

**CLASS SIZE STUDY GROUP
March 11, 2008**

**FINAL RECOMMENDATION
TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, MISD**

The Class Size Study Group (CSSG) recognizes the positive impacts on the learning environment that small class sizes have on teaching and learning at all grade levels. The CSSG recommends that the district develop long term staffing and facilities plans to implement lower class size objectives. The district should adopt both short and long range priorities to obtain and maintain lower class sizes, beginning with reducing K-3 to less than 18 students per class. The district should further adopt both short and long range priorities to obtain and maintain lower class sizes in grade 4-12 classes.

The district should adopt class size standards for each grade, class and subject area. The standards should be determined by educators to establish metrics in order to identify ideal class size and the upper and lower limits for effective instruction. The district should seek additional resources to assure that qualified teachers, training, classrooms and supporting materials are available as required.

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The history from the Status Report on September 11, 2007 and the November 2007 Conclusions from 2006-2007 School Year, with citations, are incorporated in this recommendation by reference.

***Unanimously adopted by the CSSG attendees at its regular meeting
March 11, 2008.***