

Ector County Independent School District Odessa, Texas

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Wendell Sollis, Interim Superintendent

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF WAIVER [BG-G,F]**

DATE: September 21, 2004

Attached is a copy of the District's request for a waiver from the class size maximum in grades K-4, and the compliance plan for the first semester of the 2004-05 school year. The date used for determination of the class size waiver was Friday, September 3, 2004.

We currently have one campus that has a classroom exceeding the maximum class size, Ireland Magnet.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request for waiver and the District's compliance plan as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell Sollis
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Hector Mendez
**Assistant Superintendent for Elementary
Instruction, Magnet and Testing**

ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Odessa, Texas

FALL SEMESTER 2004-2005

COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR CLASS SIZE MANDATE

Kindergarten	-	Cavazos, Goliad, Ireland, Noel, Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Travis, and Zavala
First Grade	-	Blackshear, Burnet, and Travis
Second Grade	-	Johnson
Third Grade	-	Goliad, Hays, Noel, and Johnson
Fourth Grade	-	Blackshear, Goliad, Gonzales, Jordan, Sam Houston and San Jacinto

PLAN OF ACTION

Blackshear is over the cap by five students in grade one and three students in grade four. A teacher has been added at each of these grade levels to comply with the 22:1 cap.

Burnet exceeds the cap by five students at grade one. A teacher was added and the classrooms are now balanced.

Cavazos is over the cap in kindergarten by six students. A kindergarten teacher has been added to balance the class loads and comply with the 22:1 mandate.

Goliad exceeds the cap in kindergarten by thirteen students, two students at grade three, and two students at grade four. Three teachers have been added to the grade levels exceeding the cap to bring the campus under compliance.

Gonzales is over the cap by two students in grade four. It is anticipated that normal attrition will balance the enrollment.

Hays is over the cap by three students in grade three. The bilingual classroom at that grade level will be converted into a Lep/NonLep classroom to balance the class loads.

Ireland exceeds the cap in kindergarten by two students. It is expected that normal student movement and attrition will balance the classroom. In addition, since Ireland is a magnet school it can control the number of students who can be admitted.

Johnson is over the cap by four students in grade two and five students in grade three. Two teachers have been added to comply with the 22:1 cap.

Jordan is eight students above the cap in grade four. A teacher has been hired to balance the class loads.

Noel exceeds the cap by 11 students in kindergarten and has a bilingual classroom with twenty-seven (27) students. Two teachers have been hired to bring the identified classroom into

compliance with the 22:1 cap.

Sam Houston exceeds the cap by two students in kindergarten and two students in grade four. The kindergarten bilingual classroom will be converted to a Lep/NonLep classroom to balance the class loads and an excess second grade teacher will be assigned to fourth grade.

San Jacinto is over the cap by three students in grade four. A teacher has been hired to comply with the 22:1 cap.

Travis exceeds the cap by seventeen students in kindergarten and one student in the first and fourth grade bilingual classrooms. A teacher has been hired for kindergarten, first and fourth to bring the campus into compliance with the 22:1 cap.

Zavala is six students over the cap in kindergarten. A bilingual class was converted into a Lep/NonLep classroom to balance the class loads.