



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

3B. Action

Date: September 26, 2005

SUBJECT: CLASS SIZE WAIVER

BOARD GOAL: All Students Will Achieve Educational Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires districts to conduct a class size enrollment survey for Kindergarten through 4th grade by September 1, 2005.
- Class sections exceeding 22 students to 1 teacher must apply for a class size waiver.
- Waiver and compliance plans must be submitted to TEA by October 3, 2005.
- The reason for the request must be shortage of teachers, shortage of facilities, or unanticipated growth.

Administrative Considerations:

- On September 9, 2005 the 3rd/4th grade bilingual class at Whitley Road Elementary exceeded the 22 to 1 student/teacher ratio by one student.
- A 3rd grade bilingual teaching position has been posted and advertised in order to split the 3rd/4th grade class into two classes.
- The applicant pool for certified bilingual teachers is typically very small.
- If the campus is unable to hire a certified 3rd grade bilingual teacher by September 30, then the waiver will be submitted to TEA and the campus will hire a bilingual teacher aide to provide classroom support.
- If the campus is able to hire a certified 3rd grade bilingual teacher by September 30, then the waiver will be withdrawn.
- Attachment includes the "Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver" for Whitley Road Elementary.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the class size waiver for the 3rd/4th grade bilingual class at Whitley Road Elementary as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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