

June 15, 2025

Michael Engel, Ed.D.  
Associate Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer  
Administrative Center  
East Aurora School District 131  
310 Seminary Ave.  
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Dear Dr. Engel:

Per your request, I describe below a proposed scope of work and professional fee for a demographic study and enrollment projections for East Aurora School District 131 to commence in fall 2025. The scope of work would include the following:

1. Examination of the most recent demographic and housing trends in the main municipalities served by District 131 and assessment of future new housing development, housing turnover (including teardowns and replacement housing), and family in-migration (the latter conducted in collaboration with school district staff and persons knowledgeable of local real estate and land use).
2. Forecasts of population and household growth to the year 2040 for the main municipalities served by the school district.
3. Assessment of annual enrollment growth and/or decline for District 131 and each school (data permitting) since at least 2010 and reasons for annual enrollment growth and/or decline.
4. Computation and assessment of migration/retention and transfer of students, by year and by grade, between 2010–11 and 2025–26 for District 131 and for each graded school.
5. Three series of enrollment projections for each of your twelve elementary schools and STEAM Academy, by year and by grade, through school year 2030–31, and projections for your three middle schools, Magnet Academy, high school and the district as a whole, by year and by grade, through school year 2035–36, based on different sets of assumptions concerning future housing development and turnover including possible teardowns/replacements, family in- and out-migration, resident births, and estimates

of preschool population. These projections will provide for District 131 and each of your eighteen schools, by year and by grade, (A) the minimum number of students that may be anticipated, (B) the most likely number of future students to expect, and (C) the maximum number of students that can be foreseen.

6. A clearly written final report summarizing the entire demographic study and discussing the enrollment projections. The report will be provided in electronic format (PDF).

My professional fee for conducting the demographic study, district and individual school student migration/transfer analysis, and all enrollment projections described above would be \$19,400. This quote includes \$5,900 for the full district-wide demographic study, annual student migration/transfer analysis for the district and district enrollment projections by year and by grade, plus \$750 per school for their student migration/transfer analyses and three series of enrollment projections by year and by grade (\$13,500). I will do my best to deliver the report within 45 to 60 days after receiving the requested information and data, for which forms will be provided.

In terms of experience, I have conducted over 300 similar demographic studies and enrollment projection studies for Chicago suburban school districts (including East Aurora School District 131) since my years on the faculty at the University of Chicago. Attached is my brief bio and selection of local references.

I look forward to the prospect of working with you and District 131 staff again to provide a thorough, timely, and accurate demographic study and set of enrollment projections. Please let me know if you would like me to proceed and send the information and data request forms.

Sincerely,



John D. Kasarda, Ph.D.  
Consulting Demographer

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