

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 2016-2017 Class Size Exception Waivers

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

<u>Goal #1:</u> Learning – The District shall provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, preparing students to meet or exceed educational standards.

<u>Goal #4:</u> Human Resources – The District shall recruit, hire, train, and retain a highly qualified staff. <u>Goal #5:</u> Financial/Facility – The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

Background Information:

- Per Texas law, Kindergarten through Grade 4 are required to have a 22:1 student/teacher ratio.
- Fall Waivers Spring Waivers

Coder Elementary – 7 waivers Spring 5 waivers

Kindergarten, 5 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 5 students. Currently have 3 classes that are 23:1, no action necessary.

First Grade, 2 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 2 students. Currently have 2 classes that are 23:1, no action necessary.

McCall Elementary – 3 waivers Spring 1 waiver

Kindergarten, 3 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 3 students. Currently have 1 class that is 23:1, no action necessary.

<u>Stuard Elementary – 8 waivers</u> <u>Spring 10 waivers, 1 new in 1st grade, 1 additional in 4th grade.</u>

Third Grade, 4 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 4 students. Currently have 4 classes that are 23:1, no action necessary.

Fourth Grade, 4 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 4 students. Currently have 5 classes that are 23:1. Need Board approval as this will be an additional waiver request.

First Grade, 1 class of 23:1, over by a total of 1 student. **Need Board approval as this will be a new waiver request.**

Vandagriff Elementary – 5 waivers Spring 5 waivers, 1 additional in 1st and 3rd

First Grade, 2 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 2 students. Need Board approval as there are now 3 classes of 23:1, need to add 1 additional waiver request.

Fourth Grade, 3 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 3 students. Currently have 1 class that is 23:1, no action necessary.

Third Grade, 1 class of 23:1 over by a total of 1 student. **Need Board approval as this will be a new waiver request.**

Administrative Considerations:

- In the 2015-2016 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for one elementary school that involved a total of 4 classrooms. McCall had 4 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- In the 2014-2015 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for two elementary schools that involved a total of 3 classrooms. Stuard had 1 and Vandagriff had 2 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- In the 2013-2014 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for all elementary schools that involved a total of 16 classrooms. Coder had 2, McCall and Vandagriff had 3 each, and Stuard had 8 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- Additional elementary teachers were added as follows:

2016-2017 0 teachers added

- 2015-2016 4 teachers added
- 2014-2015 7 teachers added

Fiscal Note:

• With waiver amendment: None

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver as presented. *Spring additions:*

Stuard	1 st grade	1 class, 23:1	
	4 th grade	1 class 23:1	Total of
Vandagriff	1 st grade	1 class, 23:1	Total of
	3 rd grade	1 class, 23:1	

 Total of 10 waivers for 2016-2017

 Total of 5 waivers for 2016-2017