



Senate Education Pre-K-12
Appropriations Committee
Update on the Class Size Amendment
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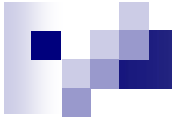


The Constitutional Amendment

Limits Class Sizes

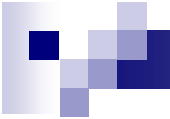
November 2002 establishing, by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the maximum number of students in core-curricula courses assigned to a teacher in each of the following three grade groups:

- ❖ 18 students in Prekindergarten through Grade 3.
- ❖ 22 students in Grades 4 through 8
- ❖ 25 students in Grades 9 through 12



**Section 1003.03(2), Florida Statutes,
Implements the Constitutional Amendment by
Establishing measures for Compliance.**

- ❖ Establishes a baseline based on data from the February 2003 student membership survey.
- ❖ Establishes a method of measuring compliance and schedule for implementation.
- ❖ Establishes requirements of those districts found to be non-compliant.



**Section 1003.03(2), Florida Statutes,
Schedule for Implementation of Compliance with
the Constitutional Amendment**

Level at Which Compliance Will Be Measured
For All Grade Groups by Year

School Year	Compliance Measured at
2003-04 to 2005-06	District-Level
2006-07 & 2007-08	School-Level
2008-09 & After	Classroom-Level



IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

- Dual enrollment
- Florida Virtual School
- Repeal policies requiring more than 24 credits for graduation
- Adopt policies to allow graduation after passing the grade 10 FCAT and completing the necessary courses
- Maximize use of instructional staff
- Reduce the cost of school construction



IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS

- Joint-use facilities
- Alternative methods of class scheduling
- Redraw school attendance zones
- Operate schools beyond the normal operating hours
- Use year-round schools and other nontraditional calendars
- Review and consider amending any collective bargaining contracts
- Any other approach not prohibited by law



ACCOUNTABILITY – CLASS SIZE

- Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the department shall annually determine which districts do not meet the requirements.
- DOE shall develop a constitutional compliance plan for each such district which includes:
 - Redrawing school attendance zones.
- Each district school board shall implement the constitutional compliance plan developed by the state board until the district complies with the constitutional class size maximums.



Constitutional Compliance Plan Required for the 2006-07 School Year

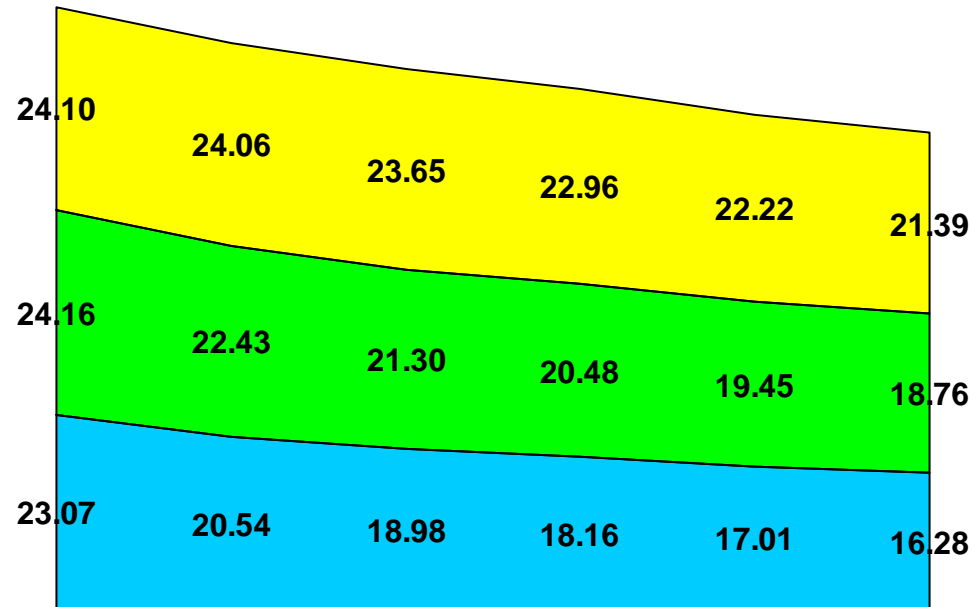
- Thirteen districts with 40 traditional public schools and 17 charter schools that failed to come into compliance in the February 2007 student membership survey



