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**Joint Meeting  
Schools & Learning Council and the  
Committees on:  
21st Century Competitiveness  
Education Innovation & Career Preparation  
K-12  
Postsecondary Education**

**ACTION PACKET**

**January 8, 2008  
212 Knott  
9:15 am – 12:00 pm**

**Marco Rubio  
Speaker**

**Joe H. Pickens  
Council Chair**

# COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

## Schools & Learning Council

1/8/2008 9:15:00AM

**Location:** 212 Knott Building

**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Joe Pickens (Chair)	X		
Thad Altman	X		
Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall	X		
Marti Coley	X		
Anitere Flores	X		
Clay Ford	X		
Bill Heller	X		
Martin Kiar	X		
John Legg	X		
Janet Long	X		
Charles McBurney	X		
Seth McKeel	X		
William Proctor	X		
David Simmons	X		
Anthony Traviesa	X		
Shelley Vana	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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### Other Business Appearance:

#### Class Size

Bill Montford, CEO (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Association of District Superintendents  
203 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee Florida 32301  
Phone: 850 222-2280

#### Class Size

Andy Ford, President (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Education Association  
213 South Adams Street  
Tallahassee Florida 32301  
Phone: 850 222-2280

#### Class Size

Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only  
Florida Dept. of Education  
325 W. Gaines Street  
Tallahassee Florida  
Phone: 245-0406

#### Class Size

Jane Fletcher, Staff Director - Information Only  
OPPAGA  
111 West Madison Street  
Tallahassee Florida 32399  
Phone: 850-487-9255

#### Class Size Amendment

Wayne Blanton, Executive Director (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida School Boards Association  
203 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee Florida 32301  
Phone: 850 414-2578

#### Introduction

Eric Smith, Commissioner - Information Only  
Florida Dept. of Education  
325 W Gaines Street, Suite 1514  
Tallahassee Florida 32399  
Phone: 850 245-0507

#### Presentation

Margaret Spelling, Secretary - Information Only  
United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20202  
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# **COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

## **Schools & Learning Council**

**1/8/2008 9:15:00AM**

**Location:** 212 Knott Building

**Summary:** No Bills Considered



House of Representatives  
Schools & Learning Council  
Update on the Class Size  
Amendment

Linda Champion

Deputy Commissioner, Finance and  
Operations

January 8, 2008

## **The Constitutional Amendment**

### **Limits Class Sizes**

November 2002 establishing, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the maximum number of students in core-curricula courses assigned to a teacher in each of the following three grade groups:

- ❖ 18 students in Prekindergarten through Grade 3.
- ❖ 22 students in Grades 4 through 8
- ❖ 25 students in Grades 9 through 12

**Section 1003.03(2), Florida Statutes,**

**Implements the Constitutional Amendment by  
Establishing measures for Compliance.**

- ❖ Establishes a baseline based on data from the February 2003 student membership survey.
- ❖ Establishes a method of measuring compliance and schedule for implementation.
- ❖ Establishes requirements of those districts found to be non-compliant.

**Section 1003.03(2), Florida Statutes,**

**Schedule for Implementation of Compliance with  
the Constitutional Amendment**

**Level at Which Compliance Will Be Measured  
For All Grade Groups by Year**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Compliance Measured at</b>
<b>2003-04 to 2005-06</b>	<b>District-Level</b>
<b>2006-07 &amp; 2007-08</b>	<b>School-Level</b>
<b>2008-09 &amp; After</b>	<b>Classroom-Level</b>





# IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

- Dual enrollment
- Florida Virtual School
- Repeal policies requiring more than 24 credits for graduation
- Adopt policies to allow graduation after passing the grade 10 FCAT and completing the necessary courses
- Maximize use of instructional staff
- Reduce the cost of school construction



# IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

- Joint-use facilities
- Alternative methods of class scheduling
- Redraw school attendance zones
- Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours
- Use year-round schools and other nontraditional calendars
- Review and consider amending any collective bargaining contracts
- Any other approach not prohibited by law




# ACCOUNTABILITY – CLASS SIZE

- Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the department shall annually determine which districts do not meet the requirements.
- DOE shall develop a constitutional compliance plan for each such district which includes:
  - Redrawing school attendance zones.
- Each district school board shall implement the constitutional compliance plan developed by the state board until the district complies with the constitutional class size maximums.



