

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 18, 2018 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 23

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLY WITH  
NEW CLASSROOM SIZE REQUIREMENTS**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:** See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: January 17, 2018  
COUNTY MANAGER

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**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation requiring kindergarten through third grade classes to be reduced from twenty (20) to eighteen (18) students per class; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the requirements, Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools would need to hire one hundred (100) new teachers and build three hundred (300) additional classrooms, which could cost between \$10-20 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools System does not plan to eliminate art, music or physical education, but it does plan to eliminate computer labs to address the requirement in part;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the State of North Carolina provide financial assistance to comply with the new classroom size requirements.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.