

Welcome!

- 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

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Update #1
June 20, 2023

Where We've Been. Where We're Headed.

Facilities Master
Planning Study

2018-21

2022

Unite U-46
Phase 1

Successful
Referendum

Work Underway

2023

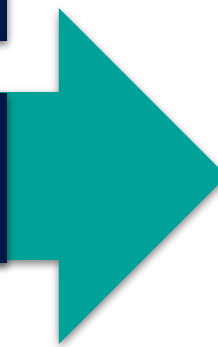
Boundary Updates
Announced

2024

New Boundaries
In Place

6-8 Middle School
Begins

2025



First, a celebration

ELGIN COURIER-NEWS

U-46 building bond referendum passes with large majority

THE
COURIER-NEWS

Elgin Courier-News • Apr 04, 2023 at 11:01 pm



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Planning Our Next Steps

Unite U-46 Plan Update

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46



GOAL

Increase the annual budget for maintenance and repairs by \$10 million per year as recommended by architectural firm DLR Group in the facilities master plan.

STATUS

- **Planning for increased maintenance and repairs districtwide to start in Summer 2024.**

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46



GOAL

Balance enrollment at schools throughout the District.

STATUS

- **Fall 2023: Community-based redistricting process begins.**
- **Spring 2024: New boundaries planned to be announced.**
- **Fall 2025: New boundaries in place.**

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46



GOAL

Update elementary school buildings to support expanded preschool opportunities for more students districtwide.

STATUS

- **Additional preschool classrooms next year at four schools**
 - 134 more slots for our youngest learners

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46



GOAL

Improve equitable access to programs at more schools districtwide.

STATUS

- Work to balance enrollments across the district through boundary adjustments will also include a review of program placements (dual language, gifted, special education)

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46



GOAL

Implement a true 6th through 8th grade middle school model districtwide.

STATUS

- **Hawk Hollow construction to start this Fall**
 - Provides access to a middle school in southwest area of district
- **Planning underway to update additional U-46 middle schools for more equitable facilities districtwide**

Goals Set Forth By Unite U-46

GOAL

Develop an initial timeline for the implementation of the Unite U-46 recommendations and thoroughly communicate this timeline with the community.

STATUS

- **Developing an Implementation Plan informed by:**
 - Updated enrollment data and projections
 - Architectural site planning
 - Financial planning recommendations
- **Unite U-46 Updates**

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Planning Our Next Steps **The Finances**

Bond Financing Update

- **Working with advisors to issue bonds in a timely manner**
- **Considerations**
 - Schedule for issuing bonds
 - How many projects we can responsibly do at the same time
 - Legal guidelines for spending bond funding in a timely manner

