

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 2016-2017 Class Size Exception Waivers

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

<u>Goal #1:</u> Learning – The District shall provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, preparing students to meet or exceed educational standards.

<u>Goal #4:</u> Human Resources – The District shall recruit, hire, train, and retain a highly qualified staff. <u>Goal #5:</u> 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.

We have a total of 23 waivers for this school year at this time. They are as follows:

Coder Elementary – 7 waivers

Kindergarten, 5 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 5 students

First Grade, 2 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 2 students

McCall Elementary - 3 waivers

Kindergarten, 3 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 3 students

Stuard Elementary – 8 waivers

Third Grade, 4 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 4 students

Fourth Grade, 4 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 4 students

Vandagriff Elementary – 5 waivers

First Grade, 2 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 2 students

Fourth Grade, 3 classes of 23:1, over by a total of 3 students

Administrative Considerations:

- In the 2015-2016 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for one elementary school that involved a total of 4 classrooms. McCall had 4 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- In the 2014-2015 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for two elementary schools that involved a total of 3 classrooms. Stuard had 1 and Vandagriff had 2 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- In the 2013-2014 school year, the District received a Class Size Waiver for all elementary schools that involved a total of 16 classrooms. Coder had 2, McCall and Vandagriff had 3 each, and Stuard had 8 classrooms that exceeded the 22:1.
- Additional elementary teachers were added as follows:

2016-2017 0 teachers added

2015-2016 4 teachers added

2014-2015 7 teachers added

Fiscal Note:

With waiver amendment: None

Administrative Recommendation:

Administration recommends approval of the Maximum Class Size Exception Waiver as presented.