

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: October 26, 2026

Agenda Item: L.4

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of Class Size Exceptions

Administrator Responsible/Position: Christina Courson, Chief Human Resources Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☐ Local Policy: ☒ Law or Rule:
FB (Legal) – Equal Educational Opportunity

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The district must submit a request to the Board and TEA for a class size exception for any PK-4 classroom exceeding 24 students. The District of Innovation Plan allows exemptions up to 24:1. The class size requirement applies throughout the school year except during any 12-week period selected by the district with a significant percentage of migratory students or the last 12 weeks of any school year.

To apply for an exception, the class size limit must create an undue hardship on the district. The following factors are considered by the commissioner:

- Unanticipated enrollment growth
- Lack of facilities
- Lack of teachers
- Financial hardships

The district must now apply for class size exceptions and seeks approval from the Board before the application to the Texas Education Agency.

D. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

E. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the waivers presented.

F. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

G. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Christina Courson

Evaluation method and timeline: HR will monitor ratios daily.

Next report to the Board:

H. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve class size exceptions, as presented and discussed.