



Meeting Date:	September 22, 2026
Agenda Topic:	Elementary Class Size Waivers
Type of Item:	Consent
Guiding Outcome:	Excellence in Student Outcomes
Summary:	This item requests approval to apply for a maximum class size exemption waiver from the Texas Education Agency as required by Texas Education Code (TEA) 25.112. These requests are based on enrollment as of September 18, 2026.
Background Information/ Previous Board Action:	Maintaining a low student to staff ratio in all Prekindergarten through 4th grade classrooms is a goal for 2026-2027. Staffing guidelines for the 2026-2027 school year are 22:1 in Prekindergarten – 1st grade; 24:1 in 2nd - 4th grade; 28:1 in 5th grade. In situations where enrollment warrants additional support, instructional aides and substitute teachers may be assigned to support student learning and teacher instruction. Consideration(s) of additional FTEs and/or instructional aides are carefully weighed in collaboration with principal recommendations and student growth.
Potential Operational Impact:	The shortage of certified teachers willing to teach in public schools along combined with limited resources continues to impede the district's ability to fill FTEs.
Potential Financial Impact	The district will maintain fiscal responsibility while addressing limited basic allotment funding. Fiscal Impact to add teaching units is \$3,198,000 (41 FTEs).
Recommendation (Consent or New Business Only):	It is recommended to approve class size waivers as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.
Division:	Human Resources
Department:	Elementary Staffing
Staff Member(s) Responsible:	Jason Liewehr, Executive Director of Human Resources
Attachments:	