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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Mike Martindale, Deputy Superintendent

Date: September 13, 2017

Subject: Request for Class Size Waiver for third grade at South Knoll Elementary

Agenda Item: I-4.

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 2, 3, Goal 1,2

BACKGROUND

The Texas 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.

The official class size waiver request identifies two third grade classes at South Knoll Elementary. 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 September 13, 2017 District Educational Improvement Council meeting, at which there was unanimous approval to request the class size waiver.

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In discussions with the principal, it was recommended that we add support staff in lieu of creating another classroom and redistributing students.

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 tenth elementary school in August 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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