

**Class Size Study Group
April 3, 2007**

TAKE AWAY POINTS

- Looking for a Mercer Island teacher perspective snapshot of class-size experiences with respect to outcomes (i.e., teacher satisfaction, test scores)
- Tani Lindquist will speak to MIEA Executive Board to determine duplication of efforts regarding teacher perspective of class size experiences since MIEA conducted a recent survey of members
- Re-examination committee timeline – scope of project
- Gathering benchmark school data for class-size on previously identified benchmark schools
- Updated committee on previous meeting's parking lot issues
- FEP – Family Education Program, what it is and how it may be helpful to address class size funding
- However we move forward, we don't want to dismantle what we're already doing well
- We are keeping in mind that our conclusions may take us down a variety of different paths, including alternative uses of funding sources

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, May 15, 2007
1:15 – 3:15 pm
Board Room**

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PARKING LOT ISSUES

- What is the national average for class size? (Education Week Annual magazine?)
- What are other benchmark school districts that are comparable to Mercer Island? Get that data.
- Local private school (Puget Sound) competitors – who and what are their class sizes?
- Core high school and middle school teachers who have a class-size range:
 - Prepare survey questions to assess variability in the classroom (anecdotal information)
 - Survey writers: Frank, Jodi, Jamie
 - Bring questions to the May 15th meeting