



# Small Schools Study

January Update

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By the end of December, the Small Schools Committee completed 3 of its 4 objectives:

1. Analyze different size schools for program offerings, scheduling implications, and cost ramifications.
2. Determine consistencies and what essential classes can be offered through the analysis of prototypical models.
3. Recommend cost implications to affect 2008-09 Student-Based Budgeting (SBB), the funding formula that allocates funds to schools each year.

In December, the committee passed size factors for small schools recommendations on to the Student-Based Budgeting (SBB) committee. The recommendations were made after studying the impact of school costs as they relate to schools of different sizes. The SBB committee will now revise the size factor for next year's funding allocation for schools.

In mid-January, the committee began discussing the 4<sup>th</sup> objective, which is to identify school sizes at which closure may be considered. The committee will address the question—how small is too small for a school to offer an adequate educational program for children?

The committee is focusing on what cost savings might be associated with the closure of schools, based on program offerings and requirements. The committee is expected to finalize its work by mid-March. Kevin Hahn, assistant superintendent of elementary schools and committee chair, will then develop a report to present to the Superintendent on the school size concern.