



Board Action Required X

No Action Required

To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: September 23, 2013
cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Marilyn Denison, Kelly Penny, Brad Hunt, Tracey Wallace

Re: 2013-14 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, we must file a request with TEA for forty-nine (49) class section waivers. As a district, we have a total of 195 K-4th class sections. The forty-nine (49) waivers equate to 25.1 percent of our total K-4 sections. As a reminder, we added eleven additional teachers at the elementary level this 2013-14 school year to help accommodate growth and reduce class sizes. Even with the additional eleven teachers, our elementary student population grew 209 students above our projection, thereby necessitating the class size waiver request.

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

Of the forty-nine (49) requested waivers, thirty (30) sections are at 23 students, and nineteen (19) sections are at 24 students. No K-4 sections currently exceed 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 23, 2013, board meeting.