## Constitutional Compliance Plan Required for the 2006-07 School Year

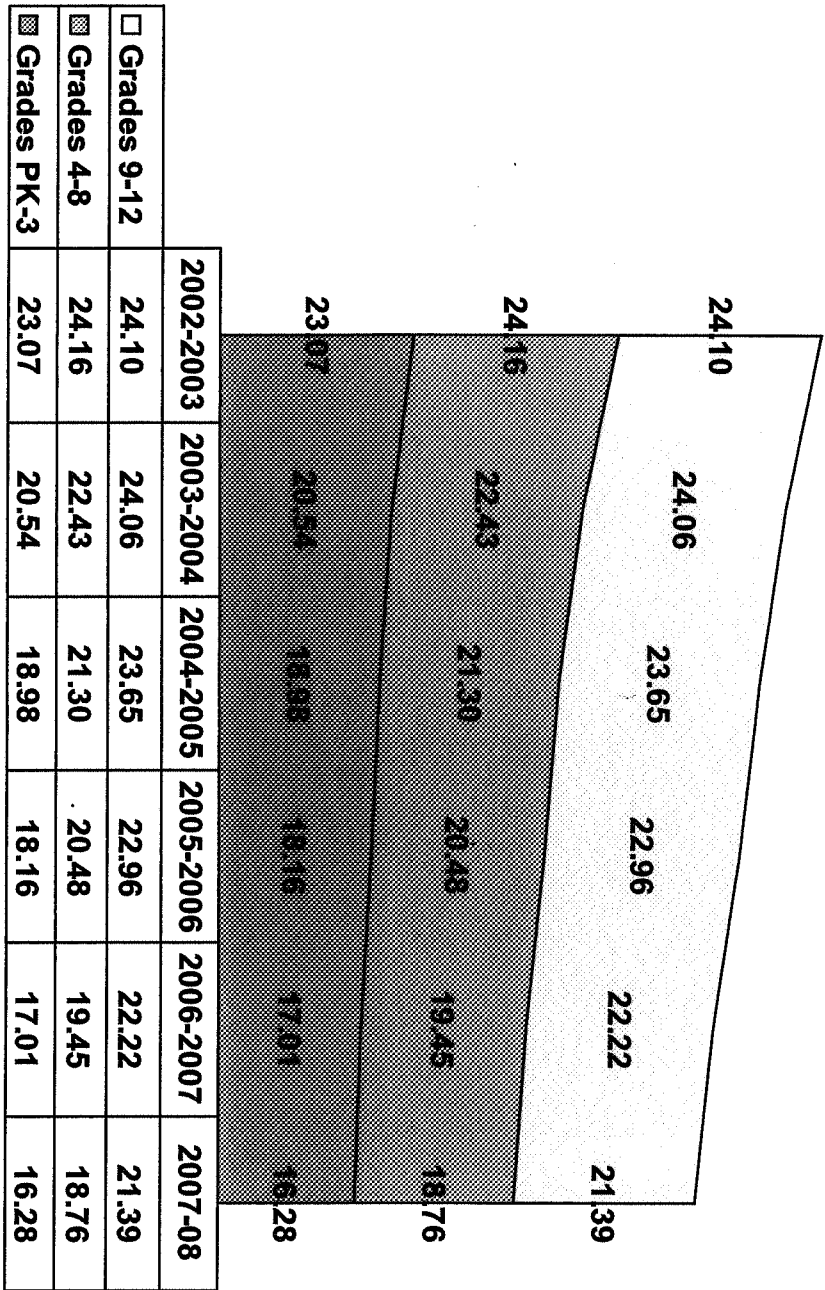
- Thirteen districts with 40 traditional public schools and 17 charter schools that failed to come into compliance in the February 2007 student membership survey



## 2006-07 Constitutional Compliance Plan Strategies

- Redrawing school attendance zones
- Adding permanent facilities
- Adding portables
- Hiring of additional instructional personnel
- Other

