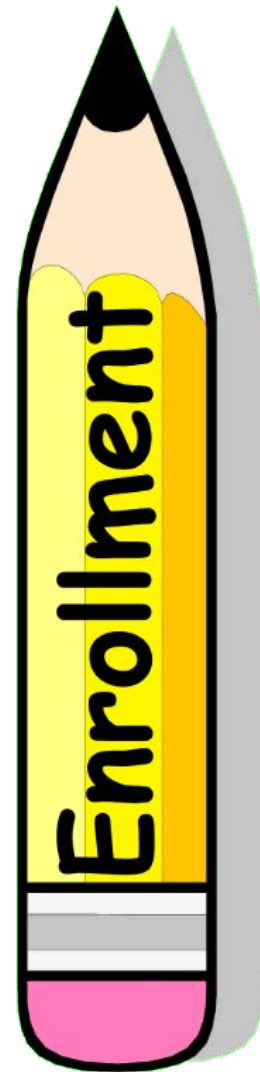




# Kindergarten Enrollment

# 2017-2018 Kindergarten Enrollment:

School	Students	Classrooms	Average Class Size
PPS	94	4	23/24*
UMS	76	4	18/19



# Rule 2000: Vermont Education Quality Standards



*Classes in grades **K-3**,  
when taken together,  
shall average fewer  
than 20 students per  
teacher.*



# Chittenden County Kindergarten Averages

## Essex Junction

2 Elementary Schools

- ★ 100 Students
- ★ 6 Teachers
- ★ 16-17 per Class

## Burlington

6 Elementary Schools

- ★ 253 Students
- ★ 15 Teachers
- ★ 16-17 per Class

## South Burlington

3 Elementary Schools

- ★ 148 Students
- ★ 9 Teachers
- ★ 16-17 per Class

## Williston

- ★ 100 Students
- ★ 6 Teachers
- ★ 16-17 per Class

## Richmond

- ★ 53 Students
- ★ 3 Teachers
- ★ 17-18 per Class

## Shelburne

- ★ 65 Students
- ★ 4 Teachers
- ★ 16 per Class





# The Dilemma

- Do nothing
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- Offer class size reduction waivers to four families

## PPS Enrollment:



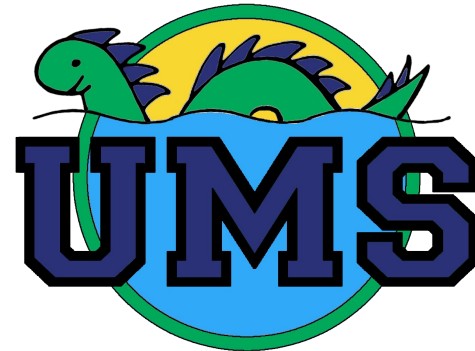
K-3 EQS: 20 students per class

Grade	Students	Classrooms	Average Class Size
Kindergarten	94	4	23/24
First Grade	75	4	18/19
Second Grade	74	4	18/19