2006-07 Constitutional Compliance Plan Strategies

- Redrawing school attendance zones
- Adding permanent facilities
- Adding portables
- Hiring of additional instructional personnel
- Other

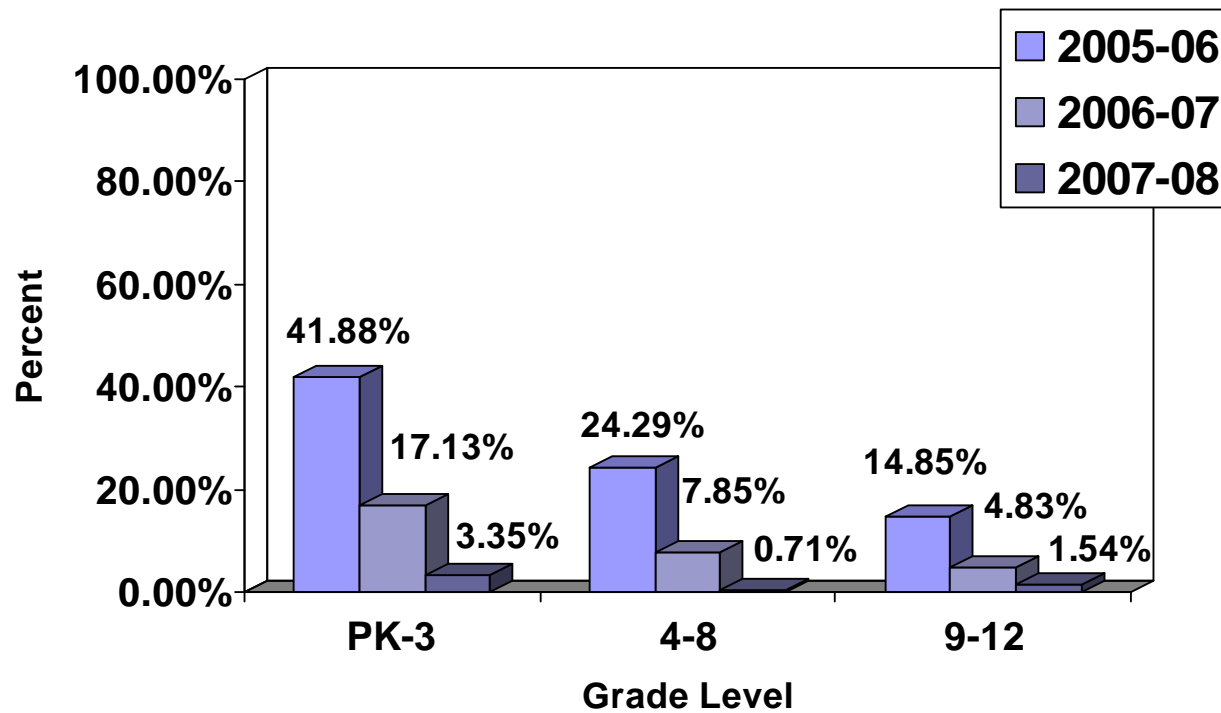
Trends in Class Size Reduction 2002-2003 to 2007-2008



	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-08
Grades 9-12	24.10	24.06	23.65	22.96	22.22	21.39
Grades 4-8	24.16	22.43	21.30	20.48	19.45	18.76
Grades PK-3	23.07	20.54	18.98	18.16	17.01	16.28

