

## **Webb County Head Start**

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Kaycie Bennett, Grant Specialist Office of Head Start Region 6 1301 Young Street, Suite 914 Dallas, TX 75202

Dear Ms. Bennett,

Please accept this letter as official request from the Webb County Head Start program to remove Federal Interest on five modular units, known to this program as:

- Jesus Garcia Modular Building I, II, and II located at 2518 Cedar/Laredo, TX; and
- Magic Corner Modular Building I and II located at 2801 Ireland Street/Laredo, TX.

As of August 2011, this program has been gradually integrating classrooms with the two local independent school districts (ISD). Currently, the program has twenty-three (23) classrooms integrated with Laredo ISD and twenty-four (24) with United ISD. With each integration, the program benefits from a cost-savings for utilities, teacher salaries, educational supplies, professional development, and many other operational expenses. Additionally, Head Start students benefit from the instruction of an ISD certified teacher, a Head Start Teacher Assistant, and a Head Start support staff (three teachers per classroom) - augmented with the comprehensive services mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards and the State of Texas Day Care Licensing regulation - overseen and provided by Head Start employees. Furthermore, staff, students, and families benefit from the safety and security that is offered at ISD campuses.

As this program moves forward with each integration, classrooms that have been housed in aged, modular buildings that are placed on rental properties are no longer needed for program purposes. There have been no major renovations on any of the above listed modular buildings. If approved for disposition, the program plans to follow the Webb County Purchasing Rules and Regulations for property disposal (auction).

Respectfully,

Aliza Oliveros

Head Start / Early Head Start / Child Care Partnership Director

CC: Alfredo Huerta, Program Specialist