



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of Resolution of the United Independent School District Board of Trustees

Regarding STAAR Testing and Accountability Ratings During The 2020-21 School Year

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 17, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the UISD Board of Trustees approve the Resolution regarding STAAR Testing and Accountability Ratings During the 2020-21 School Year

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING STAAR TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS DURING THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the future of Texas relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares 5.4 million Texas students for college, university, trade school, careers, jobs, citizenship, and lifelong learning to strengthen Texas' economic strength within the United States' economy;

WHEREAS, In March 2020, due to an unprecedented nation-wide public health threat and statewide spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Greg Abbott ordered the temporary closure and cancellation of classroom instruction for all Texas public school districts for the Spring 2020 semester;

WHEREAS, in March 2020, due to an unprecedented nation-wide public health threat and statewide spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Texas Commissioner of Education cancelled STAAR assessments for the Spring 2020 semester and school district and campuses will receive an accountability rating of "Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster" for 2020;

WHEREAS, for the 2020-21 school year, Texas public schools are currently providing instruction to Texas students in various and multiple learning environments, including remote learning, blended learning, and in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, 2021 STAAR test results and data will be an unreliable evaluation of students, teachers, administrators, and schools, as traditional learning has been suspended due to COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Independent School District Board of Trustees strongly urges Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Legislature to suspend STAAR testing and the resulting accountability ratings for the 2020-21 school year to allow districts to focus on interventions necessary to recover instructional gaps resulting from school closures caused by COVID-19.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2020, by the United ISD Board of Trustees.

Ramiro Veliz, III

United ISD, Board President

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez

United ISD, Board Secretary