



COPPELL
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Board Action Required ☒

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Cooper Hilton, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Administrative Services
Date: September 21, 2026

cc: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Carol Snowden

Re: Class Size Waivers

Texas Education Code §25.112 requires class size waivers for any PreKinder - 4th grade classrooms that exceed the 22 student class size limit. Districts seeking exemptions must notify the Commissioner and apply for an exemption no later than 1) October 1st or 2) the 30th day after the 1st day the school exceeded the limit.

Coppell ISD elementary schools currently have 17 classes exceeding the 22 student limit:

- Austin Elementary - 3 first grade classrooms, 3 third grade classrooms
- Canyon Ranch Elementary - 3 third grade classrooms
- Cottonwood Creek Elementary - 1 first grade classroom
- Lakeside - 2 third grade classrooms
- Richard J. Lee Elementary - 2 fourth grade classrooms
- Mockingbird Elementary - 2 fourth grade classrooms
- Wilson - 1 third grade classroom

In classrooms exceeding the 22 student cap, campus Principals partner with educators and campus instructional leaders to ensure additional supports are in place. Additionally, campus structures such as team design days, collaborative team times, and commonly created assessments promote shared ownership of learner success to ensure high levels of achievement and growth for all students.

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION: I move the Board approve the class size waivers as presented.