

**Invited Testimony  
of  
Duncan F. Klussmann  
Superintendent of Schools  
Spring Branch Independent School District  
and  
President of the Texas School Alliance**

**State of Texas  
Senate Committee on Education  
February 24, 2009**

## Summary of Testimony

- Introduction
  - Madam Chairwoman and Distinguished Members of the Committee
  - Duncan Klussmann, Superintendent of Schools of the Spring Branch Independent School District
  - 32,000 students on 46 campuses, representing the diversity of the State of Texas
  - President of the Texas School Alliance
  - Consist of 31 school districts educating over a quarter of the students in the State of Texas
- Testify in favor of Senate Bill 300
- Over the past decade, public education has become one of the most over regulated institutions in our country.
- SB 300 would allow school districts to operate at more efficient levels while maintaining a quality education.
- The bill provides regulatory relief in three main areas:
  - Allocation of teachers in grades K-4
  - Bus evacuation drills
  - Electric energy consumption
- Allocation of teachers grades K-4
  - Supporter of the 22:1 concept
  - Inefficient allocation of resources on campuses with multiple programming
  - Averaging with a limit would not negatively impact the quality of education in the classroom.
  - Disruption caused by adding teachers during the school year
  - SBISD example of Ridgecrest Elementary and Treasure Forest Elementary
- Bus evacuations and energy efficiency
  - Successful organizations are focused and disciplined
  - Public education needs to stay focused on our main responsibility - teaching and learning
- Thank you for your time and commitment to the students of the State of Texas.

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**Human Resources**  
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campus Ridgecrest Elem.		campus # 111		campus phone # 713-365-4060		Submitted by: Cynthia Robledo		date: February 17, 2009	
<b>Prekindergarten</b>					<b>3rd Grade</b>				
Name of Teacher(s) Last Name, First Initial	Total # of Bil Students	# of Bil who are Evacuees	Total # of Mainstream	# of Mainstream who are Evacuees	Name of Teacher(s) Last Name, First Initial	Total # of Bilingual Students	# of Bil who are Evacuees	Total # of Mainstream	# of Mainstream who are Evacuees
1					1	Lail, Amy		17	
2					2	Pennix, Tiara		17	
3					3	Sproule, Heather		17	
4					4	Dimareli, Maria	22		
5					5	Dorantes, Abraham	21		
6					6	Lemos, Maria	20		
7					7	Rosella, Bertha	21		
8					8				
Prekindergarten Totals					3rd Grade Totals				
0					84				
0					0				
0					0				
0					135				
<b>Kindergarten</b>					<b>4th Grade</b>				
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1	DeLeon, Vanessa		17		1	Baring, Jennifer		11	
2	Hudson, Mary		16		2	Martinez, Maureen		14	
3	Tyler, Grace		15		3	Tuckett, Christine		16	
4	Andrade, Anna	21			4	Jackson, Nancy	18		
5	Caro, Fernando	21			5	Kemper, Meredith	16		
6	El-Trabulsi, Hortensia	20			6	Robledo, Stephanie	17		
7	Mora, Rosa	21			7	Suarez, Rafael	17		
8	Young, Carmen	19			8				
Kindergarten Totals					4th Grade Totals				
102					68				
0					0				
48					41				
0					0				
150					109				
<b>1st Grade</b>					<b>5th Grade</b>				
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1	Alaniz, Sylvia		18		1	Leballo, Amelia		18	
2	Carl, Candy		18		2	Ryan, Doreen		19	
3	Castro, Maria		18		3	Taylor, Melissa		17	
4	Forshee, Jane	18			4	Lopez, Martha	20		
5	Evetts, Veronica	20			5	Guzman, Hector	15		
6	Herrera, Vivian	20			6	Thompson, Johnnie	20		
7	Luevano, Iran	19			7				
8	Zulaica, Eric	19			8				
1st Grade Totals					5th Grade Totals				
96					55				
0					0				
54					54				
0					0				
150					109				
<b>2nd Grade</b>					<b>Special Education Self Contained</b>				
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1	Altimore, Jacque		16		1	Boyo, Fred		0	
2	Butler, Mattie		14		2				
3	Heano, Sandra		16		3				
4	Casamayor, Marie	17			4				
5	Menjivar, Guadalupe	18			5				
6	Perdomo, Cielo	18			6				
7	Peña, Lily	18			7				
8					8				
2nd Grade Totals					Spec. Ed. Totals				
71					0				
0					0				
46					0				
0					0				
117					0				
<b>Grand Total</b>									
<b>770</b>									

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campus <i>Treasure Forest</i>		campus # <i>125</i>		campus phone # <i>713-613-1720</i>		Submitted by: <i>Liz Pruneda</i>		date <i>02/17/2009</i>			
<b>Prekindergarten</b>					<b>3rd Grade</b>						
Name of Teacher(s) <i>Last Name, First Initial</i>		Total # of Bil Students	# of Bil who are Evacuees	Total # of Mainstream	# of Mainstream who are Evacuees	Name of Teacher(s) <i>Last Name, First Initial</i>		Total # of Bilingual Students	# of Bil who are Evacuees	Total # of Mainstream	# of Mainstream who are Evacuees
1						1	Rogers, Felicia			12	
2						2	Salloum, Jeannette			12	
3						3	Gonzalez, Hector	19			
4						4	Hernandez, Ana	18			
5						5	Moreno, Martha	19			
6						6	Velasco, Claudia	18			
7						7					
8						8					
Prekindergarten Totals		0	0	0	0	3rd Grade Totals		74	0	24	0
<b>Kindergarten</b>					<b>4th Grade</b>						
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1	Sutter, Dawn			15		1	Joshi, Anita			11	
2	Denney, Mary			11		2	Laas, Renee			16	
3	Gonzalez, Ramiro	23				3	Gomez, Karla	18			
4	Guillen, Delfino	23				4	Rodriguez, Maria	20			
5	Palafox, Irma	23				5	Rojas, Elvia	21			
6	Saenz, Alyn	22				6	Vargas, Jorge	18			
7						7					
8						8					
Kindergarten Totals		91	0	26	0	4th Grade Totals		77	0	27	0
campus		campus #		campus phone #		Submitted by:		date			
<b>1st Grade</b>					<b>5th Grade</b>						
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1	Cooper, Catherine			19		1	Austin, Sara			23	
2	Benzaquen, Maria	19				2	Ramirez, Eileen			25	
3	Correa, Angela	18				3	Ballestas, Mirth	20			
4	De Los Santos, Pat	19				4	Dyunov, Oleg	20			
5	Rodriguez, Alma	20	1			5					
6	Rodriguez, Jaime	19				6					
7						7					
8						8					
1st Grade Totals		95	1	19	0	5th Grade Totals		40	0	48	0
<b>2nd Grade</b>					<b>Special Education Self Contained</b>						
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1	Brajenovich, Raemi			13		1					
2	Mahaffey, Lorriane			12		2					
3	Avalos, Claudia	22				3					
4	Campuzano, Nicolas	22				4					
5	Escallada, Coral	20				5					
6	Figuroa, Gerardo	20				6					
7	Guillen, Cesar	20				7					
8						8					
2nd Grade Totals		104	0	25	0	Spec. Ed. Totals		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>										<b>650</b>	