



**Board Action Required X**

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees  
From: Sid Grant  
Date: September 12, 2011  
cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Marilyn Denison Kelly Penny, Brad Hunt, Tracey Wallace

**Re: 2011-12 TEA Class Size Waivers**

As required by the Texas Education Code §25.112, we are required to submit a 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 October 3, 2011.

Due to unanticipated student growth, and the financial hardship caused by the estimated \$4.5 million revenue reduction imposed by the state for the 2011-12 school year, we must file a request with TEA for forty-three (43) class section waivers. As a district, we have a total of 181 K-4<sup>th</sup> class sections. The forty-three (43) waivers equate to 23.7 percent of our total K-4 sections.

The waivers requested include one for Kindergarten, six for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, ten for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, fourteen for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and twelve for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade waivers were mostly a result of sibling situations, whereas the campuses avoided splitting siblings between two or more campuses.

Of the forty-three (43) requested waivers, thirty-nine (39) of the sections contain twenty-three (23) students; and four sections contain twenty-four (24) students. The four sections with the 24:1 ratio are at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels at Wilson Elementary and were specifically requested by the teachers and campus administration in the educational best interest of these particular students in order to avoid moving these students to another campus.

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.

Attached to this memo is the required waiver request. This document requires Board of Trustee approval and the signature of the Superintendent. TEA is not requiring the Board to approve a “compliance plan” as in prior years.

**Recommendation: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the Texas Education Agency “Request for Maximum Class Size Exception” form as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112 at the September 26, 2011, board meeting.**