



22 February 2007

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS JP
Chairman
Legislative Council Panel on Education
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Mr Tsang,

Small Class Teaching

Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2007 to the Chief Executive, who has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Chief Executive considers that any decision to implement small class teaching in Hong Kong should be premised upon the actual benefits to students in the local context. Considering the significant long-term financial commitment and the scarcity of local experience in implementing small class teaching, we need to plan strategically to ensure that the investment into small classes is well made. Education and Manpower Bureau has launched the study on small class teaching with these considerations in mind. The study will not only assess the benefits of small class teaching in terms of both academic and affective outcomes, but will also identify the teaching strategies and support necessary for maximizing the benefits of small classes in the local context. The Administration will map out the way forward taking account of the outcome of the study.

Yours sincerely,

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Private Secretary to Chief Executive