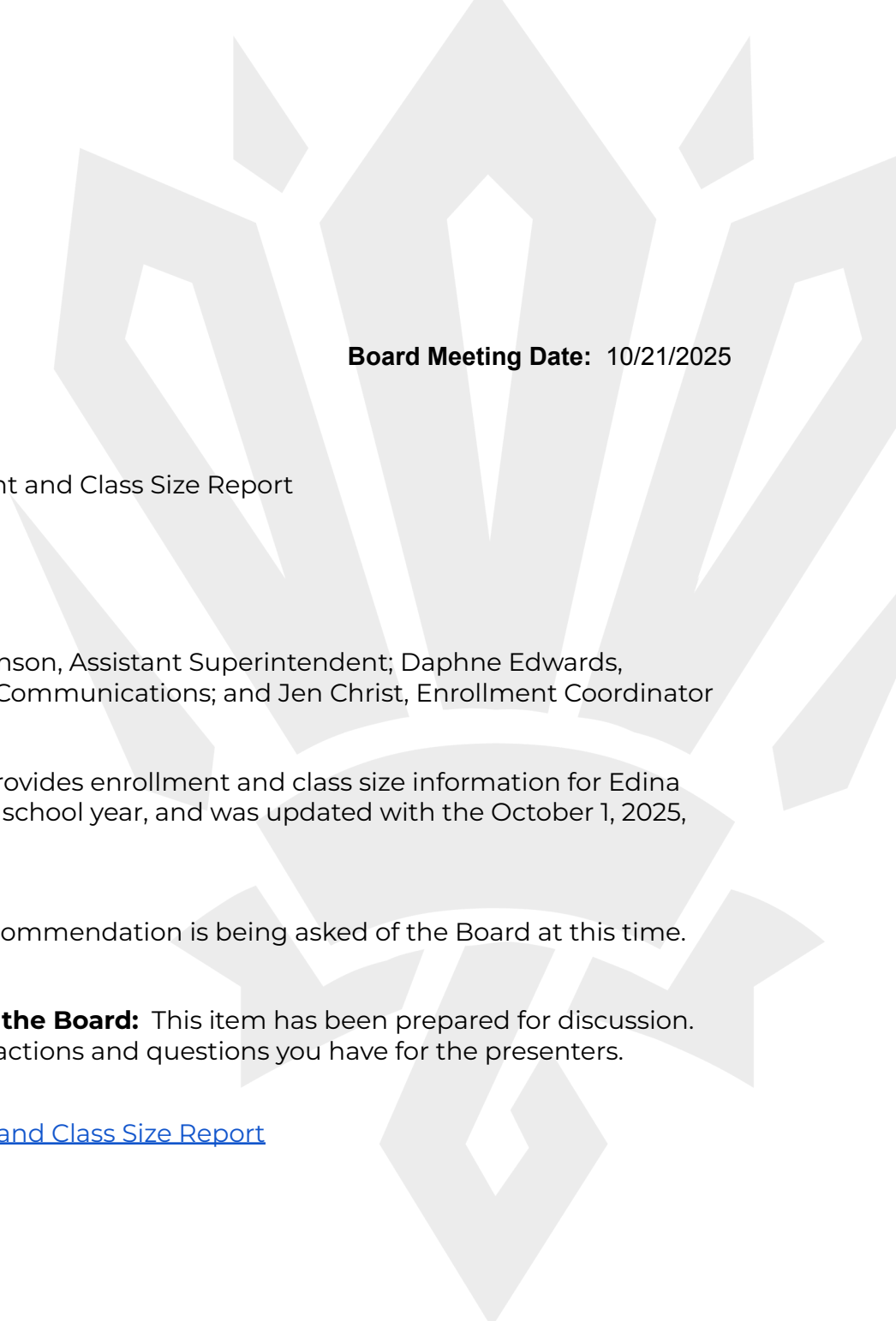




Board Meeting Date: 10/21/2025

Title: 2025-2026 Enrollment and Class Size Report

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Nathan Swenson, Assistant Superintendent; Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications; and Jen Christ, Enrollment Coordinator

Description: This report provides enrollment and class size information for Edina Public Schools for the past school year, and was updated with the October 1, 2025, student counts.

Recommendation: No recommendation is being asked of the Board at this time.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: This item has been prepared for discussion. Please bring forth initial reactions and questions you have for the presenters.

Attachments: [Enrollment and Class Size Report](#)



Executive Summary

As of October 1, 2025, Edina Public Schools (EPS) serves 9,066 students across early learning through grade 12 — reflecting steady enrollment and continued strong community demand for EPS programs. The district's enrollment trends, demographic shifts, open enrollment participation, and class size averages remain within established guidelines and continue to inform both short-term operational decisions and long-term strategic planning.

Key Highlights

- Overall Enrollment: Total Pre-K–12 enrollment increased to 9,066 students, up from 8,940 in 2024–25.
- Resident Enrollment: EPS serves 6,675 resident students, representing 77.6% of the city's total student pool — a capture rate that has remained stable.
- Demographics: The resident student population continues to grow more racially and ethnically diverse, while open-enrolled students remain predominantly White.
- 423 out of 557 resident Kindergarten students enrolled in Edina, which equates to a 76% capture rate.
- 113 fewer Edina resident students are attending non-public schools in 2025–26, as compared to 2024–25.
- Except for 6th grade, between the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 school years, resident cohort enrollments grew across all grades.
- Cohort Trends: Most grade-level cohorts increased in size. However, incoming kindergarten classes remain smaller than the graduating classes and are projected to continue declining. For example, the Class of 2024 graduated 676 students, while the incoming kindergarten cohort has 558 students.
- Early Learning: Early learning enrollment stands at 336 students, with an increasing proportion of non-resident participation.
- Non-Public and Other Public Attendance: Approximately 1,926 Edina-resident students attend non-public or other public schools, with 81% opting for non-public institutions.
- A total of 2,046 students are open-enrolled in EPS. In 2025–26, 71 fewer new students enrolled compared to 2024–25. Most open-enrolled students come from Minneapolis, Richfield, and Hopkins.



Summary

Edina Public Schools remains a destination district that continues to attract and retain a diverse and engaged student population. The district's enrollment patterns are stable, and open enrollment remains a key contributor to maintaining healthy enrollment totals. Continued monitoring of resident capture rates, early learning participation, and cohort trends will support proactive planning and sustain EPS's commitment to excellence in education.