



December 2 Community Presentation

Welcome Back!

- Please introduce yourself to others seated near you
- Sign-in



I Have A Question or Comment!

Complete a form:

Let's Talk at u-46.org/letstalk

Email to UniteU46@u-46.org

Ask during small group work time

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46
Unite46
Moving Forward Together

I HAVE A QUESTION!

I would like to be contacted by a Unite U-46 representative who can respond to this question/comment:

Your question or comment may be directly related to the community engagement project or any other matter regarding the school district.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

UniteU46@u-46.org
UniteU46.com

Meeting Materials

Today's Handouts:

- Agenda
- Verbatim Responses
- Executive Summary
- Presentation Slides
- Work Activity



Today's Agenda

- Recap recent Unite U-46 actions
- Review costs and other considerations associated with maintaining each of our schools
- Quantify the number of elementary schools we will need going forward
- Scenario planning activity

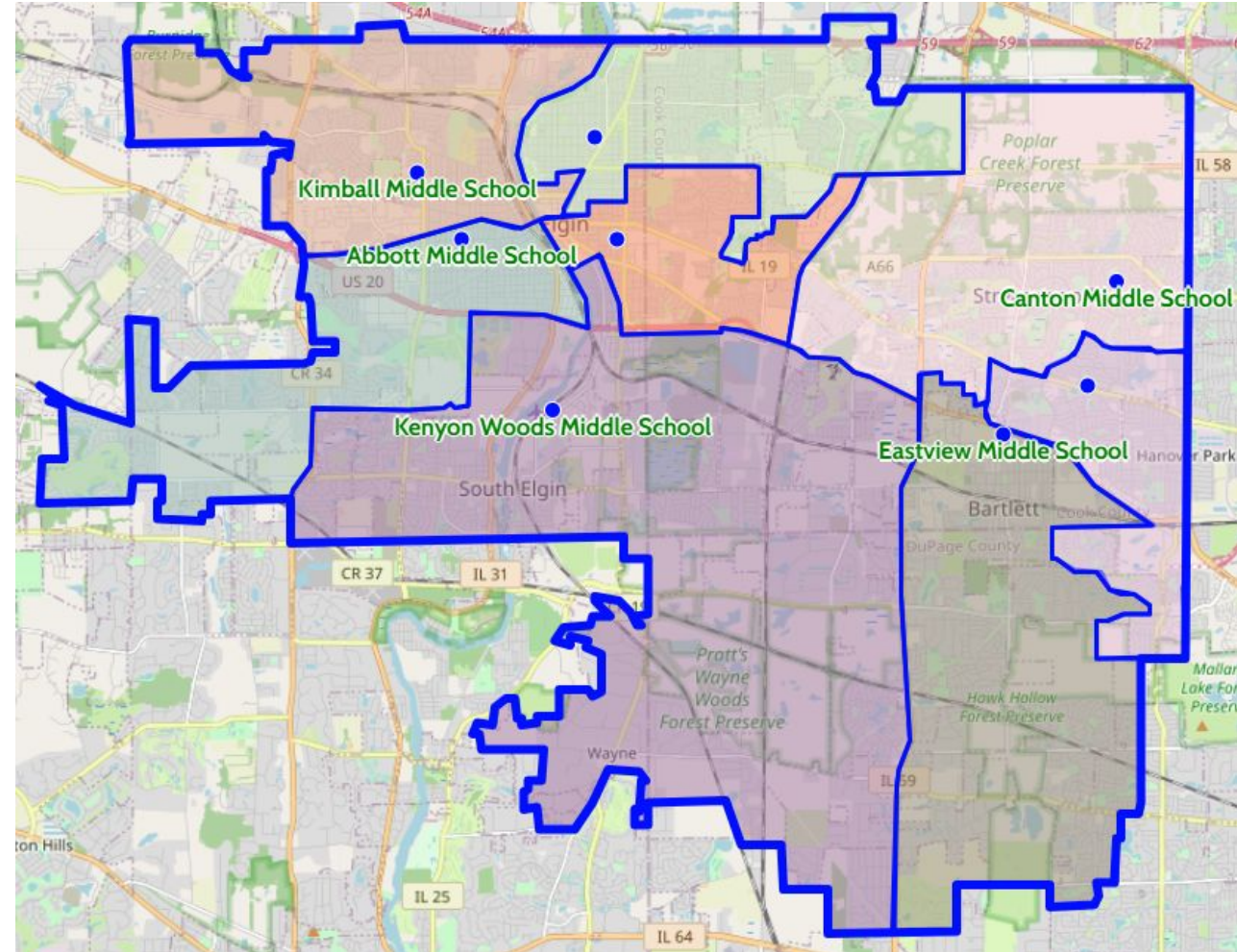
SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46