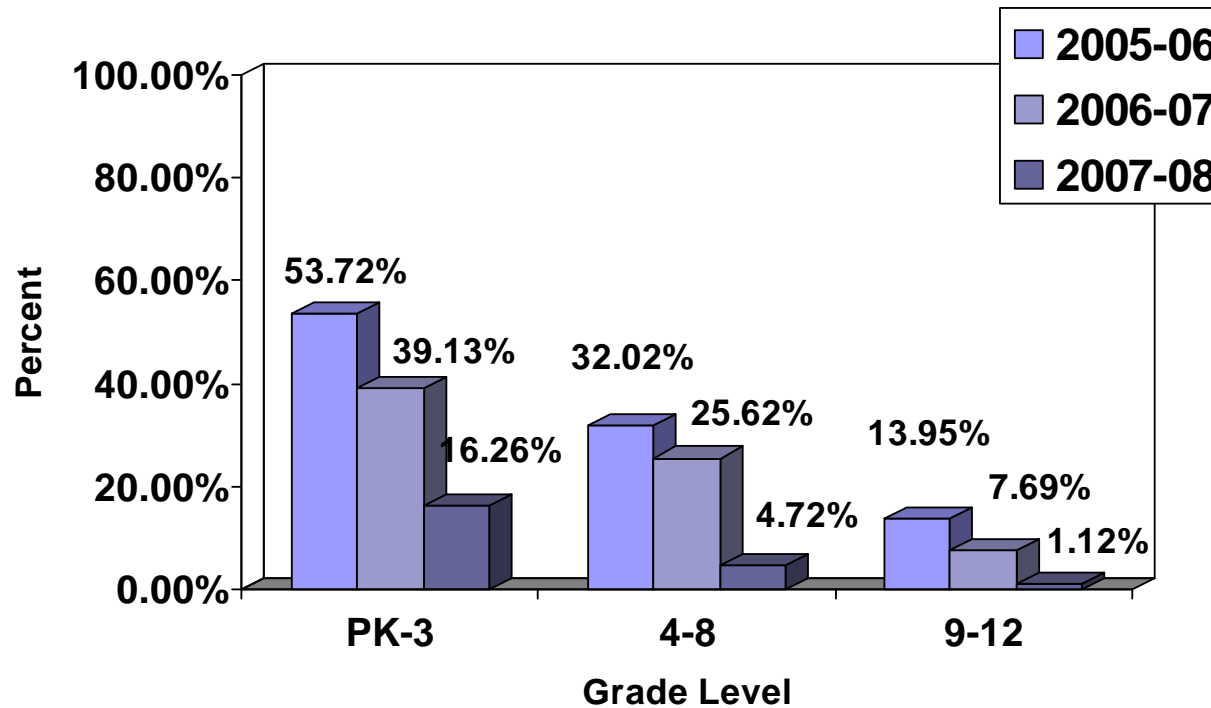
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