



## URGENT: SAVE BROOKS MITs LIKE ART, MUSIC, & PE!



### What happened?

Last year, the NC General Assembly passed a bill to limit class sizes for grades k-3 starting in the 2017-2018 school year. While smaller classes are admirable, the bill has unintended consequences.

### What are the consequences?

This new mandate is unfunded, leaving schools to have to hire new teachers to offset classroom size. Brooks would need several new teachers to fulfill the mandate. Without new funding, cuts must be made to fill the new positions. Those cuts likely will come from our wonderful MIT teachers and school support positions!!!

### How does HB13 fit into this?

HB 13 is a nonpartisan bill that the NC House easily passed to give schools flexibility to address the new mandate. It will relax the cap sizes and act as a compromise between the old class numbers and what is now mandated.

### So if the House passed this, why are we still talking about it?

Although it passed the House, it now needs to pass the Senate. It is sitting in the Senate Rules and Operation Committee, so the Senate has not even voted on it. *This is where you come in!*

### How can I help?

Call (leave voicemail) or email your senators and tell them to pass HB 13!  
**Sample:** *"I am a parent and voter living in Wake County. Please pass HB 13 to help our schools. I am counting on you! Here is my name and address: \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you."*

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(Or go to [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net) to find out your senator if you do not live near Brooks.)

*Thank you for doing this today! Hurry -- crossover deadline April 27!*

**Please recycle this memo by passing it on to neighbors!**