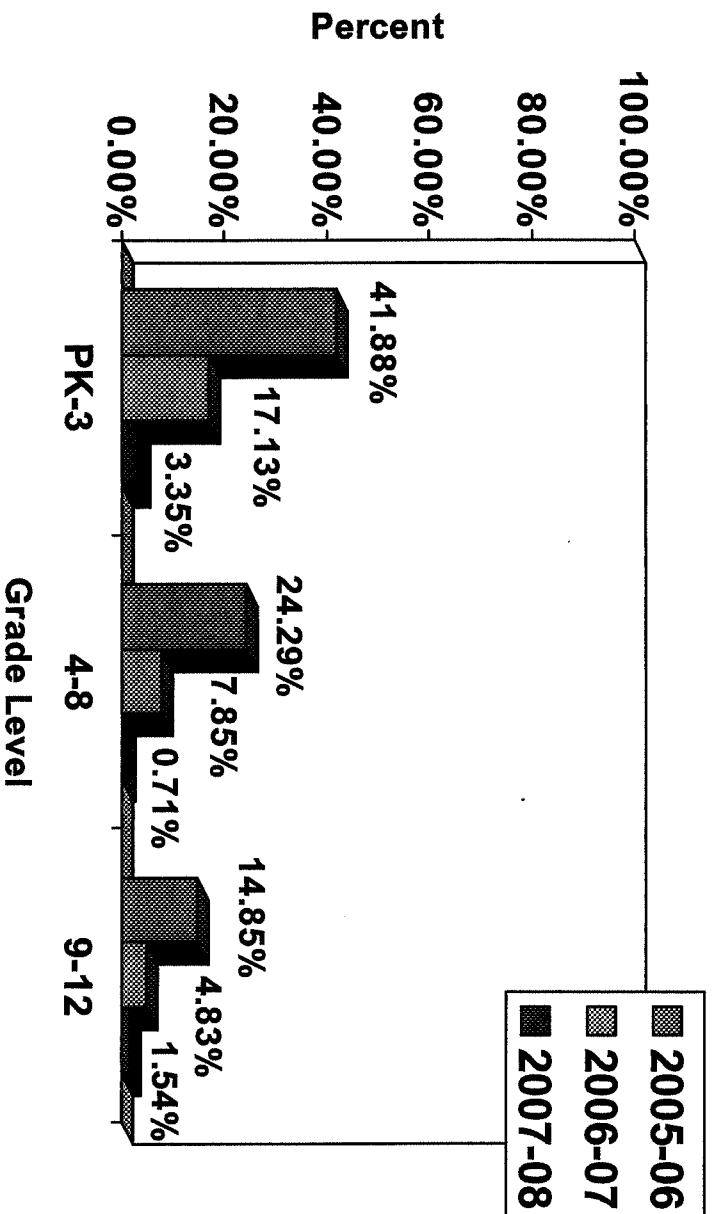
# Trends in Class Size Reduction 2002-2003 to 2007-2008



	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-08
□ Grades 9-12	24.10	24.06	23.65	22.96	22.22	21.39
▒ Grades 4-8	24.16	22.43	21.30	20.48	19.45	18.76
■ Grades PK-3	23.07	20.54	18.98	18.16	17.01	16.28

