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 Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 9:22 AM

Marsha

Please include this correspondence in Boardbook for tonight's meeting.

Thanks, Lynn

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From: Jonathan Jones <jjones@ederbros.com>

Date: Sun, Sep 15, 2024 at 8:45 PM Subject: [External Email] Class size

## Dear board of education,

I am writing this letter regarding my concern over the high number in students in my daughter's 1st grade class. Over 20 students seems like a large jump from kindergarten when there were slightly less students and more then 1 teacher. The kindergarten classroom had desks set up in groups of 4 and now the new layout in 1st grade has all the desks lined up in rows that fill the whole classroom. It seems the layout is more designed for an older more mature student not for a young early elementary student. Not only is there less individualized attention but it creates more opportunities for distraction. Children around 6 years old are still developing and I believe it's more distracting to have them all lined up and crammed in that size space and expect them to learn and perform optimally throughout an eight hour day. It also raises concern for injury as young children are more clumsy and still learning about their movements along with physical personal boundaries. As a tax paying resident of this wonderful town and school district we hope our concerns over this matter are discussed and addressed to help continue to move the needle on shaping the young minds of our town and help them be the best they can be.

Thank you very much Jonathan Jacko-Jones

Sent from my iPhone

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