

Consider Approval of Class Size Waivers
February 11, 2014

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval to apply for a maximum class size exemption waiver from the Texas Education Agency as required by Texas Education Code (TEA) 25.112 for Kindergarten through fourth grade for the following schools: Lee (1), Nelson (2), and W.S. Ryan (1). It is important to note, as of the last update provided on November 8, 2013, the following campuses have had reductions in the number of class size waivers:

- Borman – reduced by 1 in 2nd grade
- Evers – reduced by 2 in 3rd grade
- Hodge – reduced by 2 in 4th grade
- Houston – reduced by 2 in 4th grade
- Nelson – reduced by 3 in 3rd grade, but added 2 in 4th grade
- Pecan Creek – reduced by 1 in 4th grade
- W.S. Ryan – reduced by 1 in 3rd grade, but added 1 in 4th grade

BOARD GOAL:

Vision – In pursuit of excellence, the district will remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on campus.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow a class size enrollment survey for Kindergarten through Grade 4 no later than September.
- Passage will provide a survey of any class for Grades K-4 in Denton ISD that exceeds the allowable class size limit of 22:1.
- Passage will permit the submission of a class size waiver request form and a copy of a current compliance plan that has been approved by the local board of trustees.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Texas Education Agency will process the formal request as approved by the Denton ISD board of trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Add additional classrooms and teachers to alleviate maximum class size

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent asks the Board's approval for a maximum class size exemption waiver from the Texas Education Agency.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Robert Bostic, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment #1: Class size summary report by campus and by grade.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____