

### BOARD OF EDUCATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Board is committed to the Unite U-46 plan to move schools forward.
- We will continue to encourage community involvement throughout the process.
- Existing buildings that do not meet the needs of students and teachers must be addressed.
- We must remain fiscally responsible and phase in building updates.
- Decisions must be rooted in data and best practices.
- If a school is retired, students will transition to an improved learning environment.

Acknowledge changing factors, including:

- Enrollment
- Construction costs and inflation
- Land availability
- Ongoing development of the middle school instructional model

### UNITE U-46 PHASE 2 GOALS

- Review and analyze new data and information to refine the Unite U-46 recommendations.
- Establish priorities and standards for building updates.
- Determine how many elementary and middle schools our community needs.
- Evaluate criteria to determine new attendance boundaries.
- Review options for how students, staff, and families will transition to new schools.

### PARTICIPANTS

  
**1540**  
 BOUNDARY SURVEY  
 RESPONDENTS

  
**220**  
 WORKSHOP  
 PARTICIPANTS

### TIMELINE

June 20  
2023

Planning Our Next Steps:  
Unite U-46 Plan Update

Sept. 25  
2023

Board Of Education Finalizes  
Middle School Facility Update Plan

Oct. 5  
2023

New Data To Refine  
The Plan & Next Steps

Nov. 2  
2023

Elementary Focus:  
Building Analysis and Priorities

Dec. 18  
2023

Board of Education Finalizes Initial  
Elementary School Facility Update Plan

Feb. 8  
2024

Elementary School Recommendations and  
Attendance Boundary Mapping,  
Planning Criteria And Guidelines

May 8  
2024

Middle School Focus: Boundary  
Recommendations, New Middle School  
Model, Plans For Opening, Transitioning  
Students To New Middle School

