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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: February 9, 2015
cc: Dr. Mike Waldrup, Marilyn Denison, Kelly Penny, Brad Hunt

Re: 2014-15 TEA Class Size Waivers

As required by the Texas Education Code §25.112, we are required to submit a “Board approved” 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 “no later than the 30th day after the first day of the identified twelve week period”.

We filed an initial request in September, 2014, for five (5) waivers. Since that time, total elementary students have increased by twenty one students, thereby necessitating the need for five (5) additional waivers. Also, it is noted that one of the kindergarten dual language classes at Denton Creek Elementary has had 23 students, and was inadvertently not reported with the September request. This January, 2015 reporting to TEA will correct that error.

Given the growth since the start of school, we must file another request with TEA for ten (10) total class section waivers. This compares to forty-nine (49) waivers at this time last year. The boundary realignment, opening of a new campus, and adding additional elementary teachers all contributed to significantly reducing our class sizes at the elementary level district-wide.

The waivers requested include one (1) for kindergarten at Denton Creek, four (4) for 2nd grade at Lee, three (3) for 2nd grade at Town Center, and two (2) for third grade at Lee.

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. .

Recommendation: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the Texas Education Agency “Request for Maximum Class Size Exception” as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112 at the February 9, 2015, board meeting.