



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent
From: Glynn Walker, Deputy Superintendent
Date: October 16, 2014
Subject: Request for Class Size Waivers
Agenda Item: I-1
Board Priority/ District Goal: 2, 3
1, 2

BACKGROUND

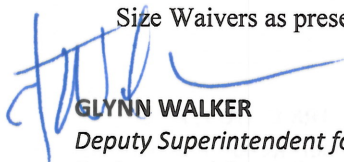
The Texas Education Code Education Code section 25.112 allows school districts to request class size waivers when any class enrollment in grades Kindergarten through Fourth exceeds twenty-two (22) students. In considering whether to grant an exception, the Texas Commissioner of Education must find that the class size limit creates an undue hardship on the district. The commissioner will consider such things as unanticipated enrollment growth, lack of facilities, lack of teachers, or financial hardships. A campus or district that is granted a class size exception shall provide written notice of the exception to the parent (or person standing in parental relation to) of each student affected by the exception.

According to CSISD Board Policy, we must receive comments from a campus or district committee before proceeding with the waiver process. This action was accomplished at the October 8, 2014 District Educational Improvement Council meeting, at which there was unanimous approval to request the class size waivers. The official class size waiver request identifies one Kindergarten class at South Knoll Elementary and one Kindergarten class at Southwood Valley Elementary. There is some enrollment fluctuations on both campuses and additional waivers may be requested in the near future.

In discussions with the principals, it was recommended that we add support staff and not split the current classes. Consequently, we have already added paraprofessional staff as requested. In our waiver request, we will state that our immediate remedy is the addition of support staff and the future remedy is the opening of our ninth elementary school in August 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve this Request for Class Size Waivers as presented.


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