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## Class Size Regulation Amended

The provincial government recently amended the Class Size Regulation to include a definition of "consult" for the purpose of the class size provisions of the *School Act* (specifically, sections 76.1(2.2)(b), 76.1(2.3)(b), 76.2(a) and 76.3(8)(a)(i)). The amendment is effective June 27, 2008.

Sections 76.1(2.2)(b) and 76.1(2.3)(b) of the *School Act* require the principal of the school to consult with the teacher of a class if the class size will exceed the number of students, or the number of students with IEPs, set out in those sections.

Section 76.2(a) sets out the timeline for consultation at the beginning of the school year.

Section 76.3(8)(a)(i) addresses revisions to the report on the organization of classes. The term "consult" in those sections is now defined in section 1(4) of the Regulation to mean:

- (a) provision by the principal of a school to the teacher of a class with
  - i. information relevant to a proposal for the size and organization of the class, and
  - ii. 2 school days before a decision is made respecting the size and organization of the class for the teacher to consider the proposal and provide the principal with the teacher's views in that regard, and
- (b) consideration by the principal of the teacher's views, if any have been provided, and "consulted" has a similar meaning.

A copy of the amended Class Size Regulation is attached for reference.

BCPSEA is currently considering the impact of the amendment and will provide more detailed advice to districts.

## Questions

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your BCPSEA labour relations liaison.

Attachment: Class Size Regulation