



# SUPPORT **HB 1498** TO MAKE ALL K-6 CLASS SIZES IN VIRGINIA 29 OR SMALLER

## LOWER CLASS SIZE CAPS WILL:

- Improve student achievement (1-27)
- Improve the quality of instruction, according to 97% of teachers in a national survey (22)
- Retain quality teachers – large classes are one of the 3 main reasons teachers leave the profession (22, 23)
- Allow for increased hands-on learning of skills to support a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce (30)
- Generate an 18% rate-of-return in student’s long-term economic achievement and lifetime incomes (15)
- Reduce Virginia’s hard class size caps from highest in the nation to national norms (24)

## HIGHER CLASS SIZE CAPS CREATE PROBLEMS:

- Difficulty with classroom management, with more focus on discipline and less time for instruction (1- 27)
- Increase in time required to complete tasks (1-27)
- Difficulty in teaching, reinforcing work habits, and supporting critical executive-functioning skills (1-27)
- Elimination of critical learning activities – there just isn’t time for 30- 35 kids to give oral presentations, participate in labs, and participate in project-based learning (1-27)
- Reduction in students’ ability to focus on tasks (1-27)
- Creation of safety hazards due to inadequate space per student and/or inadequate supervision (31)
- Reduction in timely grading and constructive teacher feedback on assignments and projects (1-27)
- Dramatic reduction in teachers’ ability to implement differentiated instruction to meet a child’s individual needs (1-27)

## INVEST IN VIRGINIA’S FUTURE BY SUPPORTING **HOUSE BILL 1498**

**HB1498** will have a direct, measurable and positive impact in the classroom; lead to improved long-term economic achievement for all Virginia’s students in public elementary schools; and allow VA to keep its edge as a world class education provider.

Grade	Current Virginia Class Size Caps (28)	HB 1498 proposed Class Size Caps (29)
Grade K	29	28
Grades 1-3	30	28
Grades 4-6	35	29
Middle Schools	n/a	n/a
High Schools	n/a	n/a

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