



Equal Class Size for STEM K-8

Please use the information and tools in this hand out to take action to tell school district administrators and the school board that STEM K-8 deserves the same class sizes as our neighborhood schools in the coming 2018/2019 school year.



Background

It has come to the attention of the PTA that our enrollment allocations for the coming 2018/19 school year ***will not be equal*** to those of our non-Title 1 neighborhood elementary schools.

While class size reductions are being instituted for our neighborhood K-5's lowering their K-2 classes to 20/21 students per class, STEM is due to be enrolled at 26/27 students per classroom. This is the case for all K-8s in our district. Please see our full letter to the administration and board for more information and help us take action to change these unfair enrollment decisions.

K – 8 Enrollment Contractual #	Non-High Poverty Staffing	Impact at STEM	Non-High Poverty Staffing
K = 26 students	K = 20	2 x 26 = 52	K = 2 + K s
1 st = 26 students	1 st = 21	2 x 26 = 52	1 st = 2 + Firsts
2 nd = 26 students	2 nd = 23	2 x 26 = 52	2 nd = 2+ Seconds
3 rd = 26 students	3 rd = 23	2 x 26 = 52	3 rd = 3+ Thirds
4 th = 28 Students	4 th = 27	2 x 28 = 56	4 th = 2 + overage pay
5 th = 28 students	5 th = 27	2 x 28 = 56	5 th = 2+ overage pay
6 th = 30 students	6 th = 30?	2 x 30 = 60	6 th = 2
7 th = 30 students	7 th = 30?	2 x 30 = 60	7 th = 2
8 th = 30 students	8 th = 30?	2 x 30	

Our understanding is that the last day to submit waivers for enrollment changes is March 8, 2018. The next school board meeting is March 7, 2018 at 4:15pm. We have the opportunity to testify on this matter at this board meeting, should that feel necessary.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date and Time March 7 2018 4:15 PM to 8:30 PM

Location Auditorium, JSCEE

Meeting Agendas are posted [here](#) by the end of day on the Friday before the meeting. Archives of Board meetings can be found [here](#).

Description Regular legislative sessions of the Board of Directors are held in the first floor Auditorium of the John Stanford Center located at 2445 - 3rd Avenue South. Please visit this [page](#) for information on ADA Access.

Letter Template and emails addresses:

You can send emails to our school administration and the school board. Feel free to use the template and emails below:

Dear _____

I am a parent at STEM K-8 and it has come to my attention that our classrooms will be enrolled next school year at numbers that are not equal to our neighborhood schools. Bigger class sizes leave kids at STEM at a disadvantage and overload our teachers and staff unfairly.

We ask that you reconsider your enrollment numbers for next year and give our teachers and students equal class sizes. We want our K-2 students to gain the same advantages from lower class sizes as our neighborhood schools without any impact to our school budget or staff.

Add personal note or story here

Sincerely,

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