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Important Information for Staff Reps & Staff Committees

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Human Resources met with VSTA on October 29, 2009, to discuss the allocation of \$450,000.00 for Class Size and Composition support in secondary schools. After careful review, the secondary schools were split into three categories: high needs, medium needs and those with fewer needs.

Administration, *in consultation with the school Staffing Committee*, may use the blocks to best suit the needs of the overall school. Suggestions include:

- Using the blocks in a posting
- Adding a block to a part-time continuing teacher's load
- Accessing release time available for marking, preparation, writing IEPs, meeting with DRTs, or any other activity which would support work with your overloaded classes. *We strongly urge all teachers who disagreed to make use of this release time.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- It is strongly suggested that those *teachers who "disagreed"* that the class size/composition is appropriate for student learning *should receive first priority* for release time
- All blocks are temporary and should be posted as such. However, if you are adding one (1) block to a part time continuing teacher, the rules of the Collective Agreement apply. Specifically, he/she will be on your staffing sheet/allocation for the increased load in September 2010
- Adding one (1) block to a part time temporary teacher will be decided on a case by case basis and only approved in exceptional circumstances

Staffing Committees are encouraged to meet with administration *as soon as possible* to determine the best use of the support allocation.

Please call the VSTA office if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Thanks for your assistance.