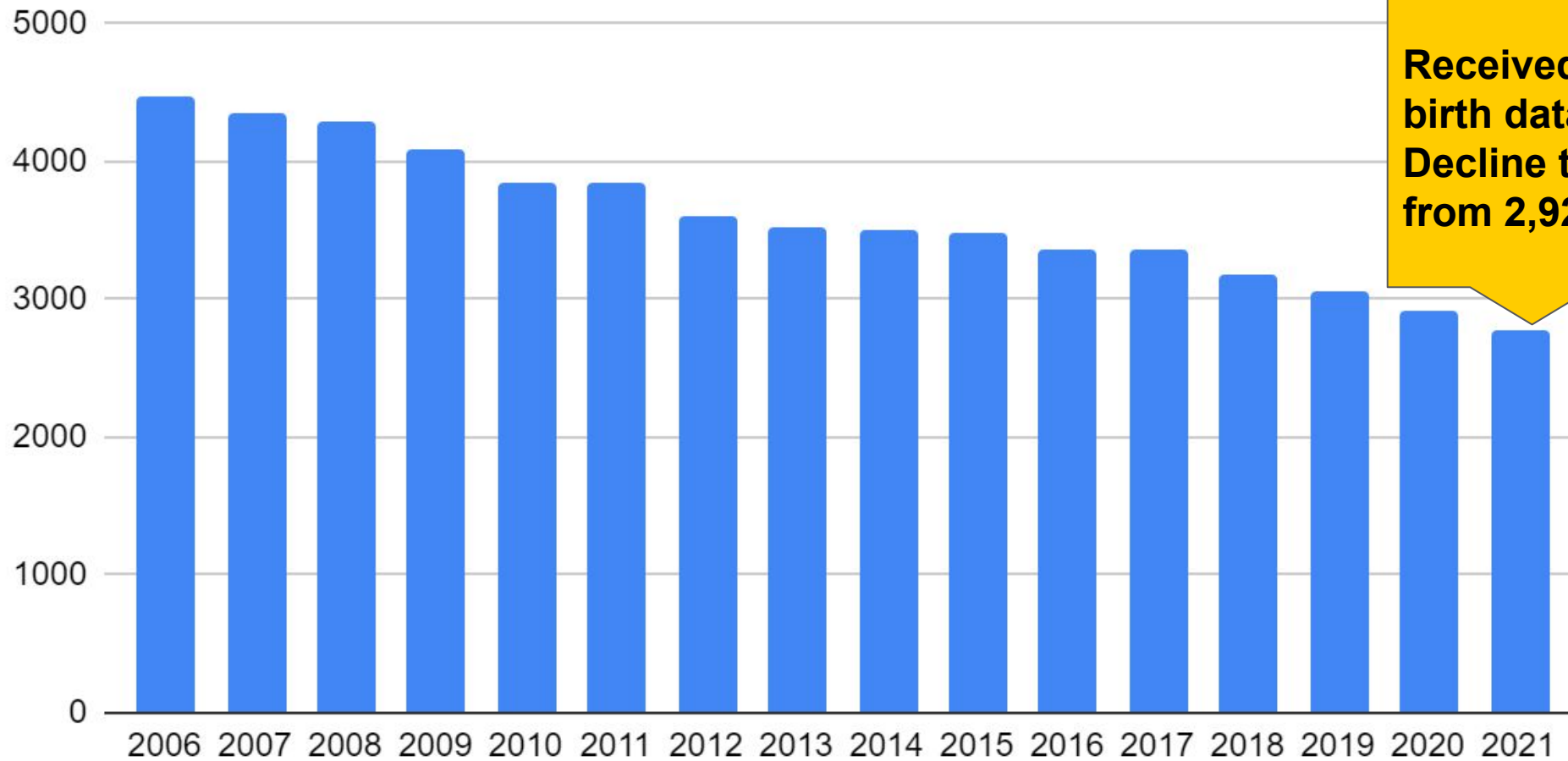


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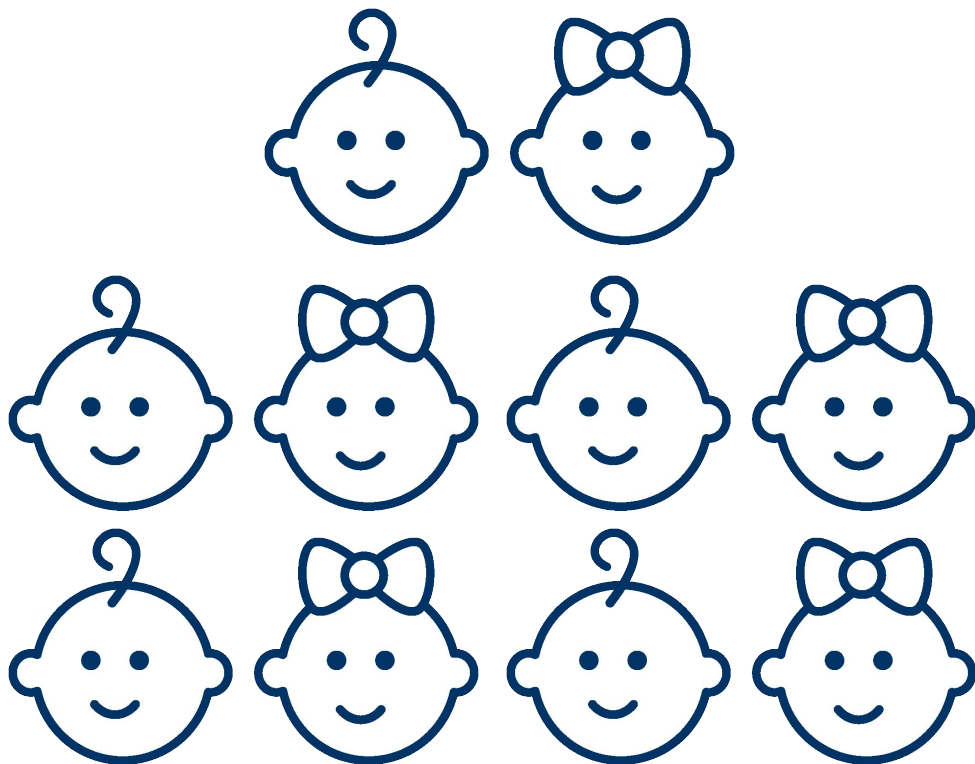
Planning Our Next Steps Updated Data Informing The Plan