Unite U-46 Recent Actions

Recent Unite U-46 Actions

- **Middle school recommendations approved**
 - Retiring Abbott, Ellis
 - Additions to Kimball, Kenyon Woods
 - Construction of a new middle school in Elgin
- **Board of Education will receive recommendations on elementary schools on December 18**



Recent Unite U-46 Actions

SCHOOL	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	EST. COMPLETION
FUNDED BEFORE UNITE U-46 PLAN			
Hawk Hollow	Conversion to middle school	\$58 Million	Summer 2025
UNITE U-46 BOND ISSUE AND RESERVE FUNDING \$380 MILLION			
New Middle School	Located in Elgin	\$110 Million	Summer 2026
Kimball Middle School	Addition to increase to 1,125 student capacity	\$50 million	Summer 2026
Kenyon Woods Middle School	Addition to increase to 1,125 student capacity	\$35 Million	Summer 2026
Total		\$195 Million	
ADDITIONAL PLANNED BOND ISSUE AND RESERVE FUNDED PROJECTS			
New Elementary School	Location TBD	\$50M	TBD
Update Canton, Eastview, Larsen, Tefft Middle Schools	Secure front entrances, update STEM, science labs, add flexible/collaborative learning spaces	TBD	TBD
Update Existing Elementary Schools	Safety, security, renovation, repair, technology, flexible spaces	TBD	TBD
Total		\$50M	

Recent Unite U-46 Input

- Put students first
- Continue communication with the community
- Remain mindful of the rich history of our schools
- Increase equitable access to programs at more schools
- Ensure all schools are inclusive and accessible to all



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46



Refining The Plan

Elementary Building Analysis & Priorities

Age of U-46 Elementary Schools



3 built prior to 1900



10 built between
1900-1960



13 built between
1960-1980



12 built since 1980

68% of our elementary schools were built prior to 1980

Renovate, Rebuild, or Retire Schools



U-46 Recent Example at Lowrie



Costs And Other Considerations With Maintaining An Elementary School

- **Operational costs - approximately \$100,000 per year**
 - Utilities, Groundskeeping, Snow Removal, etc.
- **Periodic major maintenance events - approximately \$1,000,000 per year (on average)**
 - Roof replacement, Boiler, HVAC, parking lot paving, etc.
- **Staffing considerations - approximately \$700,000 per year**
 - Principal, Assistant Principal, Secretary, Custodian, etc.

U-46 spends an average of \$2M per building on maintenance each year*

Focus On What's Right For Our Students

Appropriate Class Sizes and Staffing

- Rebalance class sizes and staffing to provide the best opportunities for students.

Grade Level Sections

- Multiple sections of grade levels
 - Provide additional opportunities
 - Support social development
- Reduce multi-grade classrooms



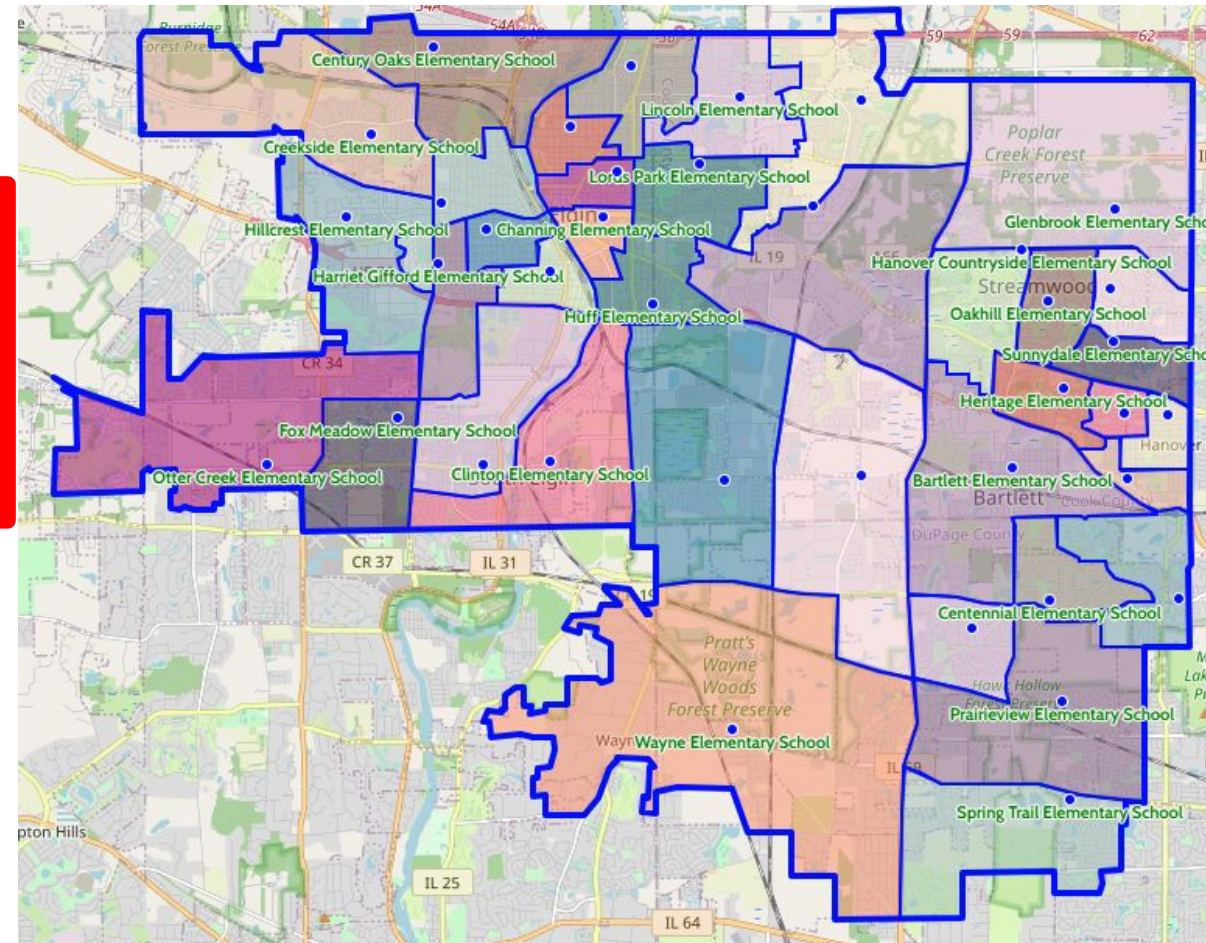
Provide more students the opportunity to attend updated schools



