



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HATTIE MAE WHITE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER
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Date: January 4, 2021

Campus: Shadydale Elementary School

Dear Parents:

State law in Texas requires that students in grades kindergarten through four must be assigned to a class with an enrollment of 22 students per teacher. This law does not apply to physical education or fine arts classes, but does apply to other elementary school classes. At the beginning of the school year, each school district in Texas is required to review its class size enrollment to determine whether there are classes in the district that do not meet the requirements of this law, Texas Education (TEC) Code §25.112. If the review indicates that any class for grades K-4 exceeds the allowable class size limit of 22 students per class (22:1), the district must submit a request for exception under TEC §25.112(d). An exception request must be approved by the school district's board of trustees.

Our school has applied for an exception to the requirements of TEC §25.112 for Mr./Ms. Mr. Galvan-Fuentes's class since there are currently 26 students assigned to this class. While we make every effort to comply with the law, factors beyond our control may impact our maintaining the class size limit. This exception is requested for our campus due to the reasons indicated below:

- ☐ Facilities limitations preventing our adding an additional class.
- ☐ Teachers not being available to teach this grade and program type.
- ☒ Unanticipated growth in enrollment at certain grade levels
- ☐ Financial Hardship making it impractical to hire additional teachers
- ☐ Other:

As we plan for next school year, we will do our best to eliminate the need for further exceptions.

Thank you for your support of our school.

Sincerely,

Principal