
2017-18 ENROLLMENT AND STAFFING UPDATE

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:

The Board has requested a staffing and enrollment update for the 2017-18 school year.

ENROLLMENT:

As of Tuesday, September 19, 2017, the District has enrolled 41,089 students, 598 students above our overall enrollment from September 2016. Overall, the District is up 94 students from projection set for September 30.

Class sizes vary throughout the district and a few are higher than optimal. Resources from the local option levy significantly improve class size concerns throughout the District. At the elementary level, kindergarten classes are lower than 29 students, grades 1-3 are 29 or lower and grades 4 and 5 are 32 or lower, with many of our classrooms falling well below these numbers.

Average class size for middle school core classes range from 25 to 35 students with several classes below 25 and a few classes above the average due to scheduling constraints. Average high school core classes range from 25 to 35 students, similar to what we have seen in recent years. However, due to the complexity of high school schedules, there still remain some extreme high school class sizes of 40+ students. Most of these classes tend to be classes in our electives, PE, health and singleton courses offered throughout the day. Adjustments to staffing may continue for several weeks to ease larger than expected classes.

STAFFING:

As of September 19, 2017, there have been 566 hires or promotions:

- 300 full-time and part-time licensed
- 247 full-time and part-time classified
- 19 full-time administrators

Last spring, schools were allocated 1,796.2 APU from the General fund and the Local Option Levy. Since that time, an additional 40 APU has been allocated to reduce class size.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board receive this update as an informational item and have the opportunity for further clarification.