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SUBJECT: Determination of Maximum School Capacity for Open Enrollment Policy

The determination of maximum school capacity for the intent of Open Enrollment per new legislation enacted by the Legislature in the Spring of 2015 has basically been left up to the individual school districts. This will probably provide for a number of different methodologies and standards to be established through the state in all of the school districts.

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 taking into account 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 2015-16, total number of available classrooms for student instruction and current enrollment as of 1/27/17. The final column is the current proposed Maximum for the 2017-18 school year based on the previous information and the current staffing in HCSD.

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 class rooms 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	16-17 Satis. Stu. Sta.	Actual 16-17 FISH Cap.	Actual 15-16 COFTE	# Class Rooms	Current Enrollment 1/27/17	Proposed Maximum
PDLHS	590	531	282	24	290	450
PDLE	354	354	286	19	312	356
HCHS	759	607	426	33	491	600
Poplar Springs	515	463	355	24	394	463
Bethlehem	923	830	447	43	463	550
Bonifay K8	1425	1425		72	1321	1425