

**Ector County Independent School District
Odessa, Texas**

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS SIZE WAIVER
FOR SPRING SEMESTER (2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR)**

DATE: February 19, 2013

Attached is a copy of the District's request for a waiver from the class size maximum in grades K-4. Districts in excess of the 22:1 ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade must apply for a class-size waiver in September. However, when Districts must add campuses or grade levels to the waiver request after the original approval was granted, the District must send an amendment to the Texas Education Agency. This amendment does require Board approval; however it must be reported to TEA. The original waiver you approved consisted of 18 campuses with 139 classrooms in excess of the 22:1 ratio. The amendment increases the number of campuses to 19 and the number of classrooms to 162. The campus added to the waiver was San Jacinto Elementary. In order to assist with enrollment increases, a kindergarten teaching position has been requested for LBJ and the two aides previously assisting LBJ will be relocated to the kindergarten classes at Ireland.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request for the waiver amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hector Mendez
Superintendent of Schools

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