



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

**Schedule  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM**

**MEETING DATE: 2010-11-25**

**TOPIC: CLASS SIZE, COMPOSITION AND CONSULTATION DATA  
2010/11 SCHOOL YEAR**

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A review of the September, 2010 data arising from the application of Section 76.3 of the *School Act* with regard to Principal/Teacher consultations, class sizes and composition has now been completed and is addressed in this report.

**Distribution of Class Sizes**

The distribution of elementary school classes is found at Table 1 and is similar to that which has been in place in the preceding two school years.

All elementary school enrolling classes had 30 or fewer students.

The distribution of secondary school classes is found at Table 2 and is also similar to the two prior years. Secondary school classes with 33 students or less comprise 98.8% of all secondary school classes. Classes with 26 to 30 students comprised 58.1% of all secondary school classes.

The class size averages as of September 30<sup>th</sup> were all below the legislated class size averages and were as follows:

- Kindergarten: 18.7 (legislated maximum is 19)
- Gr. 1 to 3: 20.8 (legislated maximum is 21)
- Gr. 4 to 7: 25.8 (legislated maximum is 28)

- Gr. 8-12: 26.4 (legislated maximum is 30)

### **Principal-Teacher Consultations**

The *School Act* provides for principals to “consult” with teachers of all Grade 8 to Grade 12 classes with more than 30 students. Similarly, principal-teacher consultations are also to be provided for teachers of any class containing more than 3 IEP students.

### **Teacher Agreements/Disagreements with Classes**

The *School Act* requires that each class be organized such that it is appropriate for student learning in the opinion of the principal and superintendent. In this regard, of the 222 elementary classes with more than 3 IEPs, 61.4% of the teachers agreed that their classes were appropriate for student learning. Teachers had no opinion 2.2% of the time and 15.4% of the teachers with classes with more than 3 IEP students disagreed with their class. Teachers waived their opportunity for a formal consultation 21.0% of the time. (see Table 3)

With regard to secondary classes with over 30 students and/or 3 IEP students, 38.3% of the teachers agreed with their classes, 7.2% expressed no opinion and 12.1% of the teachers with more than 30 students and/or 3 IEP students disagreed with their classes. Teachers waived their opportunity for a formal consultation 42.4% of the time. (see Table 4)

In instances where the teachers waived their opportunity for a formal consultation, it should not be taken to mean that these teachers have not engaged in discussions or the sharing of information. It only means that these teachers chose to not engage in the formal consultation process.

Where teachers disagreed with their classes the principals and Superintendent were of the opinion that the classes were appropriate for student learning.

**Classes With More Than 3 IEPs**

The percentage of elementary classes with more than 3 IEP students was 13.3%. This was greater than the prior two years (10.9% % in 2009/10 and 8.9% in 2008/09 – see Table 4). It reflects the increase in the number of IEP students and a greater propensity to reduce the number of classes with an even “higher” number of IEP students.

Similarly, the percentage of secondary classes with more than 3 IEP students has also increased to 20.3% (17.1 % in 2009/10 and 15.7% in 2008/09).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board receive the information contained in the report on Class Size, Composition and Consultation Data.

Enclosures:

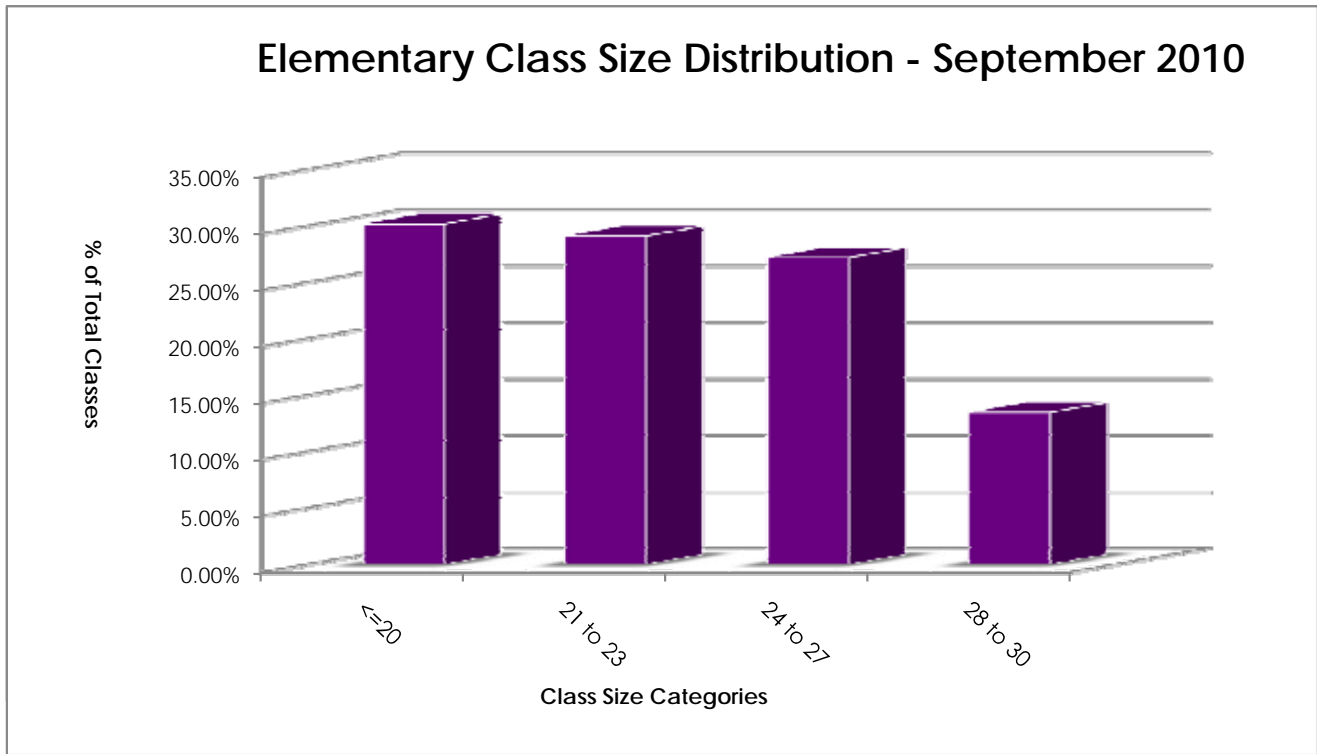


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**Table 1**  
**School District #36 (Surrey)**  
**September 2010 - Distribution of Elementary Class Sizes**



**School District #36 (Surrey)**  
**Elementary Comparison of Class Size Distribution - Sept 08 to Sept 10**

**As of September 2010**

Size Range	# of Classes	% of Classes
<=20	506	30.19%
21 to 23	488	29.12%
24 to 27	456	27.21%
28 to 30	226	13.48%
Total	1676	100.00%