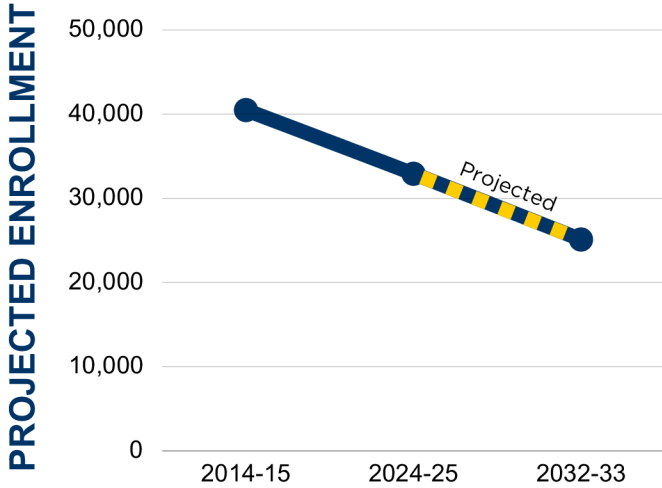
May 24  
2024

Board of Education Approves New  
Middle School in Bartlett Boundaries

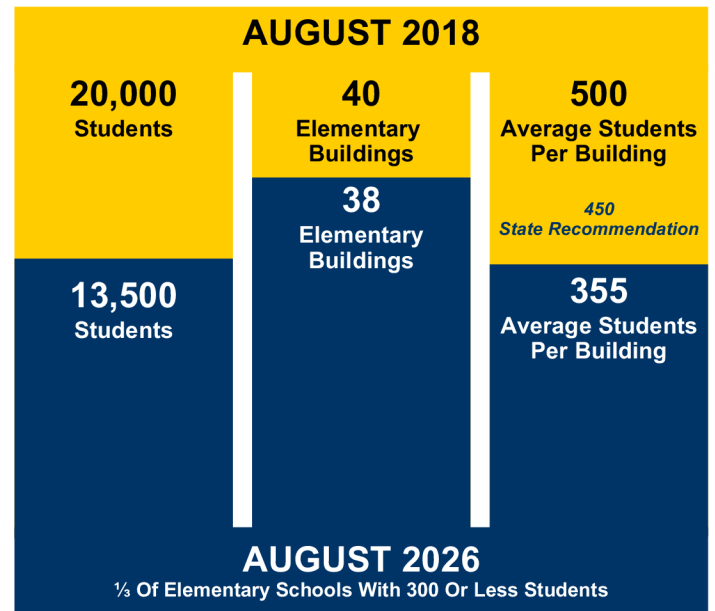
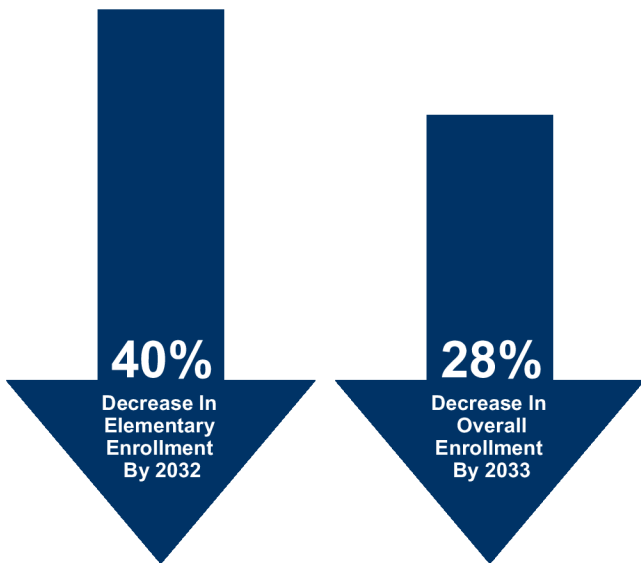
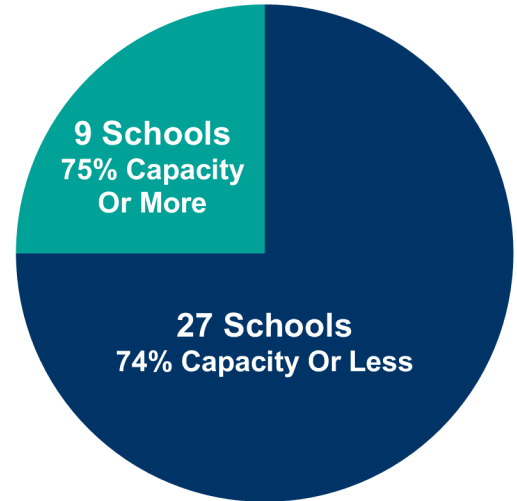
Community Engagement  
Workshop

Board Of Education  
Decisions

## DECLINING ENROLLMENT



## 2026-27 PROJECTED ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT CAPACITY



**Tentative August 2026-27 6th Grade Scheduled To Move To Middle Schools**  
*The transition team and steering committee work are underway to support student and staff transition to the new middle school model.*

## PROPOSED MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPACITY



# 600 - 1125

**TWO TO THREE TEACHING & LEARNING TEAMS PER GRADE**

## PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE OF U-46 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



- Increase equitable access to educational programs (such as Dual Language, Gifted, Specialized Student Services, Early Childhood) at more schools districtwide.
- Balance student enrollment at schools throughout the district.
- Create secure and easily identifiable entryways at the main entrance of school buildings.
- Ensure all schools are inclusive and ADA-accessible to all of our students and families.
- Provide dedicated classrooms for art and music classes.

## 2024 UNITE U-46 BOUNDARY PLANNING CRITERIA



The community has identified the following criteria as top priorities as U-46 updates attendance boundaries:

- **Distance and travel times to school**
- **Consistent feeder patterns**
- **Proximity to schools and keeping communities together**
- **Ability of siblings to stay at the same school**
- **Adequate classroom space for all students assigned to the school without the need to use mobile classrooms**
- **Stability of attendance boundaries - avoid changes in two consecutive years**

These criteria were put into place for the first time in developing the boundaries for the new middle school in Bartlett.

Home Elementary School	Portion of School Attendance Area
Prairieview	All
Spring Trail	All
Sycamore Trails	All
Wayne	All
Liberty	South of Stearns Road



**Construct**

New Middle School in Bartlett  
New Middle School in Elgin  
Kimball and Kenyon Woods Middle School Additions & Renovations



**August Open**

New Middle School in Bartlett (7th grade only for 2025/26)

**June Retire**

Lowrie and Washington Elementary



**August Open**

Kimball and Kenyon Woods Middle School Additions & Renovations



**August Open**

New Middle School in Elgin



*Some of these construction projects are currently underway, and their timelines are being finalized.*

**Open**

New Middle School in Elgin (*under construction*)

**Construct**

New Elementary in Elgin

**Renovate**

Century Oaks, Glenbrook, Canton, Eastview, Larsen, and Tefft Middle

**Retire**

McKinley and Hanover Countryside Elementary, Abbott and Ellis Middle

**Convert**

Illinois Park Early Childhood Center To Elementary

*It is important to note that the district's attendance boundaries are being revised, which may change the schools assigned to a given address.*

*For more detailed information see the Unite U-46 Phase 2 Final Report*