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To: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents at Clairemont Elementary  
From: Dr. Phyllis A. Edwards, Superintendent  
Date: May 7, 2010  
Subject: Class size at Clairemont 2010-2011

I am in receipt of a letter from some 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students' families dated April 30, 2010. The letter conveys a concern about class sizes in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 2010-2011 school year.

Every year, as a normal course of my job responsibilities, I examine enrollment numbers to assure that teachers have class sizes amenable to student learning. This process begins in the early spring as City Schools of Decatur gathers enrollment data of both current students and residents that may choose to enroll their children.

From that point until the beginning of school, staff keep me informed of any changes. The letter mentions that a concern exists regarding families that move in during the summer. In recent years, I have added personnel when necessary.

We are in tough budgetary times, and class sizes all over metro Atlanta have risen as a result. Our class size numbers are relatively favorable in comparison. However, I have asked staff to continue to be cautious until the budget is solidified.

We noted several months ago that rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class sizes vary between the schools. Because that situation is continuing, I have authorized a teacher to be hired, thus creating five 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Clairemont.

We will continue to monitor all enrollment numbers in every grade level and class for all of CSD's 2,847 students.