



REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

UPDATE: K–3 Class-Size Reduction Construction Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2017

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Executive Summary

In the 2009–11 biennium, HB 2261 (Chapter 548, Laws of 2009) set in motion the design to provide state funding for all-day kindergarten (ADK). The Legislature then enacted HB 2776 (Chapter 236, Laws of 2010), which created a phased-in timeline for implementing ADK as well as a reduction of class size in K–3 from 25.23 to 17 students per teacher by the 2017–18 school year. The passage of these educational reforms created challenges for districts that do not have additional space or the funds available to construct classrooms needed to offer ADK and reduce class sizes.

To provide assistance to school districts to create the classrooms needed to address ADK and K–3 class size reduction, the legislature passed SB 6080 (Chapter 41, Laws of 2015) which established the K–3 Class Size Reduction (K-3 CSR) Construction Grant Pilot Program. In order to provide funding for the grant pilot program created, the legislature provided \$200 million in the 2015–17 capital budget (HB 1115) and an additional \$34.5 million in the 2016 supplemental capital budget (HB 2380). The [K–3 Class Size Reduction Grant Pilot Program](#) created by the passage of SB 6080 outlined how grant funding must be calculated and awarded and established reporting requirements by grantees and OSPI. Based on these requirements and the funding provided by the legislature, OSPI received 90 completed applications and awarded 21 school districts funding for the creation of 488 classrooms.

The [2016 K–3 Class Size Reduction Grant Program](#) report to the legislature provides more detail on the creation and implementation of the pilot program. This report is intended to summarize the status on the construction of these additional classrooms, how they have affected student-teacher ratios, and the funds disbursed to date.

STATUS OF CURRENT K–3 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION GRANTS

The K–3 Class Size Reduction Grant Pilot Program awarded 21 districts funding for the creation of 488 classrooms. This included a \$10 million grant designated in 2015–17 biennial capital budget (HB 1115) to the Seattle School District. These grants were awarded based on the criteria delineated in SB 6080. Appendix D provides a detailed status of each award.

Grant Award Summary

- \$30.9 million (13%) grant funds have been disbursed.
- 4 school districts have claimed their full award.
- 1 district has fully claimed their K-3 CSR and completed their project.
- Appendix A provides details about the grants awarded, the number of classrooms funded, and the percentage of state financial assistance.

Completed Projects

Yakima School District

The school district was awarded funding for one modular classroom and received a grant award in the amount of \$220,451. The district completed their project by placing a modular classroom at Ridgeview Elementary. The student to teacher ratio prior to the grant was 23.1:1. The ratio after the creation of the modular classroom was 21:1. The final amount of funding claimed by the district was \$219,349.

Below is a summary of the status of the K-3 CSR grant funding awarded.

K-3 Class Size Reduction Grant Financial Summary

School District	Grant Award	Funds Disbursed through Fiscal Year 2017
Central Valley	\$20,852,818	\$19,628,220
Chehalis	\$1,142,777	\$783,678
Eastmont	\$10,017,638	\$0
Federal Way	\$22,579,064	\$0
Highline	\$6,273,168	\$0
Kennewick	\$51,144,945	\$0
Lake Stevens	\$24,556,372	\$3,852,878
Mount Vernon	\$8,070,018	\$0
Okanogan	\$401,385	\$91,639
Othello	\$2,212,108	\$0
Pioneer	\$343,987	\$342,267
Port Townsend	\$201,028	\$0
Pullman	\$7,405,013	\$0
Ridgefield	\$1,243,850	\$1,237,630
Seattle	\$10,000,000	\$630,603
Toppenish	\$2,235,130	\$0
Vancouver	\$42,879,314	\$0
Wapato	\$13,747,902	\$3,580,114
West Valley (Spokane)	\$523,423	\$520,806
White River	\$7,699,611	\$0
Yakima	\$220,451	\$219,349
TOTAL	\$233,750,002	\$30,887,185

Conclusion and Next Steps

OSPI will continue to provide assistance to grant recipients as projects are planned and completed. In fiscal year 2017, the disbursement and reporting process was streamlined to reduce the time needed to disburse funds and provide an easier reporting method.

As the pilot grant program progresses, OSPI will continue to collect classroom cost and inventory data in order to provide additional information to the legislature. Using the latest cost and inventory data will allow us to inform the legislature on the number of additional classrooms needed by the pilot districts and 70 school district applicants who did not receive funding and the true cost of constructing new traditional built classrooms and placement of modular classrooms.

Appendix A: Final Awards Summary

Twenty districts had the highest prioritization scores to receive funding for their full amount of validated K-3 classroom need. Yakima chose to take fewer classes due to existing financial constraints. Seattle did not score high enough to receive additional funds beyond its \$10 million grant.

School Districts		Classrooms			Funding		Grant award amounts			
School District	Enhanced Funding Assistance Percentage	District-Requested MODULAR K-3 Classrooms	District-Requested PERMANENT K-3 Classrooms	WSU-Validated K-3 Classroom Need	Need of MODULAR or <12 PERMANENT Per Classroom	Need of 12+ PERMANENT Per Classroom	Total MODULAR Classrooms Accepted by District	Total <12 PERMANENT Classrooms Accepted by District	Total 12+ PERMANENT Classrooms Accepted by District	Total Grant Amount Awarded
LAKE STEVENS	75.02%	0	50	50		\$491,127	0	0	50	\$24,556,372
WAPATO	103.57%	0	21	21		\$654,662	0	0	21	\$13,747,902
PULLMAN	62.84%	0	18	18		\$411,390	0	0	18	\$7,405,013
WHITE RIVER	65.34%	0	18	18		\$427,756	0	0	18	\$7,699,611
KENNEWICK	87.78%	0	97	89		\$574,662	0	0	89	\$51,144,945
PORT TOWNSEND	29.98%	0	3	3	\$67,009		0	3	0	\$201,028
VANCOUVER	74.43%	0	89	88		\$487,265	0	0	88	\$42,879,314
PIONEER	51.30%	0	3	3	\$114,662		0	3	0	\$343,987
YAKIMA	98.63%	4	0	61	\$220,451		1	0	0	\$220,451
MOUNT VERNON	82.18%	0	22	15		\$538,001	0	0	15	\$8,070,018
HIGHLINE	73.71%	0	13	71		\$482,551	0	0	13	\$6,273,168
CHEHALIS	73.04%	0	7	7	\$163,254		0	7	0	\$1,142,777
EASTMONT	76.51%	0	20	20		\$500,882	0	0	20	\$10,017,638
OKANOGAN	89.79%	0	2	2	\$200,692		0	2	0	\$401,385
CENTRAL VALLEY	75.84%	0	42	42		\$496,496	0	0	42	\$20,852,818
RIDGEFIELD	55.65%	10	0	10	\$124,385		10	0	0	\$1,243,850
WEST VALLEY (SPOKANE)	78.06%	3	0	5	\$174,474		0	3	0	\$523,423
TOPPENISH	107.14%	0	11	10	\$223,513		0	10	0	\$2,235,130
OTHELLO	98.97%	0	10	10	\$221,211		10	0	0	\$2,212,108
FEDERAL WAY	76.71%	0	67	60		\$502,191	0	0	45	\$22,579,064
SEATTLE	26.46%	0	310	139	N/A	N/A	7	0	13	\$10,000,000

Subtotal: \$233,749,999

OSPI Administration Allowance: \$750,000

Federal Way \$502,191x44 = \$22,096,414

Remaining Funds = \$482,650

Total for Federal Way = \$22,579,064

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Total: \$234,499,999

Appropriation: \$234,500,000

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