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Re: Future Enrollment Projections 2027 thru 2030

Date: January 26, 2026

Introduction

To provide a summary of student enrollment trends and projections through the 2029-2030 school year, the District utilizes two primary data points: Live Birth Rates by local zip code and Cohort Survival Rates, which track the historical trend of students as they progress from one grade level to the next. This data-driven approach guides the District to plan effectively for staffing, facilities, and academic programming.

Situation

This data served as the foundation for a multi-year enrollment forecast. It is important to note that the level of confidence in these projections decreases the further they extend into the future. Based on the current data, several key observations have been identified:

- **Building Specifics:** Enrollment at Erickson Elementary is projected to dip to 379 in 2026-27, while DuJardin Elementary is expected to follow a similar pattern with a projected low of 325 students in the same year. Enrollment totals do not include the Early Childhood program.
- **Middle School Stability:** Westfield Middle School remains stable in the near term with 493 students projected for 2026-27. However, a decrease is forecasted by 2029-30 as smaller elementary cohorts begin to move upward into the middle school grades.
- **Full-Day Kindergarten (2027-2028):** A significant shift is forecasted for the 2027-28 school year as the District prepares for the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten.

Recommendation

These projections are for informational and strategic planning purposes.

DISTRICT								
				CURRENT	FORECAST			
Year	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
K	90	86	107	93	97	131	132	147
1	135	110	97	113	105	109	139	138
2	145	138	115	103	119	109	116	144
3	147	156	139	122	106	124	113	121
4	139	150	163	143	127	111	131	117
5	172	148	150	176	150	130	121	134
	828	788	771	750	704	714	752	801
6	147	177	164	147	178	152	132	123
7	168	146	182	164	148	179	155	135
8	165	171	147	186	167	150	181	156
	480	494	493	497	493	481	468	414
Total	1,308	1,282	1,264	1,247	1,197	1,195	1,220	1,215

Enrollment Projections by Building

