# Lyon County School District Consent Agenda

**Date:** October 22, 2024

**To:** Board of School Trustees

From: Kyle Rodriguez, Fiscal Services Officer

**Re:** 2024-25 Class Size Reduction Plan

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve the FY25 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Plan to comply with the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 388.700 – 388.725 and authorization to file the plan with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### **Background Information:**

Lyon County School District (LCSD) annually develops a Class Size Reduction (CSR) plan with the goal of ultimately improving graduation rates. LCSD's CSR plan aims to foster a more personalized learning environment. Smaller classes allow teachers to give individualized attention, addressing each student's unique academic needs and learning gaps more effectively. This leads to better understanding of material, higher engagement, and increased participation, as students are more likely to feel comfortable in smaller settings. Additionally, reduced class sizes improve teacher-student relationships, helping students stay motivated and on track academically. With fewer students, teachers can provide timely and detailed feedback, which helps students perform better and stay committed to their education, ultimately leading to higher graduation rates.

The Nevada Department of Education collects this report each year to determine whether a district follows the required ratios for grades K through 6. The plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees and filed with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

NRS 388.720 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, each school district together with the recognized associations representing licensed educational personnel shall develop a plan to reduce the district's pupil-teacher ratio per class in kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 within the limits of available financial support specifically set aside for this purpose and submit that plan to the State Board. (2). In lieu of complying with the pupil-teacher ratio prescribed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 388.700, a school district in a county whose population is less than 100,000 may, in consultation with the recognized associations representing licensed educational personnel, develop a plan to reduce the district's pupil-teacher ratios per class for specified grade levels in elementary schools. Alternative ratios for grade 6 may only be approved for those school districts that include grade 6 in elementary school. The alternative pupil-teacher ratios must not:

- (a) Exceed 22 to 1 in grades 1, 2 and 3; and
- (b) Exceed 25 to 1 in grades 4 and 5 or grades 4, 5 and 6, as applicable.

The Districts current projected class size ratios for Kindergarten (17:1),  $1^{st}(20:1)$ ,  $2^{nd}(22:1)$ ,  $3^{rd}(22:1)$ ,  $4^{th}(23:1)$ ,  $5^{th}(24:1)$  and  $6^{th}(23:1)$ .

## **Budget Considerations:**

#### **Discussed at Previous Meeting:**

**Mission Statement** Lyon County School District fosters learning for life, empowers connected learners, promotes student ownership, and encourages discovery learning for success in a rapidly evolving world.

# **Attachment(s):**

Attachment A – Class Size Reduction Plan for 2024-25.