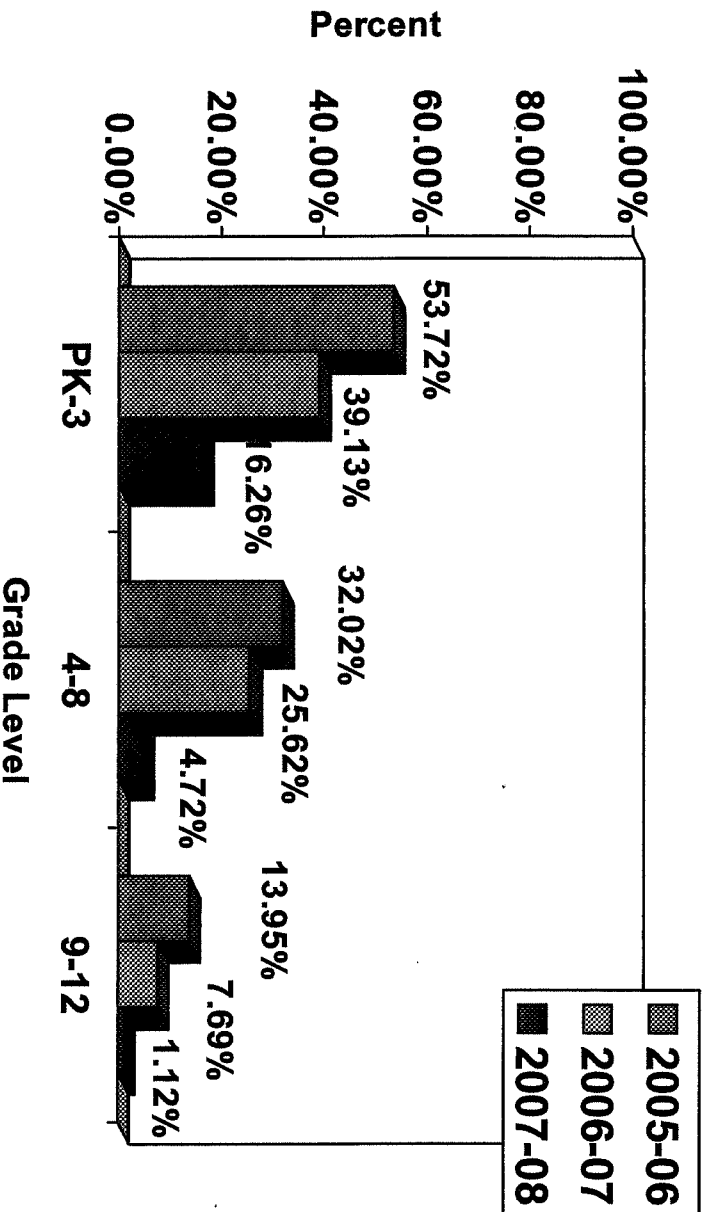
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## Traditional Schools



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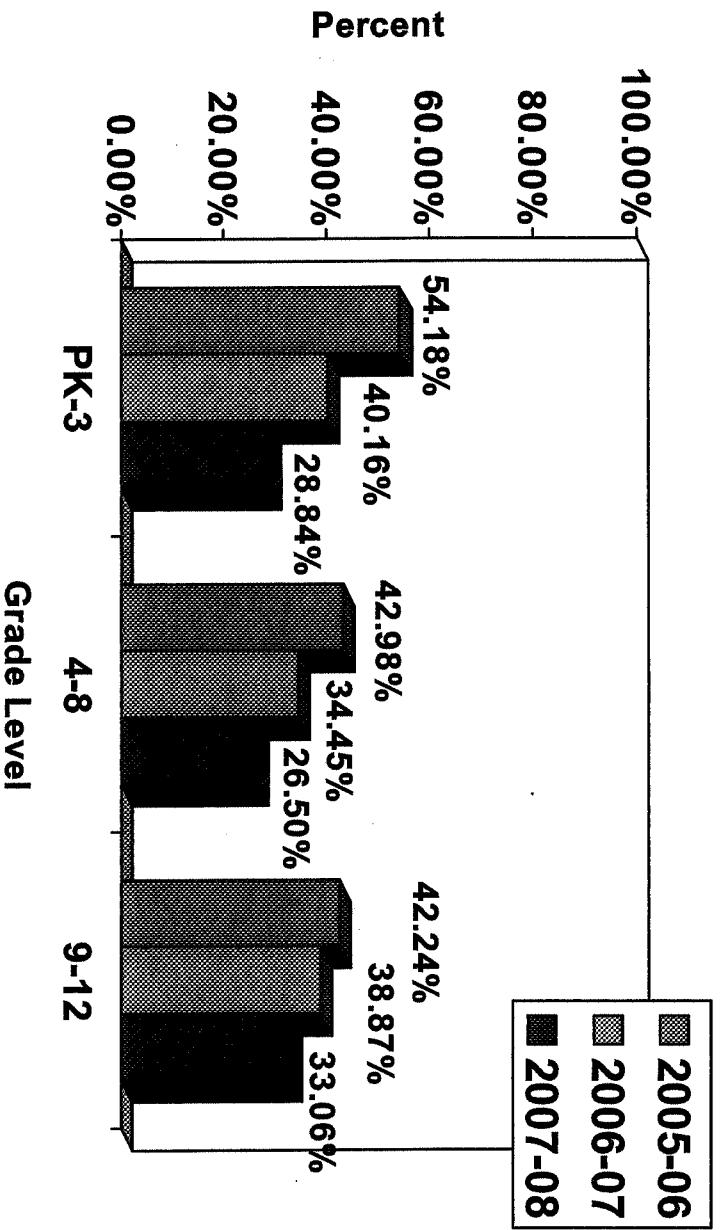
## Charter Schools





