

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: 2015-2016 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 4 waivers for this school year at this time. They are as follows: <u>McCall Elementary – 4 waivers</u> 2nd grade, 2 classes of 23:1, 2 classes of 24:1– over by a total of 6 students

Administrative Considerations:

- 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.
- In the 2012-2013 school year the District received a Class Size Waiver for 3 elementary schools, Coder, Stuard, and Vandagriff, that involved a total of 6 waivers. Coder and Vandagriff each had 1 classroom that exceeded 22:1 and Stuard had 4 classrooms that exceeded 22:1.
- Additional elementary teachers were added as follows:
 - 5 in 2013-2014
 - 7 in 2014-2015
 - 4 in 2015-2016

Fiscal Note:

• With waiver amendment: None

Administrative Recommendation:

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