

**Attachment to Resolution on K-3 Class Size Ratios:
Impacts on Moore County Schools Based on Full 2018-2019 Implementation of G.S. 115C-301**

The loss of class size / teacher allocation flexibility in kindergarten through third grade will require one of the following three actions, or some combination thereof, on the part of the Moore County Schools:

- A request for an additional annual appropriation of at least \$1,500,000 in local funding to cover at least 25 new K-3 regular classroom teacher positions, thus enabling the school system to preserve current levels of art, music, and physical education instruction in grades K-3 and to avoid increased class sizes in grades 4-12;
- The reassignment of at least 25 FTE teaching positions in grades 4-12 to cover at least 25 new K-3 regular classroom teacher positions, resulting in substantial increases in class sizes in grades 4-12 while preserving current levels of K-3 art, music, and physical education teachers; and/or
- The elimination of at least 25 full-time equivalent (FTE) art, music, physical education and other program enhancement positions for grades K-8 and reassignment of those positions to cover new K-3 regular classroom teaching positions.

The loss of class size / teacher allocation flexibility in kindergarten through third grade will also require the recommitment of at least nine classroom spaces currently used for art, music, physical education, special education, or other particularized purposes to be used as regular K-3 classrooms, as well as the purchase of up to 16 new modular classrooms at a cost of approximately \$65,000 each plus maintenance and utilities.

In addition to these direct and devastating classroom and fiscal impacts, uncertainty regarding whether legislative action is forthcoming will greatly complicate efforts on the part of the Moore County Schools' administration to develop a proposed budget, present it to the Moore County Board of Education for its consideration, make any necessary changes, and submit the Board's final budget to the Moore County Board of Commissioners by the statutory deadline of May 15, 2018.

Accordingly, the Moore County Board of Education respectfully requests that the General Assembly take up the class size / teacher allocation issue as promptly as possible during its January 2018 session.