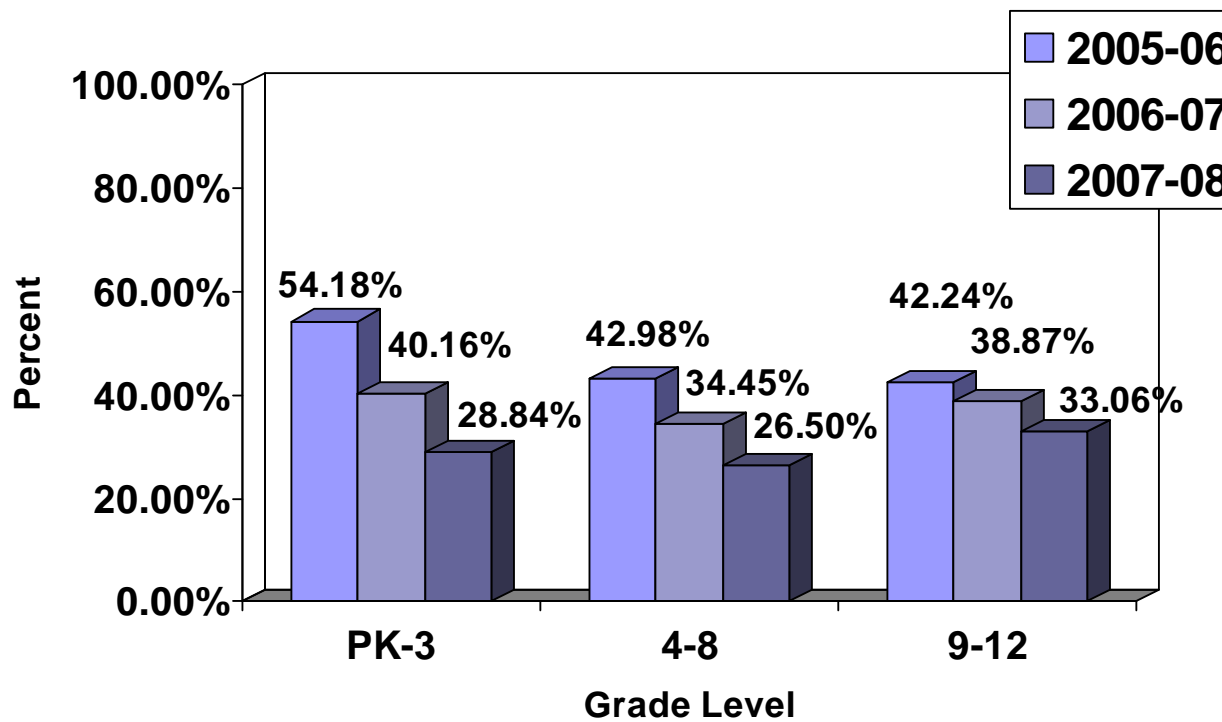
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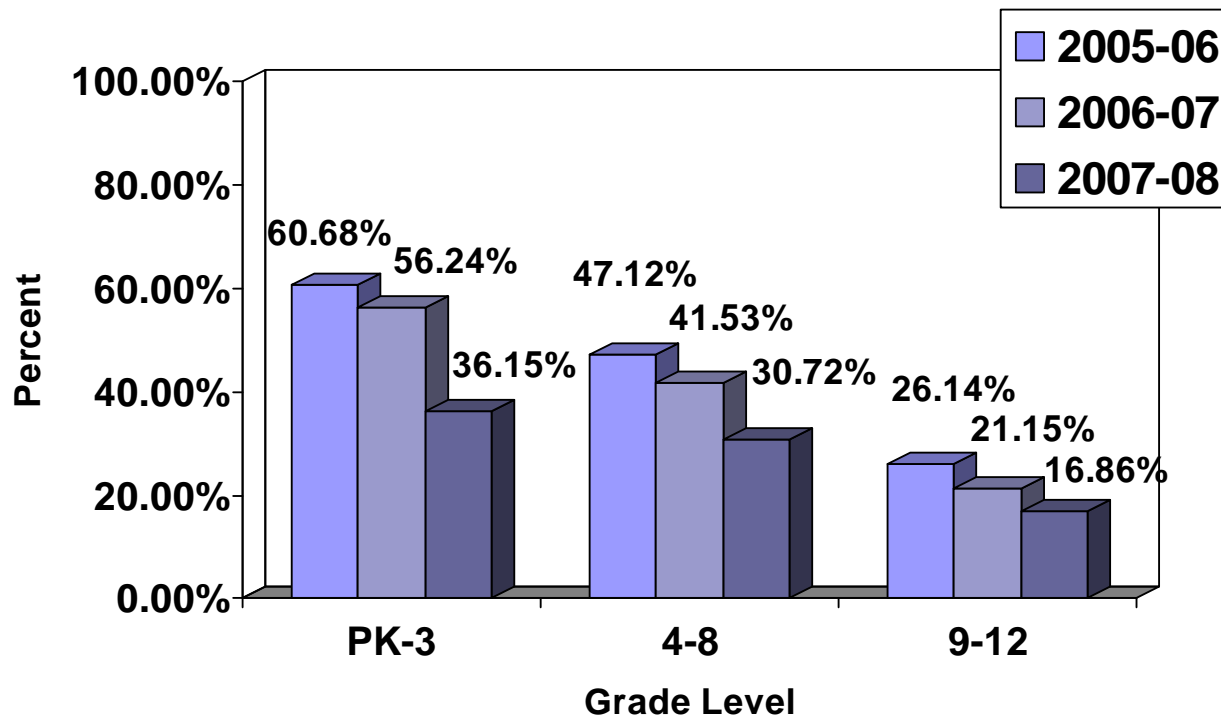
