

Testimony of

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I have been teaching for 13 years; partially in second grade and currently in fourth. If I am being perfectly honest, when I first started teaching, the most kids I had was about 18 or 19. Now we are up anywhere between 23 to 25 and it is just not productive at all. Especially not if we want to see test scores going up and educational gaps closing. Elementary Classrooms K to 5 should be capped at 18. It's nearest impossible to meet every student's needs with 23 students to one teacher. I would invite anyone who is involved in this decision to come teach an elementary class of 23 for a day, and then maybe people would actually understand how detrimental it is to the students and the teachers to have such high class numbers!