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Colonel Richard J. Muraski, Jr.
Fort Worth District Commander
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c/o Regulatory Branch
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Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Colonel Muraski:

As Superintendent of Schools of the Elgin Independent School District, I am writing to express our support for the Central Texas Airport Project. Plans are for a major part of the project to be built within our school district, and the financial impact will be tremendously beneficial to EISD. It takes little imagination to anticipate the economic boost of such a project on Bastrop County and all of Central Texas. We see no downside in this project. Issues such as sound, safety and impact on infrastructure are already being addressed in a proactive manner. I feel confident that future issues will be anticipated and dealt with positively. As you know, Texas school districts are facing Draconian cuts to funding and vital services for children. Elgin ISD, Bastrop ISD and Smithville ISD, all in Bastrop County, are making dramatic reductions in staff at this very moment. Pink slips are going out all over Texas. The Central Texas Airport Project will play a major role in providing new revenue sources and in fueling an economic recovery. Please do all you can to cause this project to become a reality. It will certainly help Elgin ISD as we work to turn our tax users into tax payers. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Bill G. Graves, Superintendent
Elgin Independent School District

Cc: Stephen Brooks, Chief
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