Number of Births in U-46



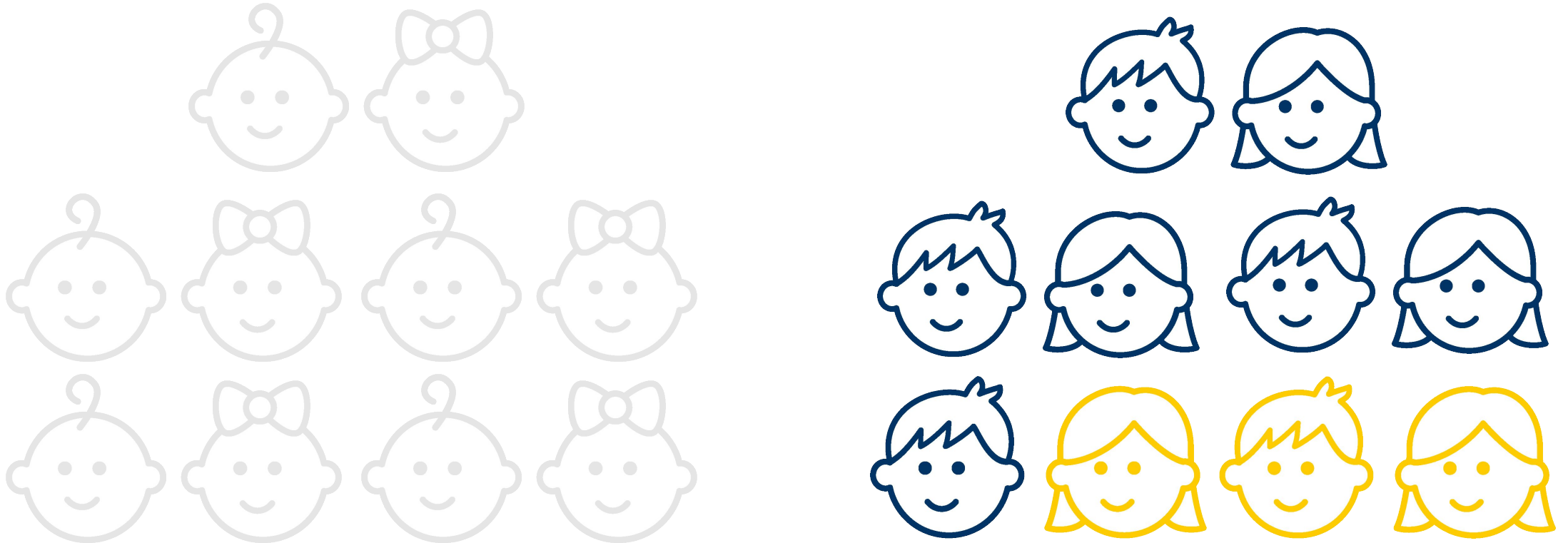
Historical Birth Data in U-46 Attendance Area

