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## Show us the money, school trustees tell government

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A proposal to limit class sizes in B.C.'s schools is causing concern among trustees, who wonder how the changes would be funded.

On Thursday, the provincial government introduced legislation to limit the number of students in classes from grades 4 to 12. If passed, there will be a cap of 30 students in those classes.

In a rare show of unity, both the provincial government and the teachers applauded the new limits.

Jinny Sims, president of the B.C. Teacher's Federation, called the proposed legislation a step in the right direction, but questioned where the funding is to implement it.

Ken Denike, the chairman of the Vancouver School Board, shared her concern.

"It's a matter of them legislating without funding, and you know there's a problem here," Denike said. "It's not in our budget. It's not in budgets across the province."

Denike pointed to a problem rural school districts might face, where the addition of just one new student could push a class above the proposed cap. That would mean the expense of creating a new class and hiring another teacher, he said.



Denike said he and others will press Education Minister Shirley Bond on the funding issue when she meets with school trustees from across the province at their annual general meeting on Saturday.

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