



DATE: December 21, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

ORIGINATOR: Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 700 – Superintendent of Schools](#)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: Assurance Domain – [Governance](#)

SUBJECT: 2022–2023 Class Size Information Reporting

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2019, Alberta Education discontinued the Class Size Information Survey initiative and reporting by school jurisdictions.

Administration continues to track class size data to provide a Division snapshot and trend analysis. Class Size Information is gathered using the same criteria as the previous Alberta Education Class Size Information Survey initiative:

- A class is defined as a group of students with ONE teacher for 50% or more of the instructional time devoted to a subject.
- A multi-grade classroom with one teacher is counted as one class.
- Multi-graded classrooms are included in the higher-grade level. i.e. Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ combined would be included in the 4-6 category.
- Only first semester courses are included in this report.
- Only core courses are included – Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science. Irregular classes such as Work Experience and Distance Learning are not included.
- Outreach Programs, the Hutterite Colony and Oak Hill are not included in the report.
- Data reported in this survey is as of **September 29, 2022**. Additional staffing has been added at nearly all sites since the reporting date.

Administration would like to remind the Board of Trustees that class sizes and class targets are a function of the budget process.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the December 21, 2022, Public Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2022 – 2023 Class Size Analysis

2022 - 2023 Class Size Analysis for Sturgeon Public Schools

Core Course Class Size Averages as of September 29, 2022								
Average by Subject Category	K to 3		4 to 6		7 to 9		10 to 12	
	Previous 3yr Average	2022/23	Previous 3yr Average	2022/23	Previous 3yr Average	2022/23	Previous 3yr Average	2022/23
Language Arts	19.72	19.51	23.75	23.75	23.79	25.27	25.45	24.64
Mathematics	19.72	19.13	23.75	23.75	23.89	24.23	22.34	19.53
Social Studies	19.72	19.51	23.75	23.75	24.49	24.45	26.08	28.46
Science	19.44	19.51	23.79	23.79	24.72	24.49	21.46	23.11
Average	19.65	19.41	23.76	23.76	24.22	24.61	23.83	23.93
Board Directed	19.45			26.95		28.95		28.95
Overall Average	19.41			23.76		24.61		23.93
Difference with Board Directed	-0.04			-3.19		-4.34		-5.02
Difference with Previous 3yr Average	-0.23			0.00		0.39		0.10

All data reflects 29 September 2022 counts in schools.

Class size averages do not include French Immersion classes, or Knowledge and Employability classes. These classes are smaller in number and are supported by additional grants other than Base Instruction.