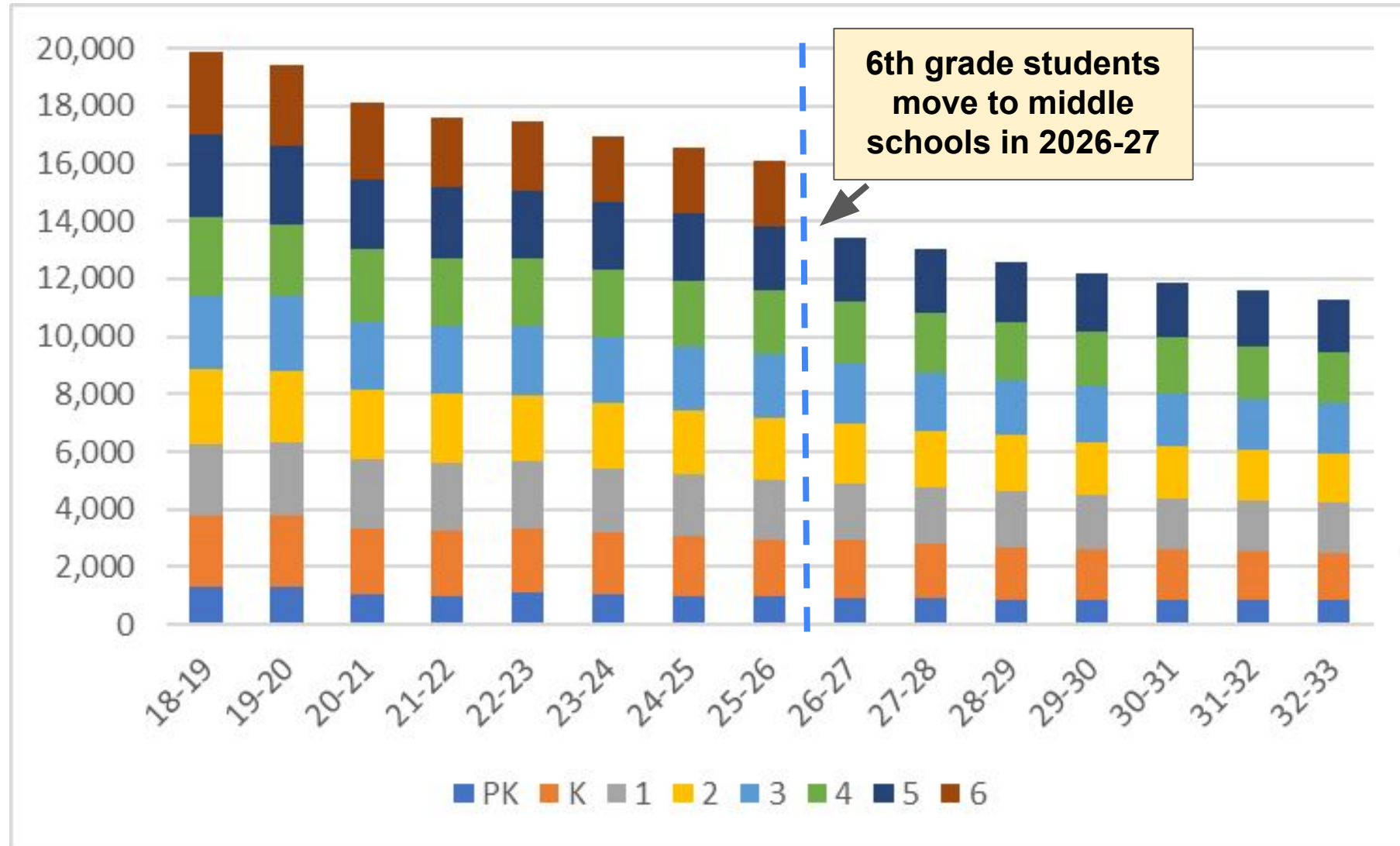
Determining The Number Of Elementary Schools Needed