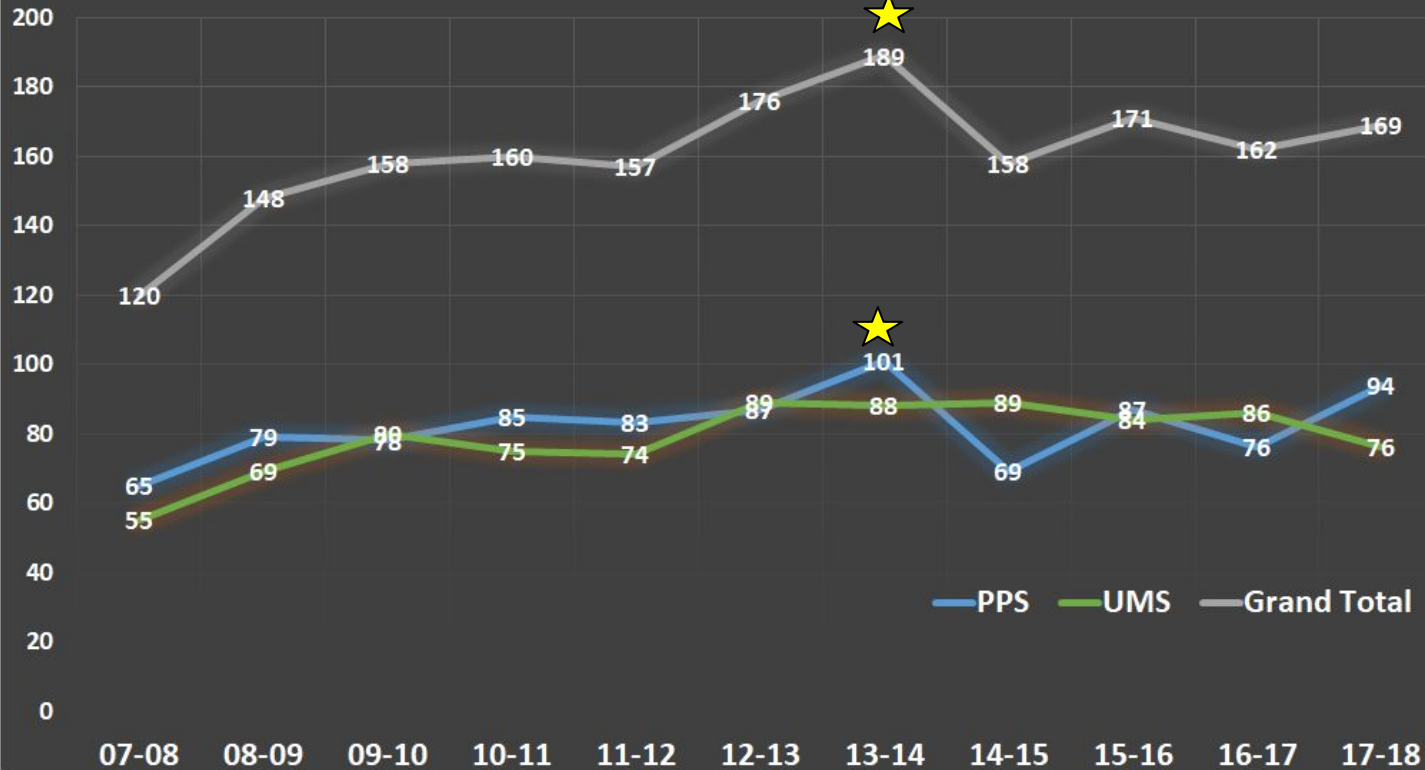


## UMS Enrollment:

Grade	Students	Classrooms	Average Class Size
Kindergarten	76	4	19
First Grade	81	4	20/21
Second Grade	80	4	20



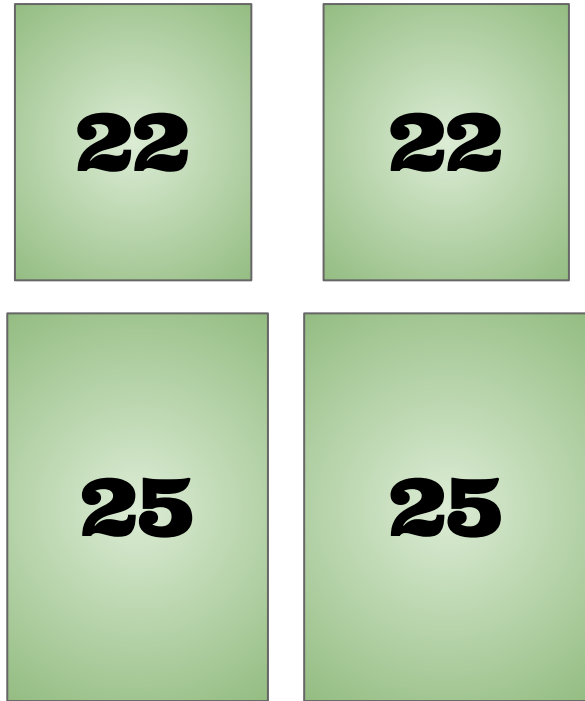
# History of Enrollment Trends



- 8 Kindergarten classrooms
- '13-14: There were 9 classrooms ★
- Average Attrition Rate shows 3 students annually
  - As high as 8
- We would not recommend moving the line
- 5 year enrollment projections 156-161 students (PPS 75 & UMS 85)

