

A Message from Superintendent Hoernemann



We are pleased to share that hiring additional teachers underway for the 2015-16 school year. As you know, class sizes and caseloads have been uncomfortably high, so adding core teachers is our top priority. Although there was some progress from the last legislative session, ACSC funding per student is still well below the state average. However, the addition of \$270 per student over the next biennium – combined with our many efficiencies – will allow us to add 29+ teachers for the 2015-16 school year. We all agree that reduction in class size is our top priority.

Unfortunately, our limited funds will not allow us to increase teaching positions in music, art, PE, counseling or other important areas.

Here is a summary of additional teaching positions to be filled this coming school year:

- 12.5 classroom teachers at the K-4 level
- 5 classroom teachers at the Intermediate level
- 1 special education teacher at AIS-East
- 2 teachers at AMS-North
- 2 teachers at AMS-South
- 7 teachers at AHS

We want our teachers to know that relief is coming; we want our community to know that class sizes in our K-6 general education classrooms will improve. If current figures hold, we will not have any K-6 general education classrooms at or over 30 students. Some improvement will be made in most core classes at the middle schools, but all other classes may exceed 30 students. High school classroom figures will vary by subject, however, the additional teachers will help ease the ratio.

Our students continue to excel despite the challenges. The list of accolades from this school year alone is too numerous to name. We appreciate your support to make this a wonderful school year and wish our Avon families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

As always, I welcome your feedback. Feel free to email me at mehoernemann@avon-schools.org.

Sincerely,

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