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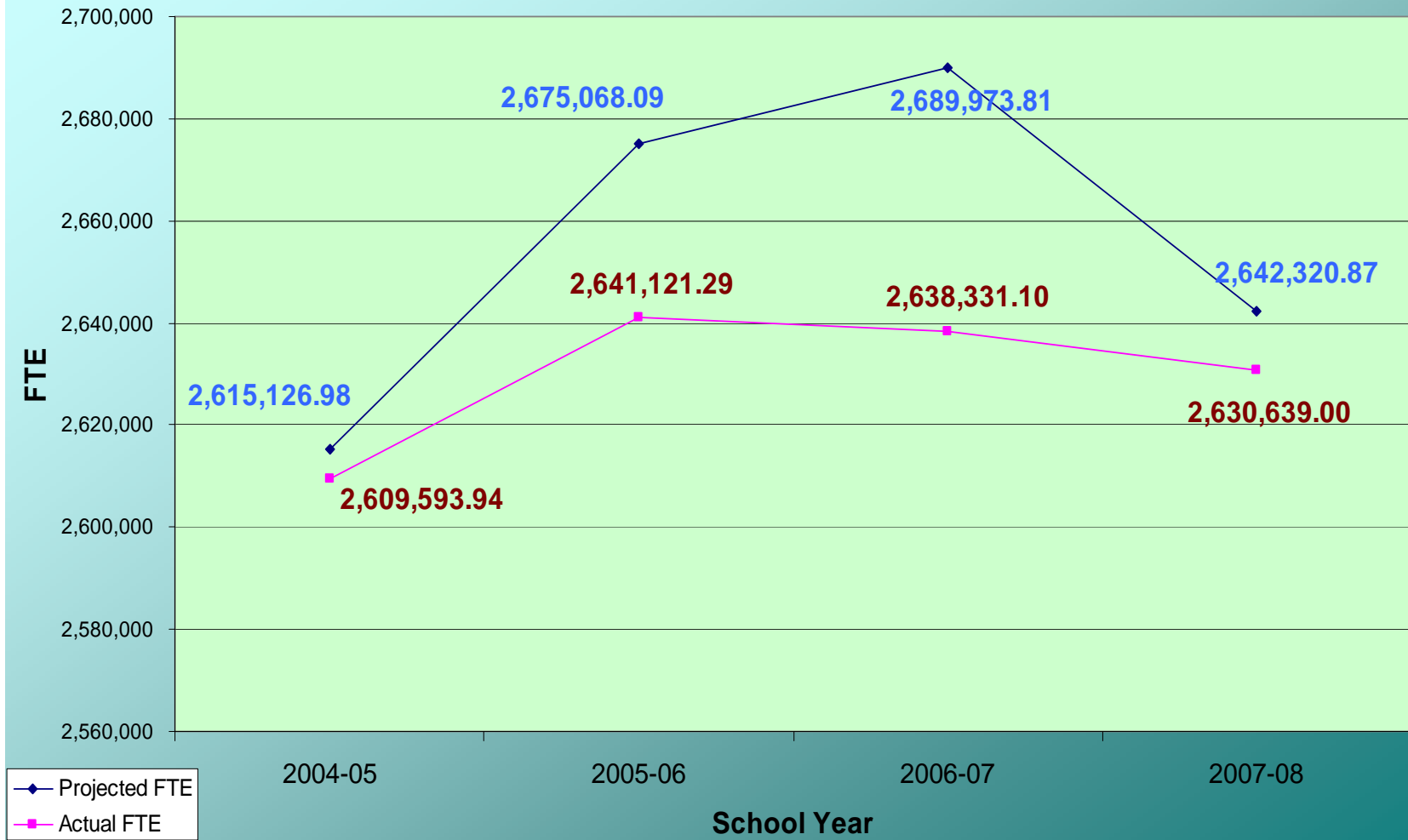