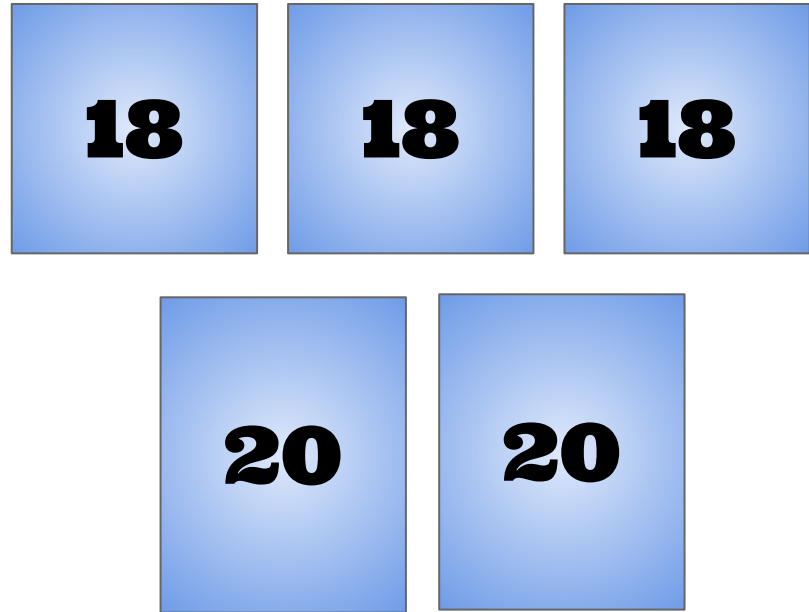
K-3 EQS: 20 students per class

# Four Classrooms



# Five Classrooms

(additional teacher & paraeducator)



Number of students per classroom



# Impact on Student Learning

- More teacher attention for individual students
- More adult support
- Sufficient space for K learning
- Research shows benefit in K



## Impact on Budget & Operations

- Additional staffing needs (teacher and classroom para)
- Classroom setup
- Scheduling



# Class size reduction waivers

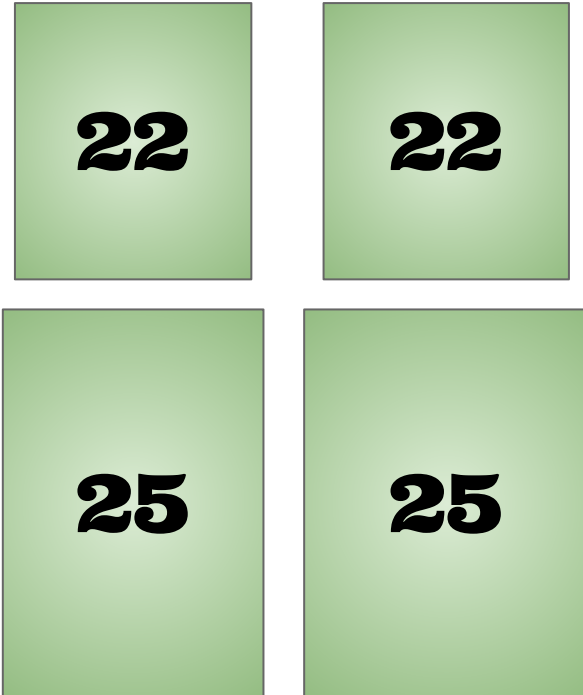
- CSD has offered voluntary class size reduction waivers
- Inform parents and select using a lottery
- District would provide transportation
- Only for the individual student
- No guarantee to future siblings
- Any student can apply for a waiver annually



