



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2018

**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 waivers previously approved:  
September 2017 for Stuard Elementary: 4 waivers, four of the five fourth grade classrooms required a waiver, each of the waiver classrooms has 23:1 or is 1 student over the maximum.
- December 2017 for Walsh Elementary: 3 waivers, both of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms and one of the three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms have 23 students (1 student over the required 22:1) and required a waiver.
- *New Waiver approval request for 2017-2018:*  
*February 2018 for Walsh Elementary: 2 waivers, both for 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms (would result in all three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms having waivers, total waivers for Walsh would now be five (2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3 in 4<sup>th</sup>)).*  
*February 2018 for Vandagriff Elementary: 1 waiver, one of the four 1st grade classrooms requires a waiver.*

### **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.
- Additional elementary teachers (average salary = \$55,000) were added as follows:  
2017-2018 13 teachers added 4 waivers  
*Total would now be: 10 waivers – Stuard has 4, Walsh has 5, Vandagriff has 1*  
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 2 Maximum Class Size Exception Waivers for Walsh Elementary in grade 4 and 1 waiver for Vandagriff Elementary in grade 1 as presented.