Next Steps In The Process

- Complete audit of elementary buildings
- Determine number of elementary schools needed
 - Considering declining enrollments and shift of 6th grade to middle school
- Provide recommendations to the Board of Education
 - Buildings to renovate, replace, or retire
- Evaluate criteria to address attendance boundaries



Elementary Enrollment Trend



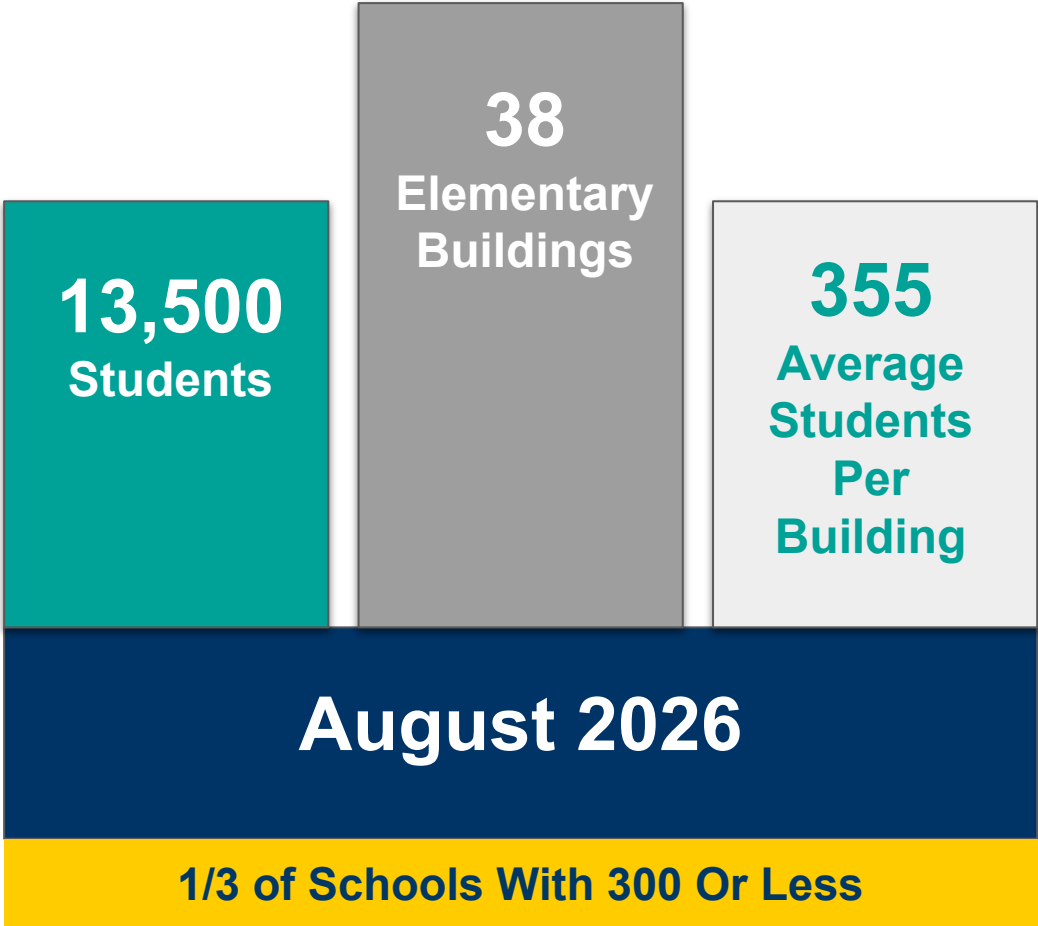
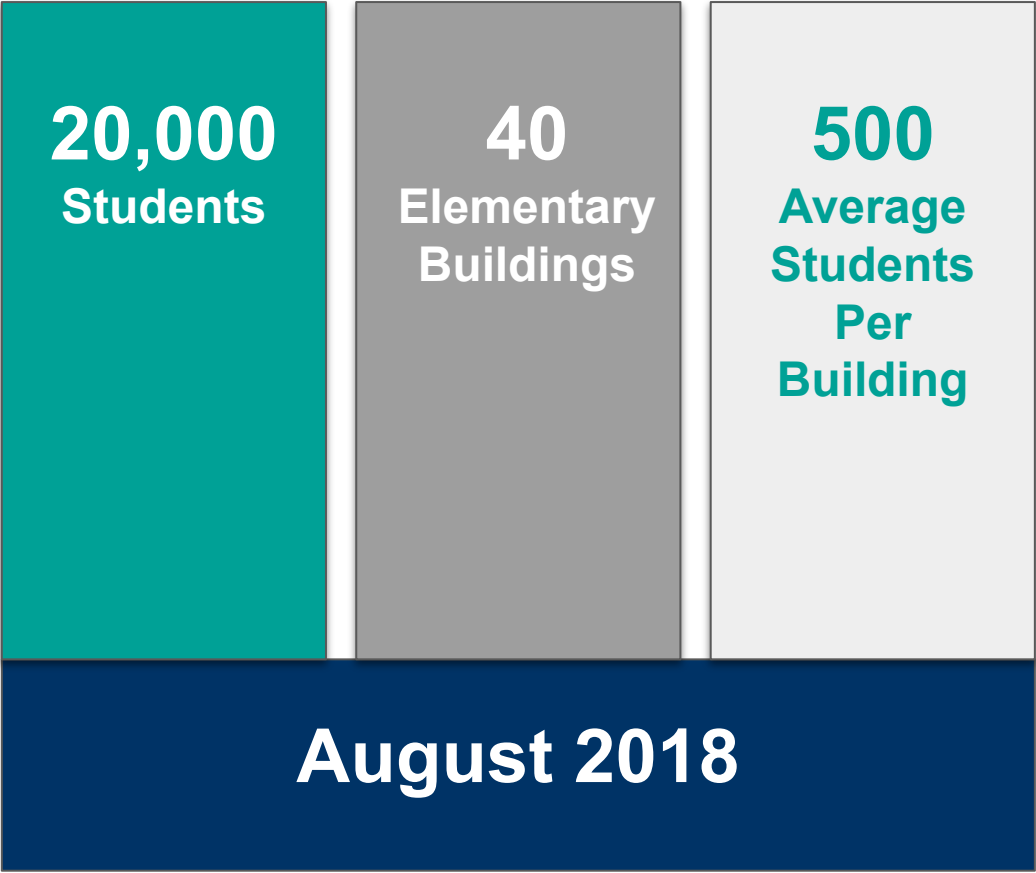
Typical Elementary Enrollment



