**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)**

**Schedule 4(e)**

**of the**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM**
**(REGULAR)**

**MEETING DATE:** **2008-10-09**

**TOPIC:** **REPORT ON CLASS SIZES**

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A. 2008/09 CLASS SIZE CALCULATION

The School Act requires the Board of Education to declare and report on various class sizes to the Minister of Education:

The required class size determinations are as follows:

i) the average class size, in the aggregate for kindergarten classes in the school district as of September 30th was **18.3** which is under the School Act maximum average of 19;

ii) the average class size, in the aggregate, for grades 1 to 3 in the school district as of September 30th was **20.8** which is under the School Act maximum average of 21;

iii) the average class size, in the aggregate, for grades 4 to 7 in the school district as of September 30th was **25.5** which is under the School Act maximum average of 28, and;

iv) the average class size, in the aggregate, for grades 8 to 12 in the school district as of September 30th was **26.4** which is under the School Act maximum average of 30.

v) no kindergarten class exceeded the legislated cap of 22 students.

vi) no Grades 1 to 3 class exceeded the legislated cap of 24 students.

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B. Distribution of Class Sizes

Attached to this report are two class size distribution charts. The first illustrates the distribution of elementary school class sizes for the entire school district. Sixty (60) percent of the classes have twenty-three (23) or fewer students. Only one school had a class size of 32 students in grade 7 and consent was given by the teacher based on it being appropriate for student learning.

The second distribution chart illustrates the distribution of secondary school class sizes for the district's nineteen (19) secondary schools. Eighty-eight (88) percent of secondary classes have thirty (30) or fewer students. Classes with thirty-five (35) students or more can be categorized as band, drama/theatre, leadership and physical education classes. There was also one (1) Math 12 Honours class with thirty-five (35) students, one (1) English 8-12 class with thirty-six (36) students and one (1) IB – Theory of Knowledge class with forty-four (44) students.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:**

1. THAT the Board receive this report.

Enclosures:

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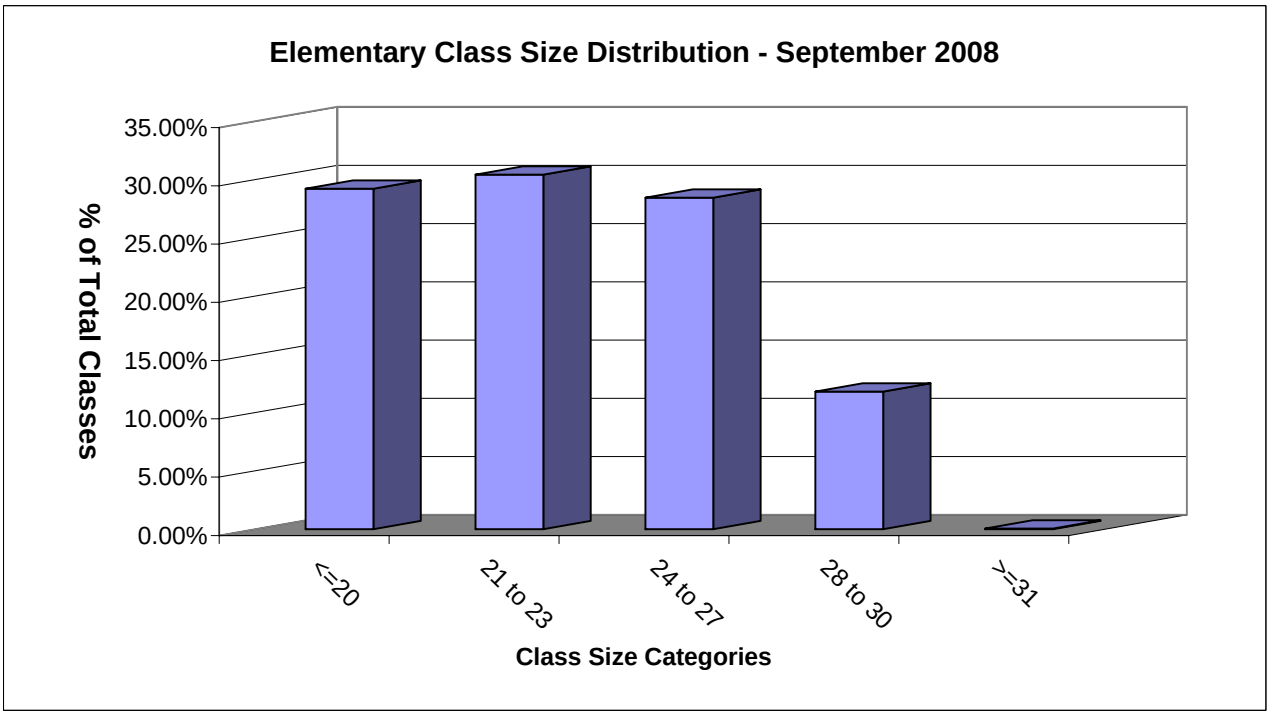
Submitted by:_____
Brian Bastien, Associate Superintendent

Approved by: _____
M.A. McKay, Superintendent

## School District #36 (Surrey)
## September 2008 - Distribution of Elementary Class Sizes




## School District #36 (Surrey)
## Elementary Comparison of Class Size Distribution - Sept 06 to Sept 08

**As of September 2008**

| Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <=20 | 485 | 29.23% |
| 21 to 23 | 505 | 30.44% |
| 24 to 27 | 472 | 28.45% |
| 28 to 30 | 196 | 11.81% |
| >=31 | 1 | 0.06% |
| | | |
| Total | 1659 | 100.00% |