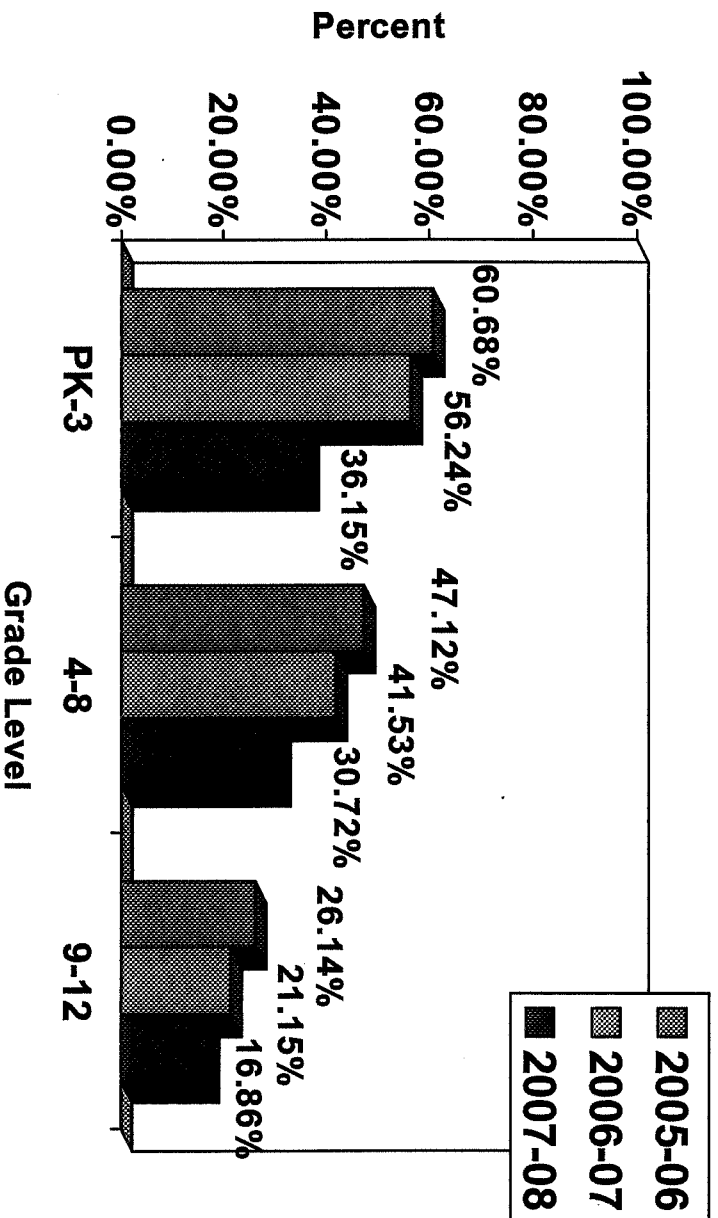
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## Traditional Schools