**Illinois Evidence Based Funding Formula
450 Students**

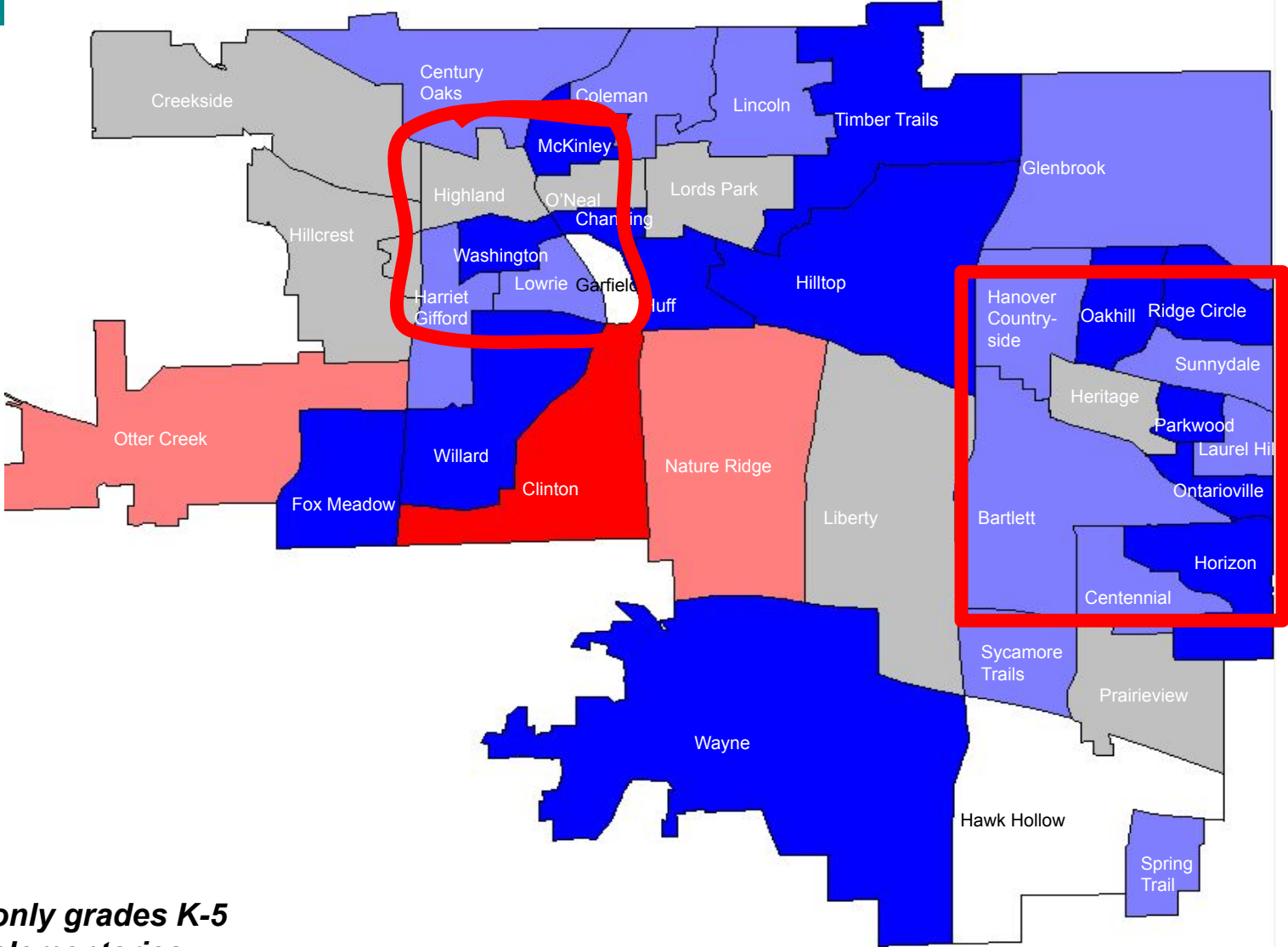
**2026 Expected U-46 Enrollment
1/3 of Schools With 300 Or Less Students**