How Births Impact Enrollment Projections



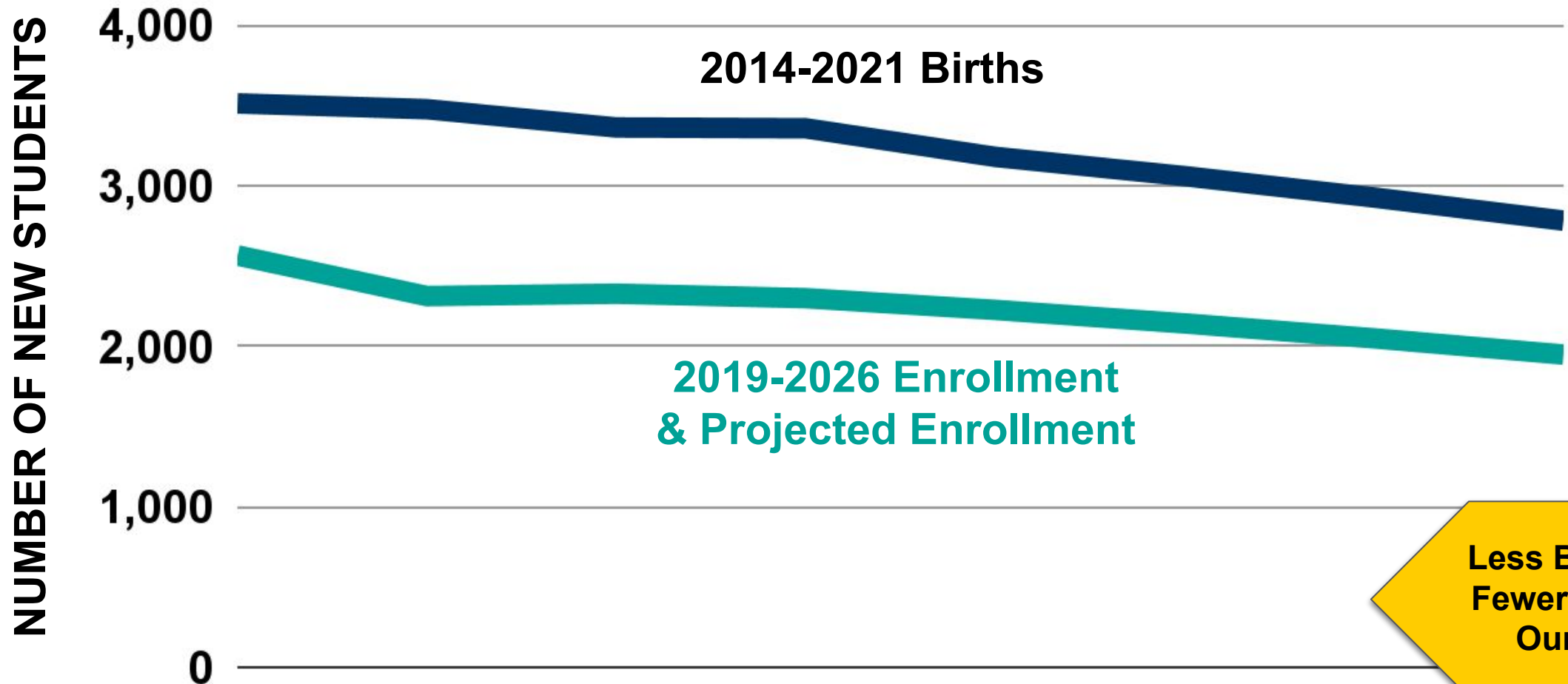
**On average,
for every 10
babies born
within U-46**

How Births Impact Enrollment Projections



**Around 7 will enroll for
kindergarten five years later**

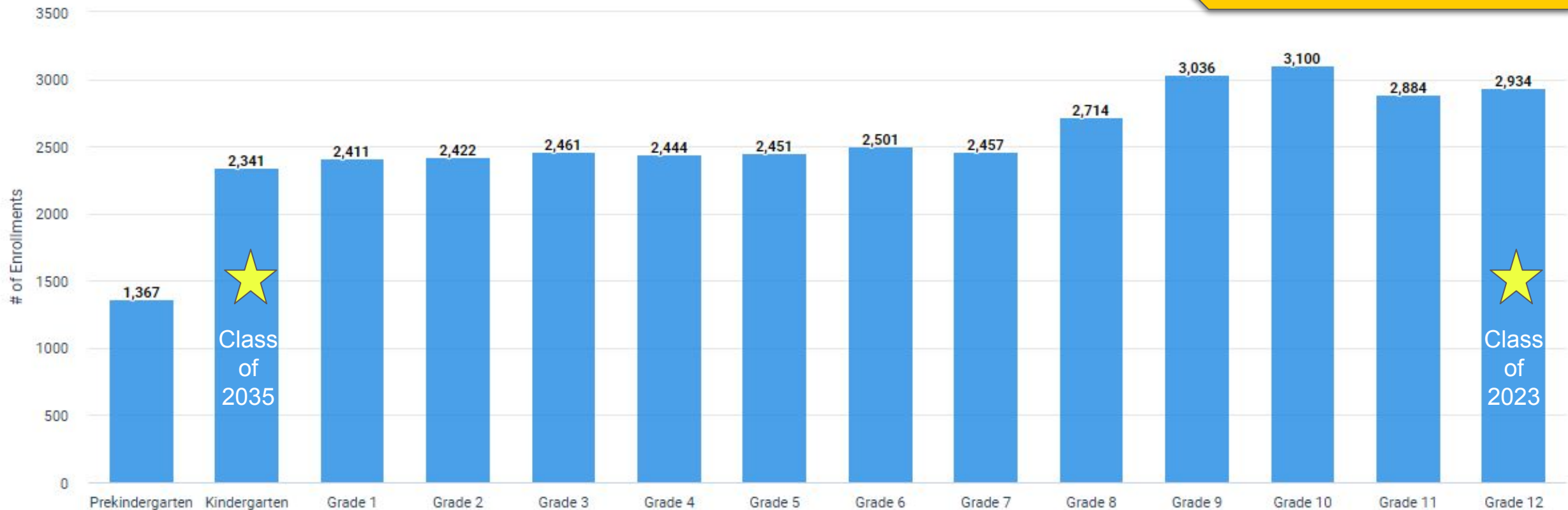
How Births Impact Enrollment Projections