**As of September 2007**

| Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <=20 | 511 | 30.64% |
| 21 to 23 | 467 | 28.00% |
| 24 to 27 | 496 | 29.74% |
| 28 to 30 | 194 | 11.63% |
| >=31 | 0 | 0.00% |
| | | |
| Total | 1668 | 100.00% |

**As of September 2006**

| Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <=20 | 501 | 30.35% |
| 21 to 23 | 491 | 29.74% |
| 24 to 27 | 478 | 28.95% |
| 28 to 30 | 200 | 12.11% |
| >=31 | 1 | 0.06% |
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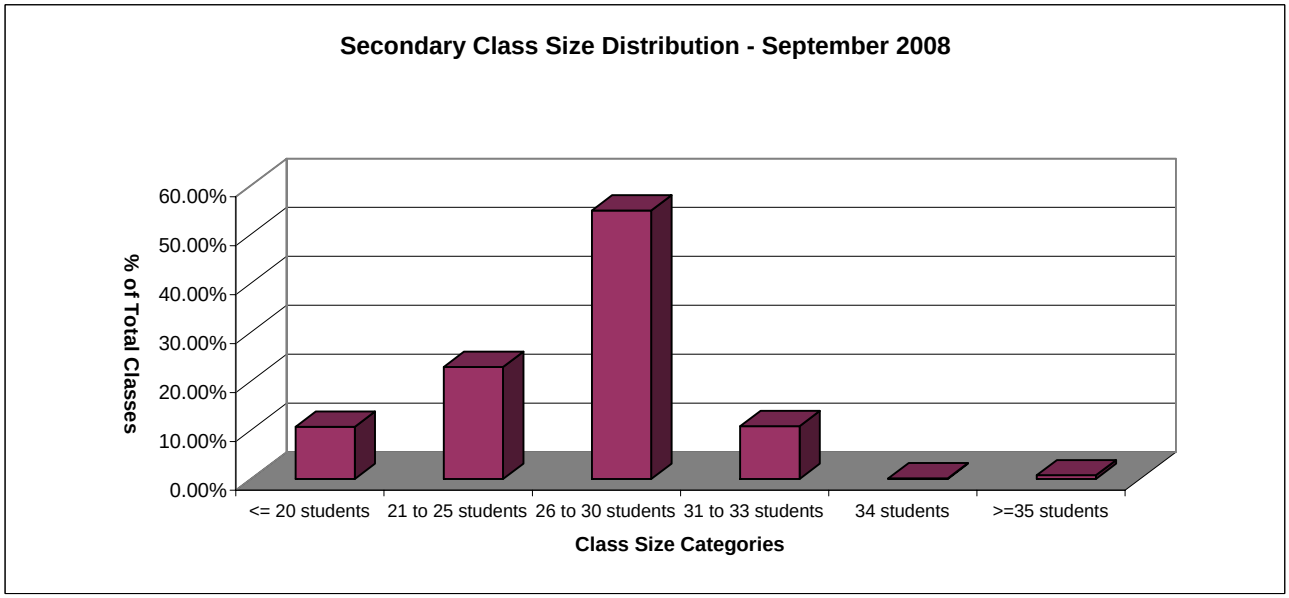
| Total | 1651 | 100.00% |

Data as of: September 2008

Prepared by: Human Resources Department

# School District #36 (Surrey)
# September 2008 - Distribution of Secondary Class Sizes




# School District #36 (Surrey)
# Secondary Comparison of Class Size Distribution - Sept 06 to Sept 08

**As of September 2008**

| Class Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <= 20 | 411 | 10.63% |
| 21 to 25 | 884 | 22.87% |
| 26 to 30 | 2121 | 54.86% |
| 31 to 33 | 417 | 10.79% |
| 34 | 5 | 0.13% |
| 35 | 8 | 0.21% |
| 36 | 6 | 0.16% |
| 37 | 1 | 0.03% |
| 38 | 1 | 0.03% |
| >=39 | 12 | 0.31% |
| | | |
| **Total** | **3866** | **100.00%** |

**As of September 2007**

| Class Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <= 20 | 422 | 11.29% |
| 21 to 25 | 761 | 20.35% |
| 26 to 30 | 2128 | 56.91% |
| 31 to 33 | 390 | 10.43% |
| 34 | 10 | 0.27% |
| 35 | 8 | 0.21% |
| 36 | 1 | 0.03% |
| 37 | 2 | 0.05% |
| 38 | 3 | 0.08% |
| >=39 | 14 | 0.37% |
| | | |
| **Total** | **3739** | **100.00%** |

**As of September 2006**

| Class Size Range | # of Classes | % of Classes |
|---|---|---|
| <= 20 | 368 | 10.42% |
| 21 to 25 | 708 | 20.04% |
| 26 to 30 | 2110 | 59.72% |
| 31 to 33 | 309 | 8.75% |
| 34 | 11 | 0.31% |
| 35 | 3 | 0.08% |
| 36 | 3 | 0.08% |
| 37 | 1 | 0.03% |
| 38 | 2 | 0.06% |
| >=39 | 18 | 0.51% |
| | | |
| **Total** | **3533** | **100.00%** |