Impact of Declining Enrollments in U-46



Projected Capacity Utilization of Elementary Schools (2026-27)

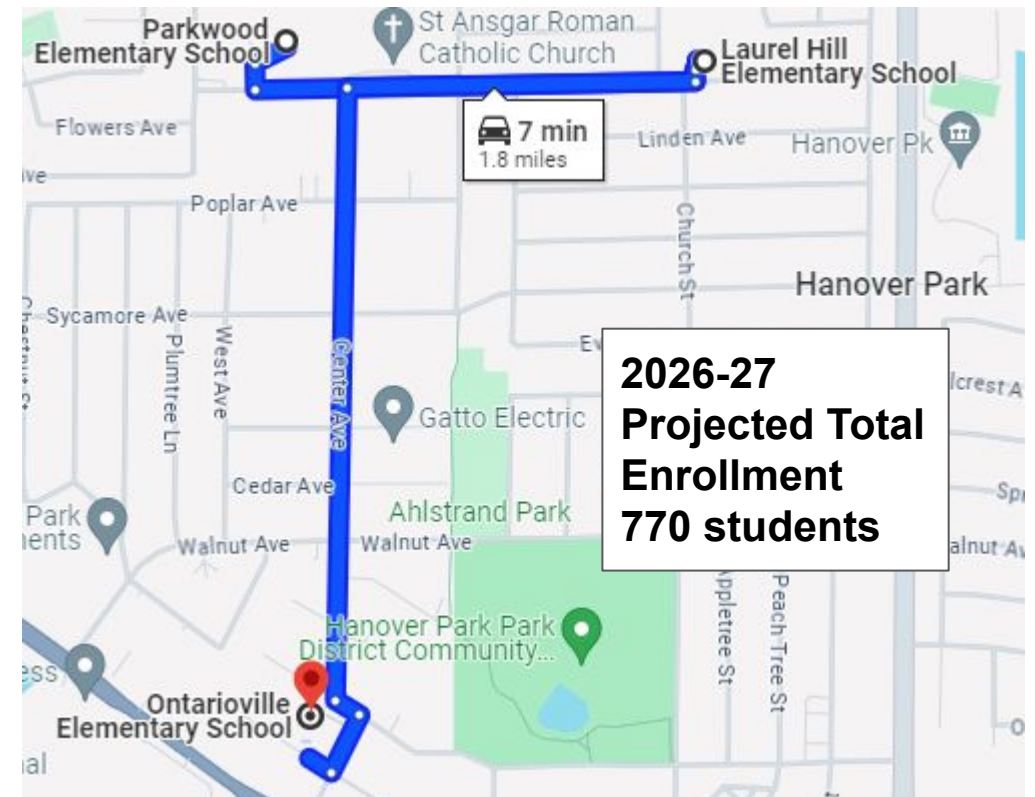
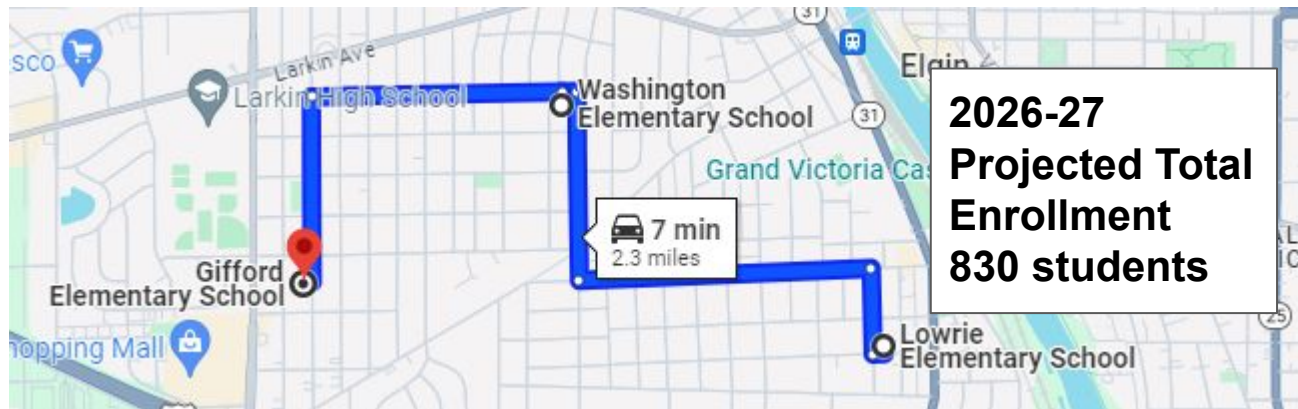
	Percent Capacity	Schools
<div></div>	51-62%	14
<div></div>	63-74%	13
<div></div>	75-86%	8
<div></div>	87-98%	2
<div></div>	99-113%	1



