

**Mrs. Catherine M. Bulgrin**

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**From:** Catherine Bulgrin [st\_bulgrin@smfcsd.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** 'pat matthews'  
**Subject:** RE: Woodland 2nd grade class room size

Hi Pat,

I'll take a look at it....but in terms of 'affording it' as of the preliminary #'s run back in July...our excess of revenue over (under) (line 6.01 on the forecast) indicated that in 2010 (next year) we would be deficit spending to the tune of over 3 million dollars I wish we could get those interested to go to our website and get the facts instead of going to the 'naysayers' website and getting the facts 'distorted.

Cathy

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**From:** pat matthews [mailto:pmatt2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2008 9:04 AM  
**To:** st\_bulgrin@smfcsd.org  
**Subject:** Fw: Woodland 2nd grade class room size

Hi Cathy

Could you clarify money statements made by this parent....could we have afforded this position?

Pat

please asap

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**From:** Sam <simmdidi@neo.rr.com>  
**To:** st\_jones@smfcsd.org; ODJMO@att.net; rspangler@neo.rr.com; pmatt2005@yahoo.com; kpowers@neo.rr.com; mkwright88@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2008 9:05:22 PM  
**Subject:** Woodland 2nd grade class room size

Hello,

Thank you again for granting me time to speak with you during the last BOE meeting. During which I promised to keep in touch with you.

Please accept this email as follow-up. I hope by now you've had a change of heart and making plans to reduce the class room size at Woodland Elementary 2nd grade. Acceptance to transferring students has not reduced the class room size - still at 30.

Since we spoke - I've learned a few more pieces of information I'd like to share with you.

Did you know a Woodland 2nd grade teacher was moved; transferred to Fishcreek between school years. Done so, even as Woodland was promoting 56 1st graders into 2nd grade. Pretty sure this decision contributed to path we're all traveling now.

Did you know on the SMF web site  
<http://www.smfcsd.org/strategic.html>

The district's contract with the Stow Teachers Association dictates class size - K-4 is 24:1. Woodland 2nd grade is 30:1

From this weeks meeting notes:

Exhibit#3 - appears our school system is already receiving \$212,636.44 in Federal money under Title VI to reduce classroom size.

Exhibit#2 - appears our school system's has deposits in excess of \$20 million.

I stated from the onset I was seeking your help for the sake of these kids. You responded many times that the underlying theme was money; find \$75K and we'd hire a teacher (loosely quoted). Appears we have found the money..

One more teacher might create a 1% fluctuation to the overall \$60 million dollar plan but one more teacher will enrich the lives of 60.

One more teacher will also ensure the Mission statement is upheld.

Please place the following topic on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

I am requesting one of you make a motion hire a 2nd grade teacher for Woodland Elementary School without any ties to the next levy ballot.

I am also requesting one of you second this motion.

Then, immediately vote on this matter; making your decision a matter of public record.

Please confirm with me so I and other concerned parents may attend this meeting and lend our support.

Please keep in touch,  
Thanks again for your time.  
Sam Bunnell