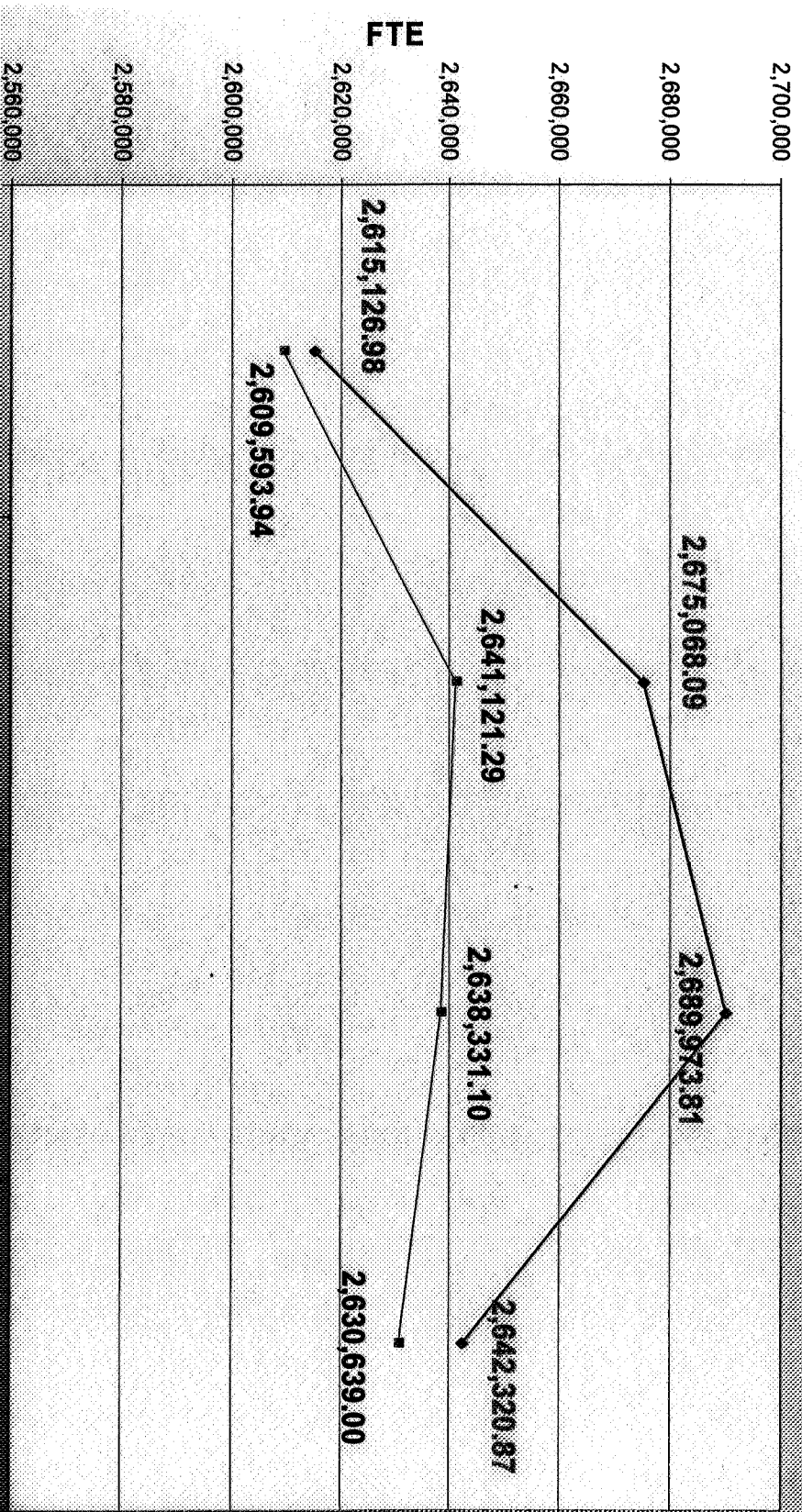


# Percent of Classrooms Over Class Size Cap

## Charter Schools



## Projected vs. Actual FTE 2004-05 -- 2007-08



◆ Projected FTE  
■ Actual FTE

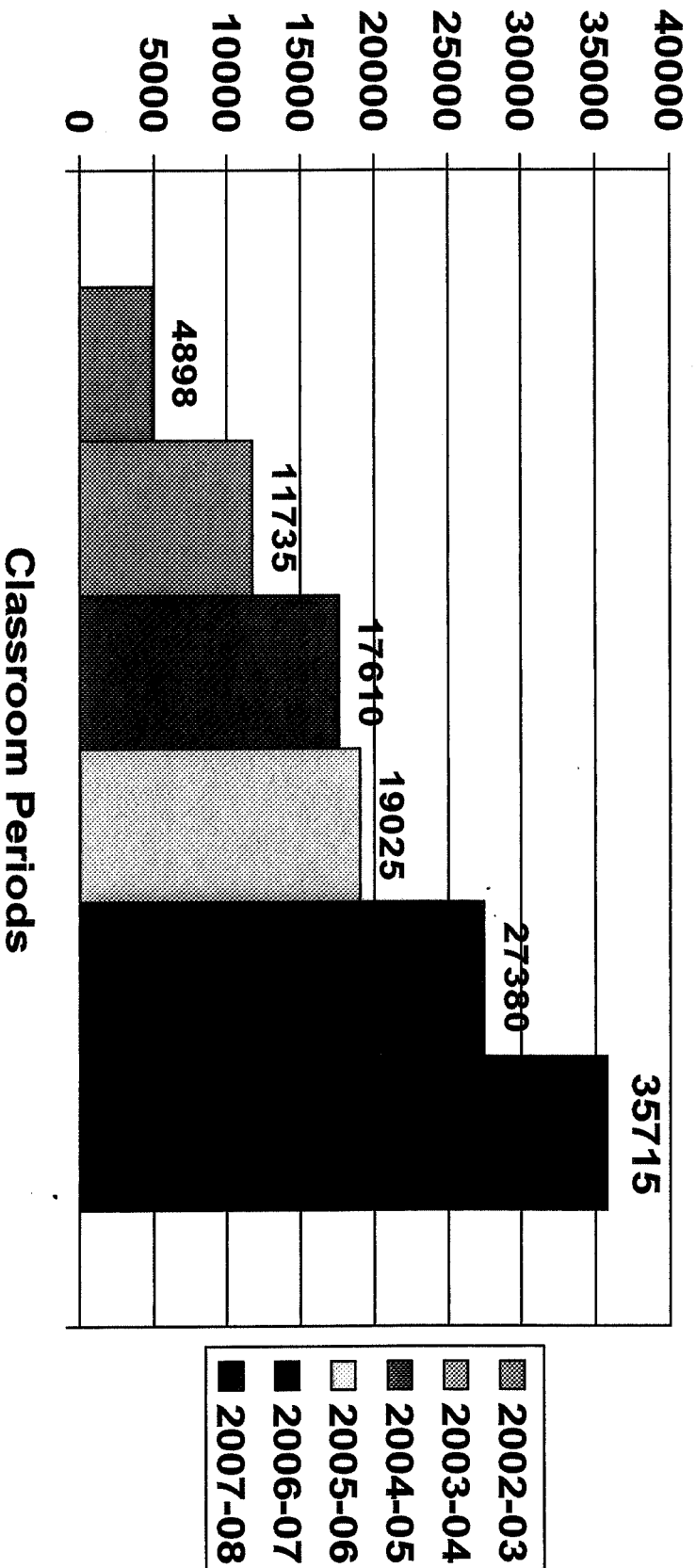
2004-05

2005-06

2006-07

2007-08

# Team-Teaching 2002-03 to 2007-08





## **2007-08 Process and Time Lines for Appeals**

**November 30** – Districts and Charter Schools receive October 2007 school-level class size averages and appeals process begins.

**January 2** - Deadline for submission of appeal and supporting documentation.


**January 2 – January 14** - Review of appeals.

**January** - State Board of Education consultation for final determination of transfer calculation.

**February 15** – Submission to the Legislative Budget Commission for final approval of transfer calculation.

# History of Class Size Appeals

	Number of Districts Not in Compliance – Pre-Appeals	Number of Districts Not in Compliance – Post-Appeals
2003-04	17	8
2004-05	18	9
2005-06	3	1
2006-07	42 Districts – 177 Traditional Public Schools 88 Charter Schools	24 Districts – 86 Traditional Public Schools 49 Charter Schools
2007-08	31 Districts 69 Traditional Public Schools 19 Charter Schools	In Process