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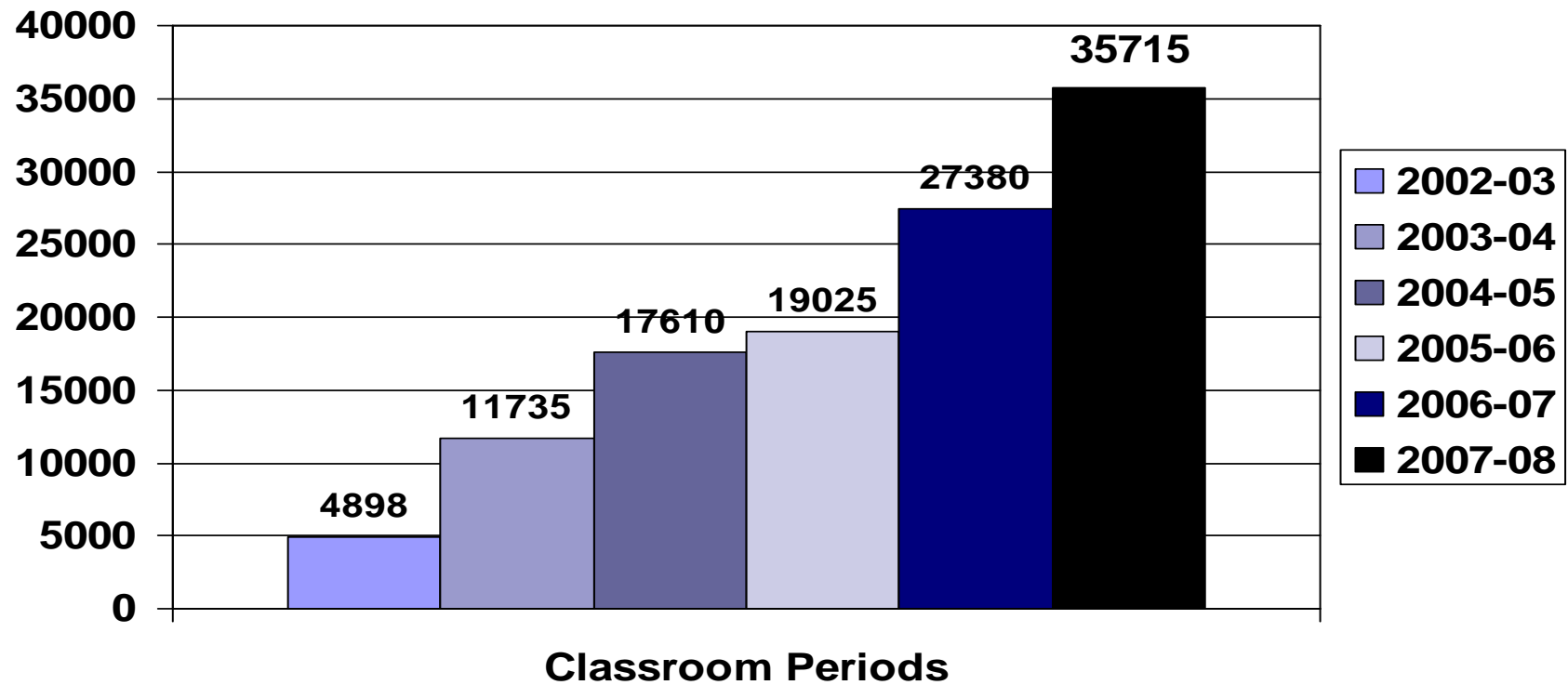




