



# CLASS SIZE REDUCTION

School Board Workshop  
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# Current Constitutional Requirement

Article IX, Section (1)(a):

To assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the beginning of the 2010 school year, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so that:

- ▣ (1) The maximum number of students who are assigned to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for **prekindergarten through grade 3** does not exceed **18 students**;
- ▣ (2) The maximum number of students who are assigned to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for **grades 4 through 8** does not exceed **22 students**; and
- ▣ (3) The maximum number of students who are assigned to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for **grades 9 through 12** does not exceed **25 students**.

The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to extracurricular classes. **Payment of the costs associated with reducing class size to meet these requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of local schools districts.**

# LCS Strategies

1. Co-Teachers
2. Associate Teachers
3. Maximize enrollment in Electives
4. Reduce course offerings
5. Multi-age classrooms



# Meeting CSR

# of Students out of Compliance	
2009-10	1,906
2010-11	168

99.5% Compliance

# The cost of full compliance...

- ▣ Leon County Schools spent **\$3 million** above staffing plan to try to meet CSR
- ▣ To fully comply we would need to spend another **\$4 million** to hire new teachers for the remaining 170 students.
- ▣ The maximum penalty for non-compliance of 170 students is \$518,000 and may be reduced by 75% or more to **\$129,500**

# Alternatives

- ▣ Spend another \$4 million dollars?
- ▣ Reassign students from their neighborhood schools?
- ▣ Combine Kindergarteners and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in one class?
- ▣ Make mass schedule changes?



# Superintendent Comments



## Board Member Questions