BOARD OF EDUCATION BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: September 16, 2008

Subject: <u>TEA Class Size Wavier</u> and Compliance Plan Submitted By: <u>Nancy Jones</u> Related Pages: <u>None</u>

ACTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each school district in Texas is required to conduct a class size enrollment survey for Kindergarten through Grade 4 no later than September 11, 2008. If the survey indicates that any class for Grades K-4 exceeds the allowable class size limit of 22:1, the district must submit the enclosed class size waiver request <u>and</u> the current approved compliance plan to the State Waiver Unit by October 10, 2008.

Currently, in grades 3 and 4, there are eight (8) sections out of compliance with the 22:1 ratio. Please see the attached Request for Maximum Class Size Waiver and the Class Size Waiver Compliance Plan for more information on these grade levels. We are concerned about grade 3 because it is over by more students than may withdraw and it is also a TAKS and a Student Success Initiative grade level. For that reason, we are working on hiring an additional third grade teacher. For fourth grade, we are requesting to review the enrollment on a weekly basis through the first semester. If the enrollment in fourth grade is still large in January 2009, we will consider hiring an additional teacher.

As of September 5, kindergarten had 8 openings, first grade had 17 openings, and second grade had 14 openings.

The compliance plan must approved by the board of trustees, before it is sent to TEA.

ITEMS ADDRESSED:

TEA Class Size Waiver and Class Size Waiver Compliance Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of TEA Class Size Waiver and Class Size Waiver Compliance Plan

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

None