

## Critics voice views on teaching aliens

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AUSTIN, Tex. — Sharpest critics of proposals to provide tuition free schooling for alien children living in Texas are the officials of border school districts who say their classes are already overcrowded and underfunded.

"If the government doesn't stop these people from coming in we're going to be overrun," said Brownsville superintendent Raul Bisteros. "This is killing us."

Bisteros said his school picks up 400 new alien students each year even though state law bars illegal aliens from free classes.

If courts strike down the law and these aliens may attend school tuition free, he said the influx of new students would be impossible to handle.

"It will be unreal how many kids will come in," Bisteros said. "I'm turning away three or four a day. If we start educating them we'll have 10,000 more."

Bisteros said pressure from the constant stream of legal immigrants from Mexico has caused almost insurmountable space problems for his school district.

"Half our school district is portable (temporary buildings). We can't provide the roofs. We don't have the money to build \$20,000 classrooms. I've got teachers in hallways. My office is one of the two meeting rooms in this district."

Problems are similar in most of the 61 districts along the Mexican border where 60 percent of the 53,348 Mexican immigrants attending Texas schools were enrolled in January.

Texas Education Agency statistics indicate the vast majority of the immigrants are poor — 82.4 percent of the youngsters surveyed qualified for free lunch programs.

Complicating the situation is the fact the border areas are among the poorest in the nation with little industry other than agriculture, and high unemployment.

"The influx of the Mexican alien child places the greatest burden on that part of the state that is the most impoverished when it comes to ability to raise funds locally via the property tax method," says McAllen school superintendent, Rodney D. Gathery.

Jim B. Hensley in a TEA sponsored study concluded, "Generally the tax base of border school districts is well below that of the rest of the state. Property owners in border districts would be taxed a greater amount than others in the state if comparable school services and facilities for their children were provided."

Hensley said border districts have coped with the problem only through strained local tax efforts but have reached the saturation point with the sharp increase in migration of Mexicans to Texas in the past few years.

Bisteros said the average value of taxable property in Brownsville is \$11,000 per student, compared to \$90,000 in Houston.

"Our local people have been very patient but they are beginning to ask why they are called on to educate these alien students at the expense of their own children," said Clarence Shelton, Roma school superintendent.

"They have never objected to supporting their local schools for the benefit of their local children, but when they see their children being crowded out of their schools and their taxes increasing each year they begin to ask why," Shelton said.

Unlike other schools where increasing enrollments usually are accompanied by local economic growth, the influx of alien students brings increased costs with little, if any, increase in property tax values.

"These students don't actually bring in any tax base," said Del Rio school superintendent O.B. Poole.

Poole said border schools try to control the problem by policing new student enrollments and checking to make sure they are eligible for free schooling as local residents.

About 20 residents of neighboring Acuna pay \$800-a-year tuition to attend Del Rio schools. Poole said 12 percent of the students in Del Rio schools were born in Mexico.

A TEA survey showed Mexican-born students accounted for 14 percent of the school enrollment in Brownsville, 31 percent in Hidalgo Independent School District, 8 percent in El Paso, and 12 percent in McAllen.

McAllen's assistant superintendent, Ricardo Chapa, estimates the Mexican enrollment climbed another 2 to 3 percent in September.

"We don't have a single classroom available," Chapa said. "We're using our music rooms for classrooms and asking our music teachers to move from classroom to classroom."

## Alien parents show child's work from American public schools

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AUSTIN—Rosa Martinez' first school papers are on display in her parents' living room.

On a table where other families display magazines or books, Armando and Estella Martinez display their 5-year-old daughter's kindergarten work.

"I want her to learn English and all the things I don't know," her mother said.

Martinez, 30, a \$135-a-week car painter, and his wife and their 13-month-old daughter came to Texas from Mexico on a 72-hour crossing card in 1972.

They now are seeking visas to become permanent U.S. residents and fighting efforts to bar Rosa from public school as an illegal alien.

"There is work here," Mrs. Martinez said. "There is not

much food in Mexico."

The Martinezes live in a small white house at the rear of another residence on a tree-shaded street in a working class area of South Austin.

The concrete floor is cracked and curtains serve as doors between the tiny living room and adjoining bedrooms and kitchen.

Life, however, seems very good to Mrs. Martinez.

## Texas dams 'safe'

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—HOUSTON— An incident like the Toccoa Dam tragedy is unlikely to occur in Texas, officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Texas Department of Water Resources, said Monday.

mission chief, said since 1969 the agency has inspected all Texas dams higher than 25 feet or containing more than 50 acre feet of water.

Of the 4,638 dams in Texas under their jurisdiction, not one at this time is in any immediate danger of collapse, the officials said.

But the National Weather Service said any time there is significant rainfall, people living downstream from earthen dams should be prepared to flee to high ground.

John Clarke, Water Rights Com-

mission chief, said since 1969 the agency has inspected all Texas dams higher than 25 feet or containing more than 50 acre feet of water.

Of the 62 dams found in need of repair or alteration last year, all are now either fixed or in the process of repair, Clarke said. "We continually find dams that need alteration but right now there are none in imminent danger," Clark said.

Art Denys, chief of engineering for the Fort Worth corps district, said the 27 dams built or operated by the corps in Texas are inspected regularly.

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