS accountable subgroups.
- There was no phase-in of the TAKS-Modified and TAKS-Accommodated assessments into the AYP accountability system. The abrupt change to on-grade level assessments did not allow sufficient time for accelerating instruction to close instructional gaps created by the previous state expectation and accountability system. Thus, placing these students at an unfair disadvantage posing the greatest challenges at the secondary level where instructional gaps could be as large as 8-10 years.
- Furthermore, students were not able to evidence their increased learning from 2007 to 2008 through performance improvement and/or safe harbor, since this is not calculated if there are no prior year test results.

I thank you, in advance, on behalf of all UISD stakeholders, for your sincere consideration of these appeals. I assure you that the instructional organization in our district will ensure continuous academic acceleration as evident in the multiple accountability systems (Academic Excellence Indicator System, Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System, and Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives).

By my signature below, I certify that all information included in this appeal is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Roberto J. Santos, Superintendent
United Independent School District

Documentation Attached

**AYP Status
District Breakdown
2008-2009**

| | | |
|------------|--|----|
| Missed AYP | | 25 |
| | Graduation Rate Only | 0 |
| | Mathematics Performance and Graduation Rate | 0 |
| | Mathematics Performance Only | 2 |
| | Reading Participation and Mathematics Performance | 1 |
| | Reading Participation Only | 0 |
| | Reading Participation, Math Performance/Participation, Graduation Rate | 1 |
| | Reading Performance and Mathematics Performance | 9 |
| | Reading Performance, Mathematics Performance, Graduation Rate | 5 |
| | Reading Performance and Graduation Rate | 2 |
| | Reading Performance and Math Performance/Participation | 1 |
| | Reading Performance Only | 4 |
| Meets AYP | | 18 |

Total Districts

43

**AYP Status
Campus Breakdown
2008-2009**

| | | |
|---------------|--|-----|
| Not Evaluated | | 62 |
| | New Campuses | 24 |
| | Other | 34 |
| | Pre-K Campuses | 4 |
| Missed AYP | | 103 |
| | Graduation Rate Only | 5 |
| | Mathematics Performance Only | 30 |
| | Mathematics Performance and Graduation Rate | 4 |
| | Reading Participation Only | 3 |
| | Reading Participation and Mathematics Performance | 1 |
| | Reading Performance, Math Performance, Graduation Rate | 8 |
| | Reading Performance Only | 4 |
| | Reading Performance and Mathematics Performance | 48 |
| Meets AYP | | 367 |
| | Results of Small Number Analysis | 7 |

Total Campuses

532

FINAL Ratings

As of October 23, 2008

| AYP | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2008-09 Title I AYP Requirement |
|------------|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| | MATH | READING | MATH | READING | |
| UISD | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | NONE |
| AHS | did not meet AYP- Performance - LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - LEP Participation -LEP & Sp Ed | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | met AYP | Stage I |
| UHS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - LEP | met AYP | NONE |
| USHS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - All Students & sub-groups | met AYP | NONE |
| LBJ | met AYP | APPEAL <u>GRANTED</u> - meets AYP | did not meet AYP- Performance - All Students & sub-groups | did not meet AYP- Performance - All & sub- groups | NONE |
| AGMS | did not meet AYP- Performance - LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | met AYP | Stage I |
| CMS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | NONE |
| SGMS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | NONE |
| UMS | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| USMS | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| GWMS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | NONE |
| LOMS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd, LEP | NONE |
| TMS | met AYP | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | met AYP | NONE |
| LBVMS | not rated new campus | | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | did not meet AYP- Performance - SpEd | NONE |
| ARNDT | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| CENTENO | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| CLARK | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| COL.SANTOS | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| CUELLAR | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| BORCHERS | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| DE LLANO | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| FASKEN | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| FINLEY | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| B.GARCIA | met AYP | | met AYP | | |
| GUTIERREZ | met AYP | | met AYP | | |

FINAL Ratings

As of October 23, 2008

| | 2007 | | 2008 | 2008-09 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| JUAREZ-LINCOLN | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| KAZEN | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| KENNEDY-ZAPATA | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| MALAKOFF | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| MULLER | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| NEWMAN | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| NYE | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| PEREZ | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| PRADA | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| RUIZ | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| ROOSEVELT | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| SALINAS | met AYP | APPEAL GRANTED- meets AYP | met AYP | |
| TRAUTMANN | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| DD HACHAR | met AYP | | met AYP | |
| ZAFFIRINI | met AYP | | met AYP | |