# Current Configurations

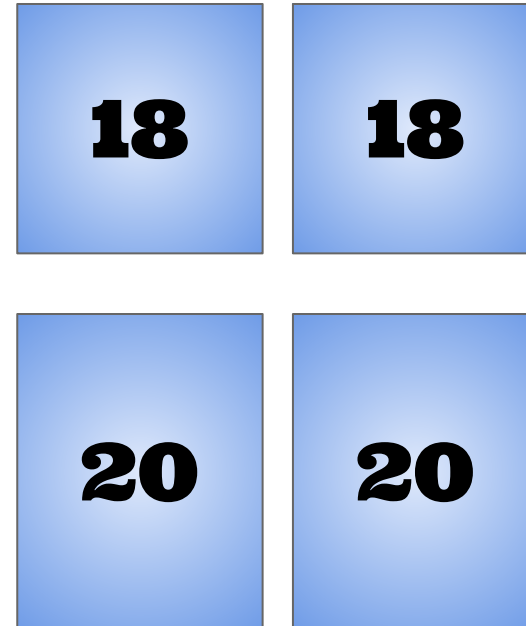
**PPS**

**Four Classrooms**



**UMS**

**Four Classrooms**



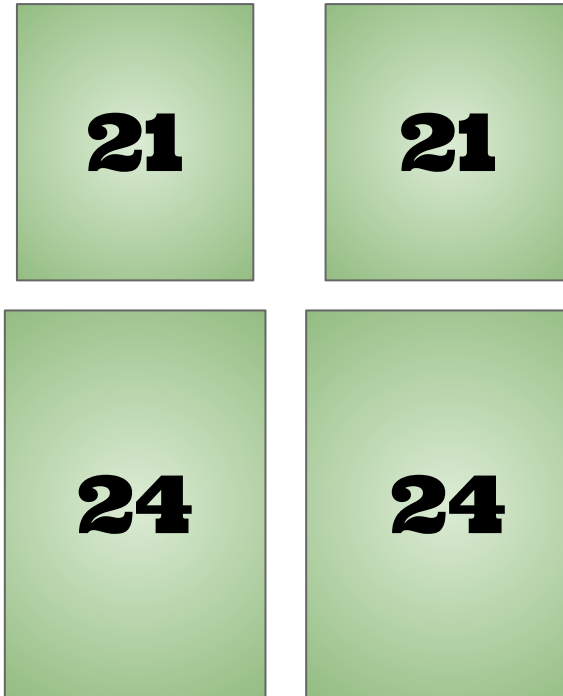
# Four class size reduction waivers

## PPS

## UMS

### Four Classrooms

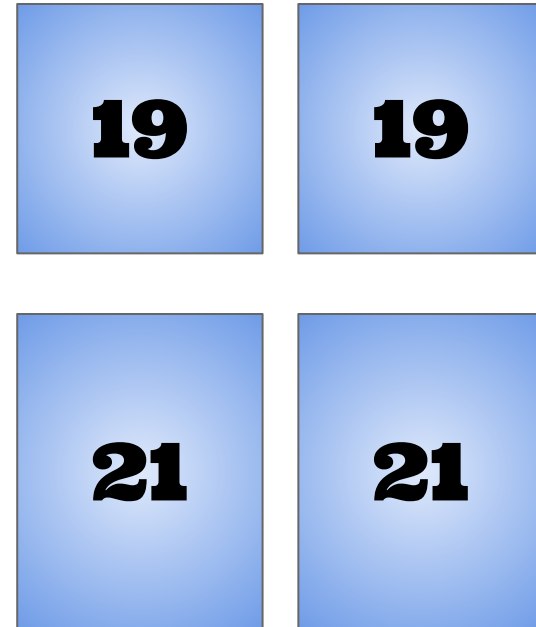
### Four Classrooms



PPS would still be above class size recommendation

UMS would be at or above the recommended EQS level.

Remember: enrollment will continue to shift +/-



## Recommendation:

- Add a 5th Kindergarten teacher and classroom paraprofessional for 2017-2018
- Evaluate need for additional teacher and staff in March 2018 for 2018/19
- Mitigate cost by:
  - Outfitting classroom with stored furniture and materials
  - Reallocating used CSD technology equipment

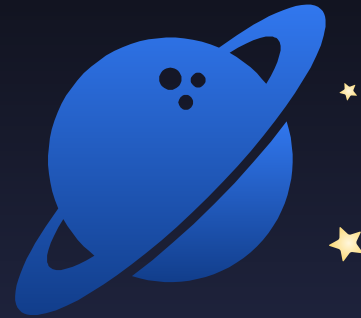


## Please consider:

- The model we want to offer
- Enrollment capacity
- Our ability to provide high quality instruction
- The value in early intervention



# Any Questions?



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