

Testimony of

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There needs to be a cap on class size. Due to budget cuts, we have very few para's and classrooms aides left in our district. It is nearly impossible for teachers to be effective with large classes and no supports. Research shows that small group instruction is most effective and needed to reinforce skills taught in a whole group setting. Having a large number of students makes it very difficult to service all the needs of the students in your classroom. The kids are suffering (both academically and emotionally). We need smaller class sizes that are manageable. I urge the senators to come into the classrooms and see what it is like to teach all day with large class sizes and no support. You'll quickly understand why test scores are lower and kids mental health is suffering.

