

## Q3 CLASS SIZE

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### Q3 What are some important priorities for the OCDSB to focus on for the next four years?

**Smaller class sizes** Less noise, more focus, more teacher attention, more feedback, more able to differentiate learning and meet learning outcomes

*Elementary Staff*

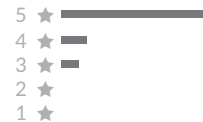
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**Balancing the needs and numbers in classes- more needs, fewer numbers.**

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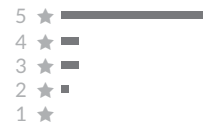
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**Smaller class sizes!**

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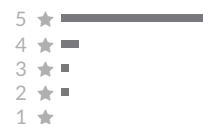
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**Class size (20 max)**

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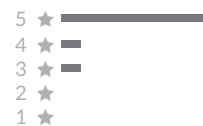
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**Smaller class size.** The less students in the class, the more efficient is the result.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

4.3 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**lowering the number of students in class** because students can concentrate better with lower ratio and teacher can pay more attention for each child

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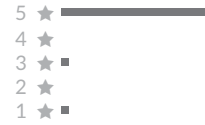
*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*



**Class sizes and support** 29 3, 4, 5, and 6 year olds is completely chaotic. It is impossible to give all the individualized attention they need in kinder to success.

4.3 ★★★★★ (17 👤)

*Elementary Staff*



**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades.** Student mental & physical health, student achievement and learning, socio-emotional health and learning.

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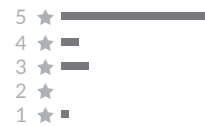
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**Smaller class numbers**

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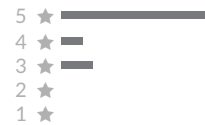
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**Class sizes** To be able to support all students in the classroom

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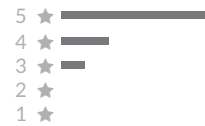
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**Fixing problems in FDK** Large class sizes, too many contacts, too many transitions, and ECEs being used to provide daycare ("EDP") for older kids undermines the FDK program

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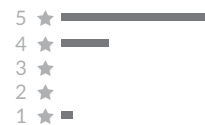
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**Smaller class sizes in Kindergarten. These are 2 critical years where students get their first impression of school and learning.** Sharing a room with 29 other 4 and 5 year olds, all wanting to share their thoughts and opinions is loud and stressful. Not a great first impression!

*Elementary Staff*

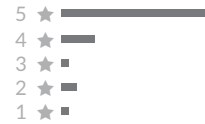
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**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades. Better staff health.**

*Elementary Staff*

4.1 ★★★★★ (25)



**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades. More effective identification and support of special education issues permitting improved integration.**

*Elementary Staff*

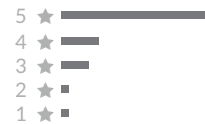
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**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades. Better academic achievement: can get to know students better, then plan better for them, and support them better.**

*Elementary Staff*

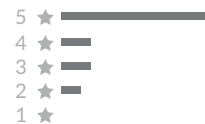
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**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades. Permits more classes for students for social and academic reasons (e.g., can more easily separate: behaviour students, twins, high needs)**

*Elementary Staff*

4.1 ★★★★★ (22)



**Smaller class sizes Kids need more attention from their teachers**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

4.1 ★★★★★ (20)



**Improving the quality of teaching staff and smaller class sizes**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

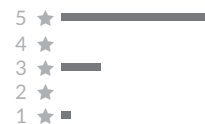
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**Reducing class sizes if possible Children do better when they have more individual attention from the teachers**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

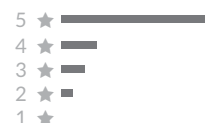
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**Smaller class sizes.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

4.1 ★★★★★ (18)



**Kindergarten class sizes of 30 students are too high!** Kids need more individual attention from teacher and ECEs.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

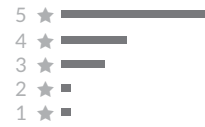
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**Accessibility within schools.** Invest in facilities that improve the accessibility within OCDSB buildings, for those who use wheelchairs or similar items of transportation.

*Students Grades 9 to 12*

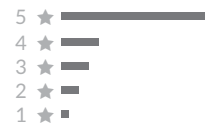
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**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades.** Better student mental health: each child gets more physical space, time from teacher, attention from teacher, learning support.

*Elementary Staff*

4.0 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



**Class size caps in junior and intermediate grades.** Improves home school communication by allowing more time per student and more depth to discussions.

