



SIERRA VISTA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Mrs. Jayme Allsman, President
Hart District Teacher's Association

Dear Mrs. Allsman,

I am submitting this communication in accordance to Article XXXVIII of the Hart District Certificated Contract. On Tuesday, March 28, 2017 and Wednesday, March 29, 2017 the certificated faculty of Sierra Vista Junior High School participated in a site based vote on a proposal regarding our Opportunity Room.

This proposal passed with at least a 75% vote. Following are the details for your review:

- Certificated Faculty was provided updated data regarding class suspensions for the 2016-2017 school year through administration and HDTA Site Representative Mrs. Kellie Kontis. Further discussion regarding OR took place with certificated staff with Leadership Meetings, Department meetings, Team meetings, and via e-mail communications to certificated staff which contained prior year information to ensure that both first and second year decisions were within the same intent.
- Here is a copy of the ballot provided to all certificated staff for 2017-2018 voting:

BALLOT FOR 2017-18 OPPORTUNITY ROOM

For the 2017-18 school year at Sierra Vista Junior High School, I am in favor to:



YES, continuing removing OR class allocation from master schedule staffed by a teacher and reduce class size to contractual number (§12.1.1).

NO, reinstate OR class allocation in master schedule staffed by a teacher (6 class periods) AND continue class size contractual number plus one student (§12.1.1, +1).

***As of 2015-2016, Sierra Vista's former site based decision was voted to secure a location on campus to house disruptive/defiant students and it evolved into a testing center and place for discipline issues. In 2015-16, five periods of OR were covered by certificated members (with a class size allocation of one) and one period by the office.

****In April of 2016, Sierra Vista's certificated staff voted to remove the OR class allocation from the master schedule staffed by a teacher and to reduce class size to contractual number (§12.1.1). The proposal passed with 86.2% (50 Yes votes, 7 no votes, and 1 non vote(counted as a no vote). During the 2016-2017 school year, students receiving a teacher elected class suspension were supervised in the Administration Office. Here is a copy of the ballot provided to all certificated staff for 2016-2017 voting:

BALLOT FOR 2016-17 OPPORTUNITY ROOM

For the 2016-17 school year at Sierra Vista Junior High School, I am in favor to:



- YES**, remove OR class allocation from master schedule staffed by a teacher and reduce class size to contractual number (§12.1.1).
- NO**, continue OR class allocation in master schedule staffed by a teacher (6 class periods) AND continue class size contractual number plus one student (§12.1.1, +1).

The results of our 2017-2018 vote (March 28, 2017 and March 29, 2017) determined:

- 57 Certificated staff members were permitted to vote in this procedure (3 administrators, 3 counselors, 1 librarian, 1 psychologist, and 49 teachers).
- Proper procedures as outlined by HDTA leadership were followed (rules pertaining to long term subs, part-time employees, etc.)
- It was determined that 43 votes were necessary for either proposal to pass (75% of 57).
- For this proposal, **45 yes votes** were cast and **10 no votes** were cast. There were **2 non-votes (due to family emergency and teacher out of town)** which we counted procedurally as no votes).
- The proposal passed with 79%.
- According to HDTA protocols, this is the second year that the certificated staff of Sierra Vista Junior High School has passed a proposal for the continued removal of OR class allocation from the master schedule staffed by a teacher and to reduce class size to contractual number (§12.1.1). With this second consecutive annual passage, the removal of OR will become a site based practice for future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Hoffman".

Carolyn Hoffman, Principal
Sierra Vista Junior High School