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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: September 17, 2009
cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Melody Paschall, Kelly Penny, Tracey Wallace

Re: TEA Class Size Waiver

As required by the Texas Education Code §25.112, we are required to submit a class size waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for any class sections in grades K-4 that exceed the state allowable class size limit of 22:1. Additionally, we are required to submit a compliant plan as to the action(s) that will be taken to bring the district back into compliance with the class size limitation.

Due to unanticipated student growth, one section in Grade 4 at Valley Ranch Elementary has exceeded the 22:1 ratio by one student. Other overages at Valley Ranch Elementary were sent to attend Pinkerton Elementary. However, all 4th grade sections were at the 22:1 ratio at Pinkerton Elementary at the time of enrollment of the latest 4th grade Valley Ranch Elementary student, thus causing the one student overage at Valley Ranch Elementary. It would have required a new and separate bus route to transport the one student that accounted for the overage at Valley Ranch Elementary to a campus other than Pinkerton Elementary.

After the waiver request is approved by TEA, TEC §25.113 requires that we provide written notice of the granted exception to the parent of each student affected by the exception. This would only include and relate to the 23 students in the one 4th grade section affected at Valley Ranch Elementary.

Attached to this memo are the required waiver request and the compliance plan. Both documents require Board of Trustee approval, as well as Superintendent and Board President signatures.

Recommendation: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the Texas Education Agency Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver Exception form and the Compliance Plan as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112.