*Elementary Staff*

4.0 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



**Reducing Kindergarten class sizes** 29 four- and five-year-olds is unmanageable, no matter how good the teachers and ECEs are.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



**Reducing class size**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



**Small class sizes** Students need dedicated teachers and EAs who will not burn out to adequately teach skills to students in this increasingly online world.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



**Either decrease class sizes or hire more EAs to support teachers.** Teachers can't teach if too much time is spent on those with greater needs.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

4.0 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



**Keeping teaching staff to student ratios down and support your staff with the necessary tools and classroom materials to do the job we want them to.** If we continue to water down the ratio and resources then the quality of learning will continue to fall

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

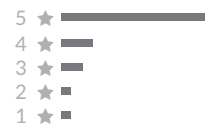
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**Smaller class sizes at the junior level**

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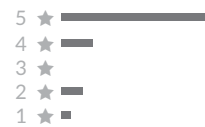
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**Reduced class sizes for kindergarten, with less contacts per day**

*Elementary Staff*

4.0 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



**Smaller class** So everyone's needs can be met and no children fall through the cracks.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

4.0 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



**Class size reduction/hard caps in Junior and Intermediate Divisions in the English program.** Student need cannot be served in a class with 30+ students and multiple and many varied special education and social emotional issues.

*Elementary Staff*

4.0 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Junior cap size**

*Elementary Staff*

4.0 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Kinder classes are chaotic. It's impossible for our youngest learners to function in classes of +/-30, and teachers to know and serve 60 kids.** I teach almost 60 students (alternating daily between 2 classes) and there are weeks I don't get to make a meaningful connection with most of them.

*Elementary Staff*

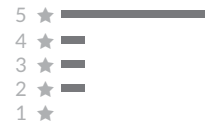
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**Relieving overcrowding in schools and addressing class sizes.** Smaller class sizes and buildings that can hold the correct number of students is important to provide a healthy and secure learning environment.

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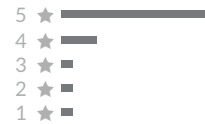
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**Smaller class sizes in junior grades.** Asking students to go from classes with a max of 23 in grade 3 to almost 30 in grades 4 to 6 is unfair and doesn't allow us to meet their needs.

*Elementary Staff*

4.0  (18 )



**Smaller classes** This will allow for more individualized attention for the pupils.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

4.0  (18 )



**Smaller classroom sizes so the teachers can actually do their jobs**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

4.0  (18 )



**Smaller numbers in the classroom** Children need one on one interaction so that they can grow in an environment that is supportive and understanding

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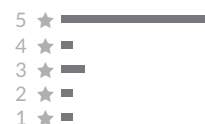
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**smaller class size for grades 6 and under**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

4.0  (17 )



**CLASS SIZES TOO BIG** Kids simply can't learn effectively with too many students to one teacher.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

4.0 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



**Keep class sizes as small as possible.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

4.0 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



**smaller class sizes** So we can teach properly and dedicate time to our students

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

4.0 ★★★★★ (10 👤)



**Ensure schools have the resources they need to keep class sizes small and teachers able to focus on needs of all students.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

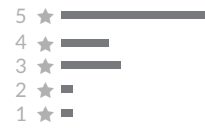
4.0 ★★★★★ (6 👤)



**Reduce class size**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.9 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



**smaller class sizes or have more class assistants to help take the work load off the teachers** allows more individual time for students to spend with their teachers

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.9 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



**Reducing class sizes.** To give all children an opportunity to learn.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.9 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



**Smaller class sizes** Better teach/student ratio will always benefit learning.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.9 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



**advocating for adequate funding for more support staff & smaller class sizes at Junior level** individual parents' voices may not sway the government, so we need institutions to advocate; otherwise, you may not have \$ to act on all this feedback

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.9 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



**More resources for teachers** Too many kids in a class. Board doesn't give enough resources even when obvious need is raised

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Reduce class sizes** Smaller classes = better learning opportunities

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Reducing Class size**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Smaller class sizes** This goes a long way to help with the quality of the education

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Working to limit classroom sizes, ensure teachers qualified to teach the subjects assigned, and seamless transitions** Teachers are heroes. They need to be set up for success.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Maintaining good classroom size and technology** Financial pressures should not be the most important concern. Children's learning should be most important

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)





**Smaller Class sizes, single grade classes, more staff** Overall better learning for our children

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

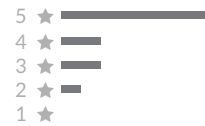
3.9 ★★★★★ (14)



**Decrease class size** I believe that class is too big, the teachers isnt able to provide the needed support. A good size 18 to 20

