



Board Action Required X

No Action Required

To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: September 24, 2012
cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Marilyn Denison Kelly Penny, Brad Hunt, Tracey Wallace

Re: 2012-13 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”.

Due to unanticipated student growth, and the financial hardship caused by the estimated \$6 million revenue reduction imposed by the state for the 2012-13 school year (plus \$1.5 million in lost EduJob funds), we must file a request with TEA for forty-four (44) class section waivers. As a district, we have a total of 191 K-4th class sections. The forty-four (44) waivers equate to 23.0 percent of our total K-4 sections.

The waivers requested include five for 2nd grade, fifteen for 3rd grade, and twenty-four for 4th grade. We currently do not exceed the 22:1 ratio in any Kindergarten or 1st grade class section.

Of the forty-four (44) requested waivers, no 2nd grade class exceeds 23 students, and only two (2) 3rd grade sections are at 24 students with the remaining thirteen sections at 23 students. No 4th grade section exceeds 24 students.

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 September 24, 2012, board meeting.