Note: Projected elementary enrollment data includes only grades K-5
 White boundary areas are schools that are no longer elementaries

Determining The Number Of Elementary Schools Needed

- Focus on areas of the district with multiple schools in a tight geographic window running below capacity
 - Lowrie, Washington, Harriet Gifford
 - Parkwood, Laurel Hill, Ontarioville



Moving Forward

- If U-46 does not close any additional elementary schools, we will have over $\frac{1}{3}$ of our schools running below 300 students in 2026 due to declining enrollments and 6th grade moving to middle school
- Will be presenting recommendations to the Board of Education on December 18 that will include retiring an additional 3-5 elementary schools



Illinois Evidence Based Funding Formula
450 Students

2026 Expected U-46 Enrollment
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of Schools < 300

What We'd Like All Of Our Students To Experience In U-46 Schools





Engaging & Student-centered



Collaborative





Safe & Welcoming



Our challenge



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

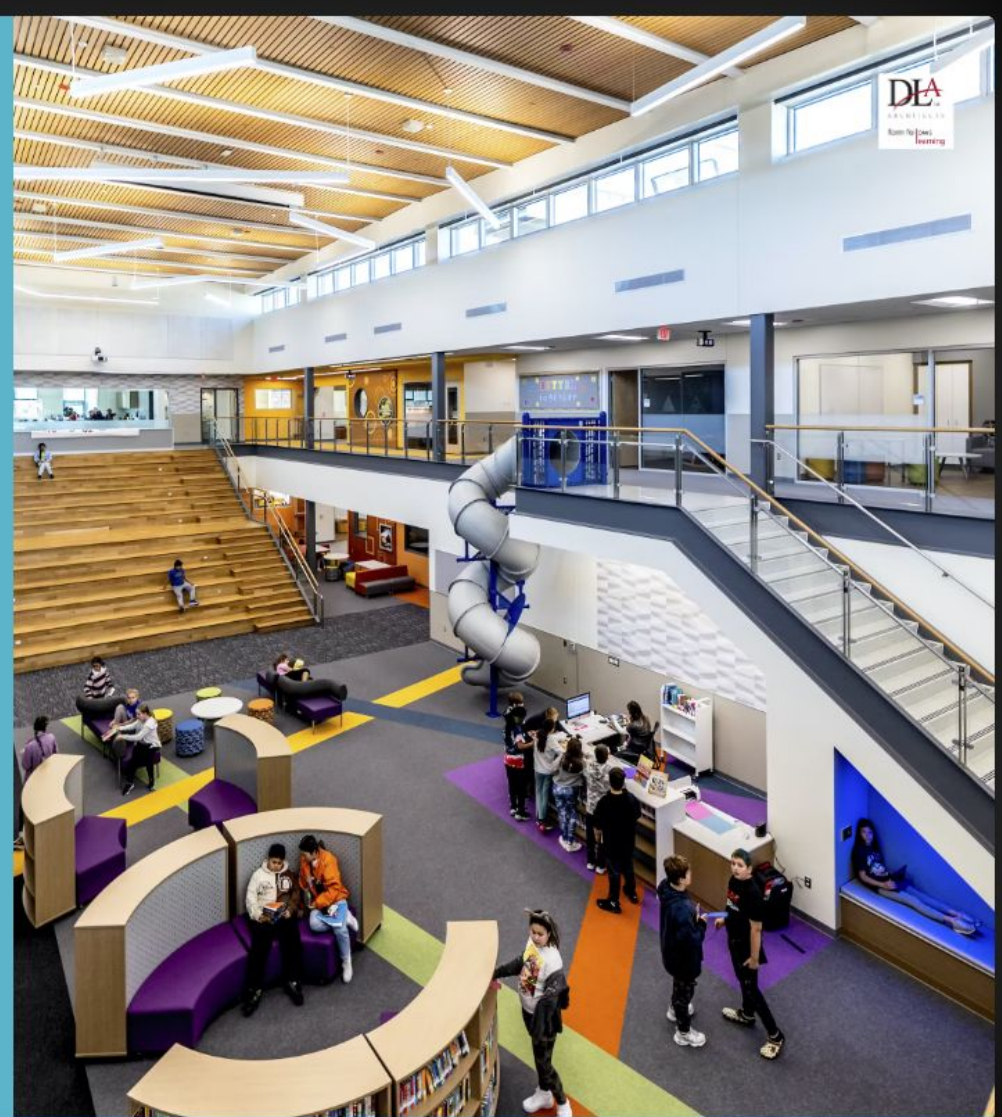


Work Activity

Work Activity

Design Patterns of Future Ready Learning Environments

Connecting the dots from teaching and
learning to space and design.



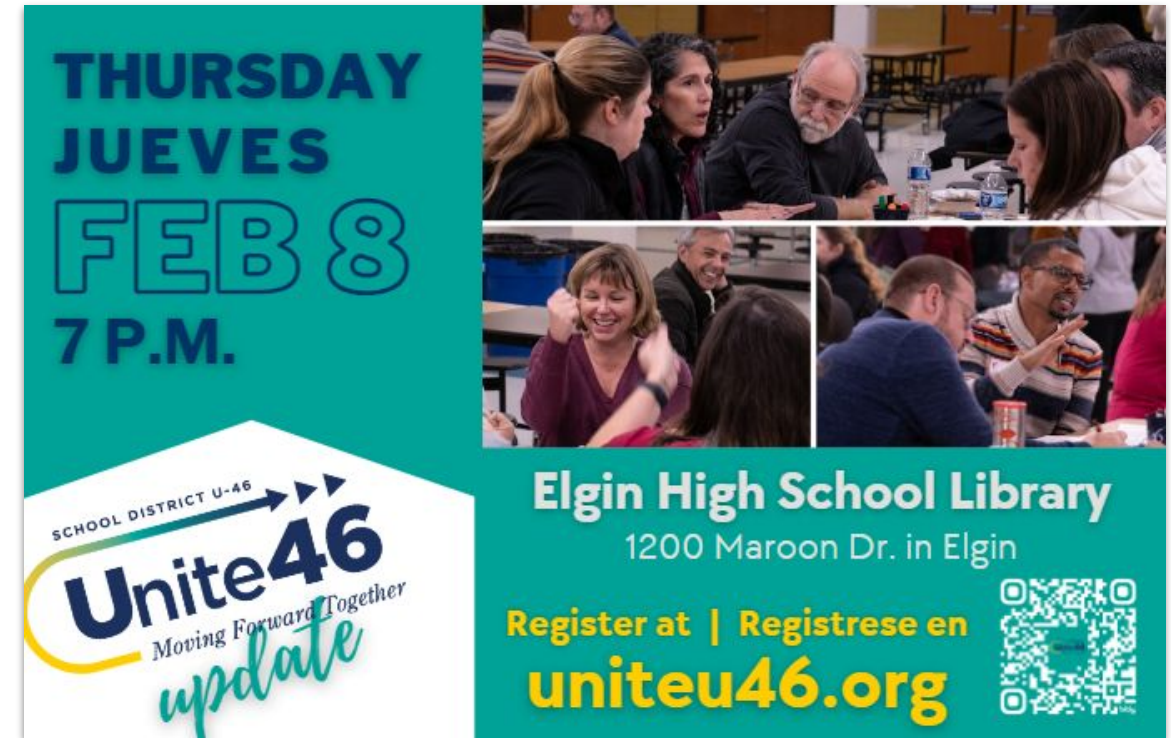
Next Steps/Schedule

Future Sessions:

- February 8: 7 p.m. Elgin High School
- March 13: 7 p.m. Elgin High School
- April / May: TBD

Topics to cover in 2023-24:

- Building audit and priorities
- Criteria to determine how many schools needed to serve our community
- Attendance boundary planning criteria and parameters
- Transitioning to new schools




**THURSDAY
JUEVES
FEB 8
7 P.M.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46
Unite46
Moving Forward Together
update

Elgin High School Library
1200 Maroon Dr. in Elgin

Register at | Registrese en
uniteu46.org



The graphic features three photographs of people engaged in discussion at a meeting. The top photo shows a group of people, including a man with a beard, looking at a table. The bottom left photo shows a woman smiling. The bottom right photo shows a man gesturing while speaking.

Thank You!
Next Session
February 8

