

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 14, 2003

April 30, 2003

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: CLASS SIZE REDUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
REMEDIAL PROGRAMS FOR 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

On April 9, 2003, the Board approved a recommendation to reduce the districtwide average class size by one student. To meet the required two-child average districtwide class size reduction, I recommended the implementation of a remedial education program for the regular 180-day school year. This remedial program would reduce the districtwide average class size by an additional one student. The Board deferred action on the remedial program until the 2003 State Legislative process concludes.

In the event the Legislature has passed a budget by May 14, 2003, I will advance an action item for your consideration at your May School Board Meeting. I must point out that the Legislature may not have approved a budget by this date since the Governor has established May 22, 2003 as the last day for the Legislature to conclude a special session on the budget. Time is of the essence, as we are currently in the middle of our 2003-04 budget development process, including the allocation of personnel and non-salary resources to schools.