



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: December 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.
- Approved in 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. Since this approval in September a Stuard 4th grade student has moved and we now only have 3 waivers at Stuard in 4th grade.
- December 2017 we are now in need of 3 additional waivers, all at Walsh. Both of the 3rd grade classrooms have 23 students (1 student over the required 22:1) and require a waiver. One of the three 4th grade classrooms is in need of a waiver, this class also has 23 students.

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	<i>Total would now be: 7 waivers</i>
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 3 Maximum Class Size Exception Waivers for Walsh Elementary in grades 3 and 4 as presented.