

Calculating Grade 3/4 Split Class Size Maximums

BCPSEA has been informed that sections of the School Act (the “Act”) which may be affected by the November 10, 2016 Supreme Court of Canada decision will not be repealed at this time. Section 76.1(2)(b) of the Act impacts calculation of grade 3/4 split class size maximums in accordance with the MOA re: LOU 17 (the “MOA”).

Your Implementation Summary Sheets provided by BCPSEA earlier this week followed the process set out in paragraph 16 of the MOA and may have provided a class size maximum greater than the Act limit of 24.

If your Implementation Summary Sheet has a grade 3/4 split limit greater than 24, please use the Act limit of 24 and note that BCPSEA will provide you with an updated Implementation Summary Sheet.

If your Implementation Summary Sheet has a grade 3/4 split less than 24, (either by applying local language or MOA paragraph 16), your summary sheet remains accurate.

Section 76.1(2)(b) of the Act states:

“A board must ensure that the size of any primary grades class in any school in its school district does not exceed; for grades 1 to 3, 24 students.”

The MOA states at paragraph 16:

“Where there is a combined primary/intermediate class, an average of the maximum class size of the lowest involved primary grade and the maximum class size of the lowest involved intermediate grade will apply.”

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your BCPSEA liaison.