

RESOLUTION

CLASS SIZE REDUCTION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the state of Maryland has established the Maryland Learning Success Program and supports an initiative through its Class Size Reduction Plan to lower class sizes in grades one and two to 20 students; and

WHEREAS, the Adequate Public Facilities legislation rates capacity and utilization percentage of each school facility, with capacity based on a standard of 25 students per classroom for regular classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Interagency Committee for School Construction standard for rating classroom capacity is 25 students per classroom; and

WHEREAS, a consensus of research indicates that class size reduction in the early grades leads to higher student achievement

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc supports lower class size initiatives for the educational benefit of all students; and, be it further resolved that this initiative will not adversely impact the utilization of classrooms in primary and secondary schools for electives, special areas, and other ancillary programs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. recommends that the Harford County Council amend its legislation for specific facility analysis, as related to schools, in the Adequate Public Facilities legislation for rated capacity to represent the state of Maryland's Class Size Reduction Plan, and to amend all local government legislation that notes school capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harford County Council of PTA, Inc. recommends that the Maryland State Interagency for School Construction amend its standards for classroom capacity to reflect the state of Maryland's Class Size Reduction Plan.

ADOPTED 11.08.01