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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Gina Ramirez, Executive Director of Human Resources
Subject: Class Size Waiver Information
Date: November 18, 2026

HISTORY:

At the beginning of each school year, Texas school districts are required to review class enrollment counts in Prekindergarten through Grade 4 to ensure compliance with the state-mandated class size ratio of 22 students to 1 teacher, as established under Texas Education Code §25.112 and the SEISD District of Innovation Plan. Student enrollment and class sizes are continuously monitored throughout the school year.

When a class exceeds the statutory limit, the district must submit a class size waiver request in accordance with Texas Education Code §25.112(d). The request must be approved and signed by the Superintendent and submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) within the later of: (1) October 1, or (2) the 30th day after the first school day on which the district exceeds the class size limit.

RATIONALE:

Current enrollment monitoring indicates that one elementary classroom section at Josefa L. Sambrano exceeds the state-mandated 22:1 student-to-teacher ratio for the sections listed below.

- Bilingual Prekindergarten-4 (PK4) section; total students 23.
- Monolingual Kindergarten section; total students 24.
- Monolingual First Grade Section; total students 25.

In accordance with Texas Education Code §7.056 regarding Waivers and Exemptions, the Superintendent has submitted a class size waiver request through the Texas Education Agency's TEAL system. Approval or denial of the waiver request is subject to the discretion of the Commissioner of Education.

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BUDGET IMPACT:
There is no direct budget impact associated with the submission of the class size waiver request. Approval of the waiver will allow the District to maintain the current staffing structure while remaining in compliance with state reporting requirements. Should enrollment continue to increase and additional staffing become necessary to meet class size requirements, any associated personnel costs will be presented to the Board for consideration through the regular budget amendment process.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:
Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees acknowledge the submission of the Class Size Waiver Request to the Texas Education Agency for the identified Bilingual PK4, kindergarten and first grade classroom sections that exceed the statutory student-to-teacher as listed above. The Commissioners' approval of the waiver will enable the District to address enrollment fluctuations while continuing to provide effective instructional services and maintain compliance with applicable state requirements.

For Approval? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If not, please check one: ☐ Presentation ☐ Report ☒ Information
Please check if applicable: ☒ Attachment Included