

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1C. Action

Date: February 14, 2005

SUBJECT: CLASS SIZE WAIVERS

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTES: None

Background Information:

- The Texas Education Agency requires districts to conduct a class size enrollment survey for Kindergarten through 4th grade by January 20, 2005.
- Class sections exceeding 22 students to 1 teacher must apply for a class size waiver.
- Waiver and compliance plans must be submitted to TEA by February 18, 2005.
- Last semester, class size waivers were requested for Parkview and Willis Lane Elementary.
- Class size waivers for fall were approved by TEA.
- If a section in Kindergarten-4th grade exceeds 22:1 after the reporting date, the district has 30 days to request a waiver.

Administrative Considerations:

- On February 4, 2005, a few K-4 sections exceeded the 22 students to 1 teacher ratio.
- They included:

<u>Bette Perot</u> –one section in 2nd grade has 23 students and the other 4 sections have 22 students. In the 4th grade, one section has 23 students and the other 3 sections have 22 students.

<u>Parkview</u> - three sections in the 2nd grade have 23 students and the other three sections have 22 students. In the 3rd grade, one section has 23 students, and the other five sections have 22 students.

- Class size waivers must be requested for Bette Perot and Parkview Elementary Schools for the spring semester.
- The "Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver" is attached.

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the class size waivers as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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