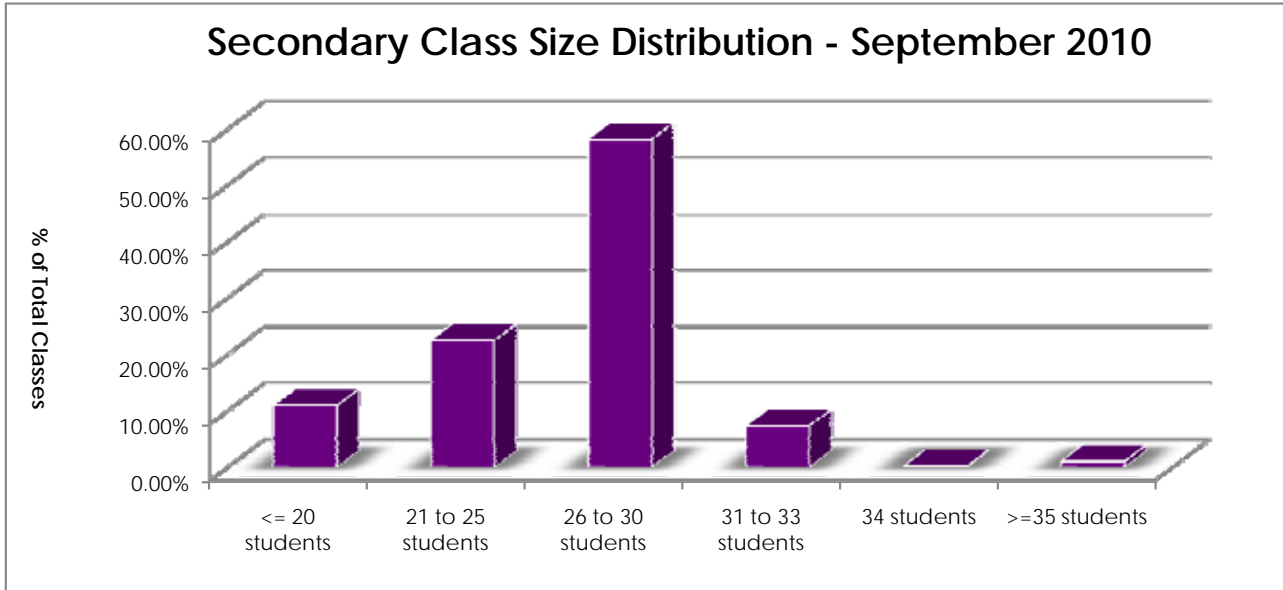
**As of September 2009**

Size Range	# of Classes	% of Classes
<=20	507	30.23%
21 to 23	492	29.34%
24 to 27	511	30.47%
28 to 30	166	9.90%
>=31	1	0.06%
Total	1677	100.00%

**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%

**Table 2**  
**School District #36 (Surrey)**  
**September 2010 - Distribution of Secondary Class Sizes**



**School District #36 (Surrey)**  
**Secondary Comparison of Class Size Distribution - Sept 08 to Sept 10**

**As of September 2010**

Class Size Range	# of Classes	% of Classes
<= 20	455	10.92%
21 to 25	937	22.49%
26 to 30	2422	58.14%
31 to 33	303	7.27%
34	6	0.14%
35	8	0.19%
36	6	0.14%
37	7	0.17%
38	0	0.00%
>=39	22	0.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4166</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**As of September 2009**

Class Size Range	# of Classes	% of Classes
<= 20	408	10.51%
21 to 25	783	20.17%
26 to 30	2242	57.75%
31 to 33	412	10.61%
34	12	0.31%
35	5	0.13%
36	7	0.18%
37	2	0.05%
38	0	0.00%
>=39	11	0.28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3882</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3866</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**School District #36 (Surrey)**  
**September 2010 - Summary of Class Size/Composition**

**Table 3 - Elementary Schools**

- # of Elementary Enrolling Classes (K-7) 1676
- Kindergarten Class Size Average 18.2
- Primary Class Size Average 20.7
- Intermediate Class Size Average 25.5

**Summary of Enrolling Classes where Consultation was Required (2007-2010)**

	2010	2009	2008	2007
Classes with more than 30 Students	0	1	1	0
% of Total Classes	0.00%	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%
Classes with more than 3 Students with IEPs	222	182	148	124
% of Total Classes	13.25%	10.85%	8.92%	7.43%

**Summary of Consultation Outcome (2010)**

	2010
% of Agrees	61.42%
% of Disagrees	15.43%
% of No Opinions	2.16%
% of Consultations Waived	20.99%

**Table 4 - Secondary Schools**

- # of Secondary Classes (8-12) 4165
- Secondary Class Size Average 26.4

**Summary of Secondary Classes where Consultation was Required (2007-2010)**

	2010	2009	2008	2007
Classes with more than 30 Students	352	449	451	430
% of Total Classes	8.90%	11.36%	11.67%	11.50%
Classes with more than 3 Students with IEPs	789	664	605	531
% of Total Classes	20.32%	17.10%	15.65%	14.20%

**Summary of Consultation Outcome (2010)**

	2010
% of Agrees	38.27%
% of Disagrees	12.13%
% of No Opinions	7.23%
% of Consultations Waived	42.37%