

### DI Insights

Easy access to information that makes a difference

#### Three Clicks Away...

##### Involuntary Transfers

To meet the rigid requirements of the Class Size Reduction program, some students are often transferred or 'overloaded' to another school. Often, these students are promised they can return to their neighborhood school the next school year.

DI has introduced a way for you to account for these students in the school-by-grade enrollment projections. Simply flag these students in the student data file by entering the school code of next year's school. The DI system will factor those students into the school-by-school projections for the following school year. Once in the system, you are 3 clicks away from getting a report of overload students by school by grade.

#### Meet Bruce Terry...

Residential Research and Client Support & Training are important components of the DI system, and Bruce Terry is the person primarily responsible for both these areas.

Having joined the organization two and a half years ago, he has enjoyed the challenge of a growing business. Bruce approaches his work from the vantage of a long-time school administrator with a specialty in educational technology. As such, he is aware of the ever-present challenges of time and budget constraints, and helps us in our mission to provide the most efficient tools in a user friendly package. Like all members of the DI team, Bruce is committed to helping districts realize the full potential of our services and systems.

A Southern California native, Bruce attended the University of California, Riverside and enjoyed a wonderful career in the Irvine Unified School District before joining DecisionInsight. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and skiing with his wife, Maureen and daughter, Liz. He is tethered to the Company, however, and can be reached at a moment's notice at (949) 981-1578!



#### New Efficiency Tools To Make Your Work Faster And Easier...

*At DecisionInsight, we're committed to providing school districts with powerful tools to make your work easier and more efficient. Here are three entries in our suite of Excel-based efficiency tools designed to deliver on that promise.*

##### Staffing Calculator

DecisionInsight's new **Staffing Calculator** preloads your projected enrollment by school by grade level, and gives you instant FTE calculations for each school.

The user can then edit average class sizes to quickly perform 'What-if' scenarios. Then enter your own class sizes to obtain on the spot estimates of FTE costs and savings. If the budget has you considering changes in your staffing ratios, or your Class Size Reduction profile, the **Staffing Calculator** can save you loads of time in exploring both the FTE and budget impact of various scenarios. To experience, first-hand, this powerful new component, go to *Tools>Calculator>Staffing*. Try it! We think you'll be amazed.

##### Elementary School Capacity Calculator

Another efficiency tool is our **Elementary School Capacity Calculator**. This tool allows you to quickly and easily recalculate school capacities in response to changes in class size averages. All you need to know is the number of rooms in the school, and the class sizes for each grade level.

Go to *Tools>Calculator>Elementary Capacity*. When the template opens, fill in the appropriate boxes (*highlighted in yellow*) by answering the questions, and the schools capacity will be generated instantly. Plug in your school name, and save the file. It's that easy.

##### Elementary School Room Calculator

Still a third powerful tool in our suite is the **Elementary School Room Calculator**. This tool is designed to answer the question, "How many rooms will be required at each school to house the projected enrollment"? Choose *Tools>Calculator>Room Count*. The template will open pre-loaded with your district's school-by-grade projections for the upcoming year. Input your district's room loading by grade level, and rooms needed for each school will instantly display. In addition, the **Elementary School Room Calculator** displays a list of opportunities for Combination Classes. For districts with multi-track year round schools (*or those contemplating such*) the **Elementary School Room Calculator** automatically calculates the room count based on this calendar. Save your file and count the hours you've saved!

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