



October 26, 2020

To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent
From: Jason Mutzenberger, Executive Director of Business Services
Re: October 1, 2020 Enrollment

The October 1st, 2020 grades K-12 enrollment numbers came in lower than expected, finishing at 8,479 students compared to a budget of 8,569 or a difference of 90 students. Kindergarten enrollment held close to projections, down just 6 students. Grades 1-6 enrollment were 45 students lower than expected. The largest area of concern this year are at entry points of 7th and 9th grade where we experienced 67 students less than expected. Enrollment has dropped 4.1% over the past 6 years.

Each year there are unique situations that impact enrollment. In the past we've experienced new housing developments, pockets of students moving out of state or country, and growth in charter school opportunities. This year we've experienced the pandemic. While we did expect a decline in enrollment, it was about 1% greater than projections, we believe due to the pandemic. As we survey districts around us, most have experienced up to a 3% decline in enrollment this fall

The board packet includes three documents around enrollment. The first document is the October 1 enrollment by site and grade level compared with budget. The second document is a deeper look by site and grade level for the current year and six previous years. The final document is a snapshot of the district's kindergarten capture rate. We'll provide a deeper look at enrollment projections, including open enrollment trends at the school board workshop in January 2021.