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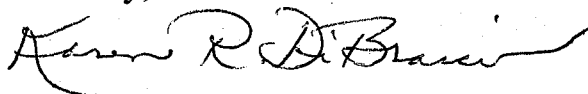
Dear Mr. Buckheit,

As a teacher of the gifted for 30 years, I am appalled that the Board of Education would be suggesting raising class size to 25 students!!! This year I had 21 students in my class of gifted 5th graders: 2 ADHD, 1 dyslexic, and 1 autistic with his one-one aide... Additionally, 5 of the students were new to the class, so they needed further support in order to acclimate themselves to the higher expectations and different approach used within the gifted environment.

I would urge you to reconsider. A class of 25 students will not receive an appropriate education, and the document that promises individualization (I.E.P.) would be a sham!

Limit class size.. or, better, reduce it to the former limit of 15!!! Don't let the gifted be "the children left behind!"

Sincerely,



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