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.9 ★★★★★ (12)



**Address overcrowded schools** It is not fair to the students or staff

*Community Members*

3.8 ★★★★★ (26)



**Advocate for smaller classes**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.8 ★★★★★ (25)



**Reduce class size** 20 seems to be a magic number from Kinder to Intermediate

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.8 ★★★★★ (21)



**Smaller class sizes** More attention needed for all types of children

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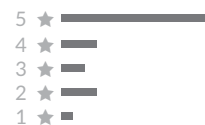
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**Smaller class sizes for every grade level (kindergarten to grade 8)** More teacher contact

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.8 ★★★★★ (21)



**Abolish split grade classes and implement hard caps of 20 students per class.** Students in split grade and/or 30+ student classes are \*not\* getting equitable quality of ed. Stop pretending they are and citing budget pressures.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

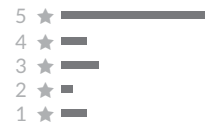
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### Lower class sizes

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



### Lowering class sizes Adding ECE's

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



**Smaller class sizes.** It is ineffective to ask one teacher to reach every student when there are too many students per teacher. Then add behaviour & learning challenges!

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



**Smaller classroom sizes** Putting a large group of children with all different needs together with one teacher is doing a disservice to everyone

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



**A better sex Ed program, more physical activity, smaller class sizes or add an ea to larger classes.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.8 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**school sizes, allocation of resources, catchment areas that result in schools that are able to offer the same possibilities.**

Currently there are schools that are over crowded, and under crowded in the same neighbourhoods. Offer different programs to evenly disperse.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

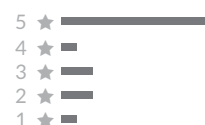
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**Appropriate resources in the school, be it text books, technology, etc.** Have the tools needed to help kids achieve learning successes.

*Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2*

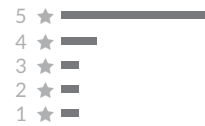
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**Smaller Kindergarten classes.** Too many interactions in a day for our youngest learners. This is not healthy!

*Elementary Staff*

3.8 ★★★★★ (13)



**Class size**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.8 ★★★★★ (12)



**Smaller class sizes, especially in the kinder years** Kinder teachers and ECE's are clearly overwhelmed and unable to focus on much more than maintaining classroom order.

Education should be the priority

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.7 ★★★★★ (23)



**Reducing class sizes.** would allow the teachers to focus on teaching and not on classroom/behaviour management.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.7 ★★★★★ (22)



**Cut kindergarten class size**

*Community Members*

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



**Smaller Class Sizes.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



**Decrease class sizes, especially when special needs an ESL student numbers are high.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



**Smaller class sizes from Kinder to 8. 20 max!!!! Who cares about the money. These kids are our future. I'm worried about the ones that are in now.**

*Elementary Staff*

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



**Improving class sizes for kids to learn better**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.7 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



**Reducing class size in kindergarten and grades 4-6 to match sizes in grades 1-4.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.7 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



**Lower the class cap.**

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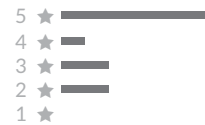
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**Smaller kindergarten classes and also support whith high behaviours in the class.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.7 ★★★★★ (11 👤)



**Lower class sizes 32 students in a class is ridiculous and happens way too often. Caps "across the board" are ridiculous when some schools are allowed huge classes**

*Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3*

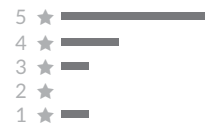
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**Classroom size. Too many kids impedes teacher's ability to teach, kids' ability to learn.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.7 ★★★★★ (9 👤)



**Class sizes**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.6 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



**Large class sizes are insane. Get rid of large class sizes. I cannot fathom that a 4 and 5 year old will be ambushed by the noise of 30 children. 50% of kids are introverts, you are setting them up for failure.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

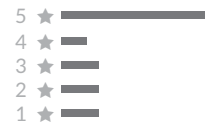
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**Less students in classrooms**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.6 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



**Cap junior class sizes**

*Community Members*

3.6 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



**Reduce class sizes Improve learning.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.6 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



**learn how to do better projections but find a way to err on smaller class sizes** Because too many kids in a class is not good for students and burns out teachers

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.6 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



**Reducing class sizes. Better for students and teachers. Better support and learning opportunities for students. Less stress for teachers.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.6 ★★★★★ (10 👤)



**maintain small class sizes** keeping the class sizes steady at around 20 is helpful

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.6 ★★★★★ (9 👤)

