

DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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FOR DISCUSSION:

Subject: Demographic Reports

Attached are the two reports produced by Dr. John Kasarda, the District's contracted demographer. The first report was completed with the idea that half day kindergarten would continue. In that report, the data was calculated into three different series: Series A (less than currently anticipated births), Series B (currently anticipated births) and Series C (greater than anticipated births) (p. 40).

Series A showed a gradual decline in population in all schools:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 301 in five years (p. 46);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 400 in five years (p. 49);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 373 in ten years (p. 52);

Series B showed little change (small decrease at Erickson) in numbers currently reported:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 395 in five years (p. 47);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 487 in five years (p. 50);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 498 in ten years (p. 53);

Series C showed significant increases in student population:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 466 in five years (p. 48);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 581 in five years (p. 51);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 585 in ten years (p. 54).

District wide numbers are reflected through each series of assumptions on pages 55-57 and represented graphically on page 58.

Utilizing the same series calculations from the prior report, the second report was generated to measure the impact of beginning a full day kindergarten program this fall. As such, the numbers need to be looked at through that lens and the results should show the measure of impact the beginning of this program and what it would mean over the same span of time.

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In Dr. Kasarda's second report, the numbers look like this:

Series A showed a gradual decline in population in all schools:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 312 in five years (p. 73);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 411 in five years (p. 76);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 383 in ten years (p. 79);

Series B showed modest increases (except Erickson) in numbers currently reported:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 415 in five years (p. 74);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 506 in five years (p. 77);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 507 in ten years (p. 80);

Series C showed significant increases in student population:

DuJardin Elementary from 390 to 494 in five years (p. 75);
Erickson Elementary from 507 to 600 in five years (p. 78);
Westfield Middle from 497 to 602 in ten years (p. 81).

District wide numbers are reflected through each series of assumptions on pages 82-84. Appendix A reflects the enrollment histories of area private schools while Appendix B offers statistical suggestions as to the population of students who are of age for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten in the geographical area around Bloomington.