



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The United Independent School District (UISD) will join school districts across the State of Texas as the month of January has been proclaimed by Governor Rick Perry as “School Board Recognition Month.” Following Governor Perry’s lead will also be Mayor of Laredo, Raul G. Salinas, who will present the UISD Board of Trustees with the same distinction at tonight’s Business and Instructional Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the UISD Board Room located at 201 Lindenwood Drive. The focus of this annual designation is to highlight the contributions of our local school board and to thank board members for voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing local school districts.

“As advocates for our children, our UISD Board of Trustees work tirelessly devoting countless hours to help ensure a quality education that will lead our students to success,” said UISD Superintendent Roberto J. Santos. “Elected by the community, they make critical decisions that directly affect the future of our children,” Santos continued.

The UISD Board of Trustees are a vital link between the community and the classroom in representing the largest employer in Laredo and Webb County. Together, the Board bears the responsibility for an annual budget of \$349 million, approximately 40,900 students, over 6,700 employees, 40 campuses as well as an alternative education campus, three magnet programs and a Career Academy.

“Their job is not an easy one, but they have a commitment to serve their community and ensure that all students are given every opportunity to excel through education,” said Superintendent Santos.

The current Board of Trustees for UISD are: Board President Pat Campos; Vice-President Juan A. Molina, Jr.; Parliamentarian Ricardo Molina, Sr.; and Secretary Juan R. Ramirez. Members are William B. Johnson, Ricardo Rodriguez and Judd Gilpin.

Pat Campos was elected to the UISD Board of Trustees, District 3 seat in May 2003. Campos currently serves as President-UISD Board of Trustees. Juan A. Molina, Jr. was elected District 4 seat on May 15, 2004. Molina currently serves as Vice President-UISD Board of Trustees. Ricardo Molina, Sr. was elected District 1 seat in May 1996. Molina currently serves as Parliamentarian-UISD Board of Trustees. Juan R. Ramirez was elected District 6 seat in May 2002. Ramirez currently serves as Secretary-UISD Board of Trustees. William B. Johnson was elected District 5 seat in May 1994. He currently serves as Member-UISD Board of Trustees. Ricardo Rodriguez was elected to the UISD Board of Trustees, District 2 seat in November 2008. He currently serves as Member-UISD Board of Trustees. Robert Judd Gilpin was elected to the UISD Board of Trustees, District seat in November 2008. He currently serves as Member-UISD Board of Trustees.

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The United Independent School District is the largest employer in Laredo/Webb County serving approximately 40,900 students and employs 6,700 employees. UISD is comprised of 40 campuses in addition to three magnet programs, one Career Academy in addition to an alternative education campus. UISD encompasses 75% of Laredo and serves communities in Rio Bravo and El Cenizo.

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