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SUBJECT: Determination of Maximum School Capacity for Open Enrollment

The determination of maximum school capacity for the intent of Open Enrollment per new legislation enacted by the Legislature in the Summer of 2022 is calculated by the district. As part of a school district's controlled open enrollment process, and in addition to the existing public school choice programs provided in s. [1002.20\(6\)\(a\)](#), each district school board shall allow a parent from any school district in the state whose child is not subject to a current expulsion or suspension to enroll his or her child in and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity. The school district shall accept the student, pursuant to that school district's controlled open enrollment process, and report the student for purposes of the school district's funding pursuant to the Florida Education Finance Program. A school district may provide transportation to students described under this section.

The school district's school capacity determinations for its schools, by grade level, must be updated every 12 weeks and be identified on the school district websites. In determining the capacity of each district school, the district school board shall incorporate the specifications, plans, elements, and commitments contained in the school district educational facilities plan and the long-term work programs required under s. [1013.35](#).

Currently there are a number of different reports generated by either the District or Department of Education divisions that make reference to maximum capacity in a number of different situations. Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) determines both a number for suitable student stations and maximum FISH capacity in their reporting. The issue with this methodology it is based on a simple method of square foot per student without considering areas within a building used for other than student instruction nor does it take into account the Class Size Amendment presently in the Florida Constitution. This number provided by FISH is not a reasonable nor practical count for capacity. It does not take staffing issues into account.

Below is a table that illustrates the FISH counts actual FTE counts from 2020- 21, total number of available classrooms for student instruction and current enrollment as of 9/29/22. The final column is the current proposed maximum for the 2022-23 school year based on the previous information and the current staffing in the HCSD.

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The proposed maximum is a number that can vary due to the addition or subtraction of instructional staff. It is a number that has been determined by the actual amount of sections available. This number is derived by having a “perfect” world where all numbers in all grade levels equalize and are rounded off to reflect the Class Size Amendment guidelines

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Location	20-21 Student Stations	Actual 20-21 FISH Capacity	Actual 20-21 COFTE	#Class Rooms	Current Enrollment 9/29/22	90%	Proposed Maximum
Bethlehem	935	864	350	43	395	446	495
Bonifay K-8	1589	1430	1065	72	1147	1001	1112
HCHS	748	598	406	33	454	495	550
PDLE	332	376	238	19	293	310	344
PDLH	599	539	255	24	302	296	329
Poplar Springs	545	490	293	24	427	406	451