



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** September 18, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM:** 2017-2018 Class Size Exception Waivers

**ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):**

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

Goal #4: Human Resources – The District shall recruit, hire, train, and retain a highly qualified staff.

Goal #5: 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.
- 2017-2018 Stuard Elementary: 4 waivers, 4 of the 5 fourth grade classrooms will require a waiver, each of the 4 classrooms has 23:1 or is 1 student over the maximum. There is currently 1 fourth grade classroom with 22:1. Any new enrollees to Stuard fourth grade will be sent to Vandagriff where there is adequate space to accommodate incoming fourth graders for both campuses.

**Administrative Considerations:**

- In the 2016-2017 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for all elementary schools that involved a total of 25 classrooms. Each classroom with a waiver had 23 students or 1 student over the maximum. Coder had 7, McCall had 3, Stuard had 10, and Vandagriff had 5 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- 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 (average salary = \$55,000) were added as follows:
 

2017-2018	13 teachers added	4 waivers
2016-2017	0 teachers added	25 waivers
2015-2016	4 teachers added	4 waivers
2014-2015	7 teachers added	3 waivers
2013-2014	5 teachers added	16 waivers

**Fiscal Note:**

- With waiver amendment: None

**Administrative Recommendation:**

Administration recommends approval of the Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver as presented.