# School-Level Compliance

## 2007-2008

### Prior to Appeals

- 69 Traditional (2.25%) and 19 Charter (5.38%) Schools were determined to not have met compliance with class size requirements.
- 31 districts had at least 1 school out of compliance



# Bases for Appeals

- Unexpected student growth
- Inability to hire teachers
- District reporting errors



# Finalizing Appeals, 2007-08

- Action to be taken by State Board of Education
  - Approval of alternative transfer calculation for noncompliance with class size reduction requirements
  - Determination of ineligibility of noncompliant schools from participation in the school-year Voluntary Prekindergarten Program
- Potential action by Commissioner to reduce transfer amount by 10% for 2007-08.
- Action by the Legislative Budget Commission
  - Consideration of alternative transfer calculation for noncompliance with class size reduction requirements

# K-12 Class Size Reduction Total Operating and Capital Costs to Implement through 2010-11

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	8 Yr Total
2003/04	468,198,634								468,198,634
2004/05		503,992,582							503,992,582
2005/06			535,008,480						535,008,480
2006/07				601,329,648					601,329,648
2007/08					601,329,648				601,329,648
2008/09						606,304,336			606,304,336
2009/10							686,668,927		686,668,927
2010/11								618,023,247	618,023,247
Operating Cost	468,198,634	972,191,216	1,507,199,696	2,108,529,344	2,676,461,193	3,282,765,529	3,969,434,456	4,587,457,703	19,572,237,771
FCO Cost	600,000,000	100,000,000	83,400,000	1,100,000,000	650,000,000	514,559,727	0	0	3,047,959,727
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,068,198,634</b>	<b>1,072,191,216</b>	<b>1,590,599,696</b>	<b>3,208,529,344</b>	<b>3,326,461,193</b>	<b>3,797,325,256</b>	<b>3,969,434,456</b>	<b>4,587,457,703</b>	<b>22,620,197,498</b>



## Next Steps

- **Measuring compliance at the classroom level**



# COUNCIL/COMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/8/08

Name Bill Montford

Title CEO

Address 208 S. Monroe St

City Tallahassee, FL State/Zip 32301

Phone Number 850-222-2280

Representing FL Assoc. of District School Supts.

Lobbyist (registered) YES  NO

State Employee YES  NO

I wish to speak:

\* I have been requested to speak

Proponent

Opponent

Information

Subject matter: Class size

Council/Committee: Schools & Learning Council

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Appearing at request of Chair

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# COUNCIL/COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/8/08

Name Wayne Blanton

Title Exec. Director

Address 203 S. Monroe St.

City Tallahassee State/Zip Fla 32301

Phone Number 414-2578

Representing FLA. School BOARDS ASSC.

Lobbyist (registered) Yes  No

State Employee Yes  No

I wish to speak:  Proponent

\*I have been requested to speak:  Opponent

Information

Subject matter: Class Size Amendment

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# COUNCIL/COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/8/08

Name Andy Ford

Title President

Address 213 South Adams St

City Tallahassee State /Zip FL 32301

Phone Number 850/222-4767

Representing Florida Education Association

Lobbyist (registered) Yes  No

State Employee Yes  No

I wish to speak:  Proponent   
\*I have been requested to speak:  Opponent   
Information

Subject matter: Class size

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# COUNCIL/COMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/8/08

Name Secretary Margaret Spellings

Title US Secretary of Education

Address 400 Maryland Ave SW

City Washington State/Zip DC 20202

Phone Number 202.615.2732

Representing US Department

Lobbyist (registered) YES  NO

State Employee YES  NO

I wish to speak:  Proponent

\* I have been requested to speak  Opponent

Information

Subject matter: Presentation

Council/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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# COUNCIL/COMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/8/08

Name Eric Smith

Title Commissioner

Address 325 W Gaines St Ste 1514

City Tallahassee State/Zip FL 32399

Phone Number 850 245 0507

Representing Department of Education

Lobbyist (registered) YES  NO

State Employee YES  NO

I wish to speak:  Proponent

\* I have been requested to speak  Opponent

Information

Subject matter: Introduction

Council/Committee: Schools & Learning

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