Projected vs. Actual FTE 2004-05 -- 2007-08



Team-Teaching 2002-03 to 2007-08





2007-08 Process and Time Lines for Appeals

November 30 – Districts and Charter Schools receive October 2007 school-level class size averages and appeals process begins.

January 2 - Deadline for submission of appeal and supporting documentation.

January 2 – January 14 - Review of appeals.

January - State Board of Education consultation for final determination of transfer calculation.

February 15 – Submission to the Legislative Budget Commission for final approval of transfer calculation.


History of Class Size Appeals

	Number of Districts Not in Compliance – Pre-Appeals	Number of Districts Not in Compliance – Post-Appeals
2003-04	17	8
2004-05	18	9
2005-06	3	1
2006-07	42 Districts – 177 Traditional Public Schools 88 Charter Schools	24 Districts – 86 Traditional Public Schools 49 Charter Schools
2007-08	31 Districts 69 Traditional Public Schools 19 Charter Schools	In Process



History of Class Size Transfer Calculation

	Pre-Appeals	Post-Appeals
2003-04	\$21,488,179	\$1,479,948
2004-05	\$11,354,475	\$1,076,719
2005-06	\$5,222,735	\$496,059
2006-07	\$14,668,338	\$5,318,921
2007-08	In Process	To Be Determined



School-Level Compliance 2007-2008 Prior to Appeals

- 69 Traditional (2.25%) and 19 Charter (5.38%) Schools were determined to not have met compliance with class size requirements.
- 31 districts had at least 1 school out of compliance



Bases for Appeals

- Unexpected student growth
- Inability to hire teachers
- District reporting errors



Finalizing Appeals, 2007-08

- Action to be taken by State Board of Education
 - Approval of alternative transfer calculation for noncompliance with class size reduction requirements
 - Determination of ineligibility of noncompliant schools from participation in the school-year Voluntary Prekindergarten Program
- Potential action by Commissioner to reduce transfer amount by 10% for 2007-08.
- Action by the Legislative Budget Commission
 - Consideration of alternative transfer calculation for noncompliance with class size reduction requirements

K-12 Class Size Reduction

Total Operating and Capital Costs to Implement through 2010-11

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	8 Yr Total
2003/04	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	468,198,634	3,745,589,072
2004/05		503,992,582	503,992,582	503,992,582	503,992,582	503,992,582	503,992,582	503,992,582	3,527,948,074
2005/06			535,008,480	535,008,480	535,008,480	535,008,480	535,008,480	535,008,480	3,210,050,880
2006/07				601,329,648	601,329,648	601,329,648	601,329,648	601,329,648	3,006,648,240
2007/08					567,931,849	567,931,849	567,931,849	567,931,849	2,271,727,396
2008/09						606,304,336	606,304,336	606,304,336	1,818,913,008
2009/10							686,668,927	686,668,927	1,373,337,854
2010/11								618,023,247	618,023,247
Operating Cost	468,198,634	972,191,216	1,507,199,696	2,108,529,344	2,676,461,193	3,282,765,529	3,969,434,456	4,587,457,703	19,572,237,771
FCO Cost	600,000,000	100,000,000	83,400,000	1,100,000,000	650,000,000	314,377,246	0	0	3,047,959,727
TOTAL	1,068,198,634	1,072,191,216	1,590,599,696	3,208,529,344	3,326,461,193	3,597,142,775	3,969,434,456	4,587,457,703	22,420,015,017



Presentation may be accessed at

<http://www.fldoe.org/arm/class-size.asp>