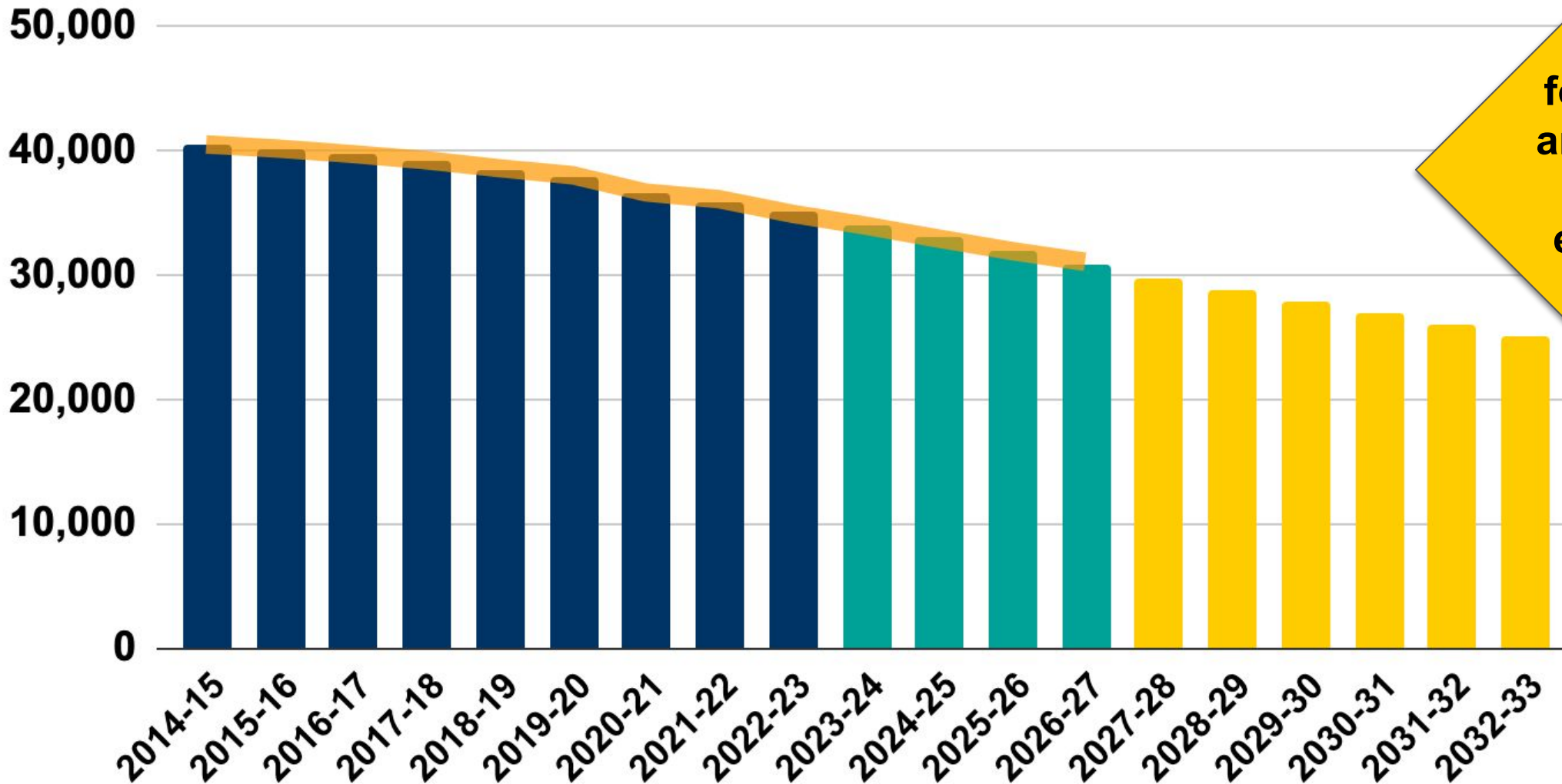
**Less Births Means
Fewer Students In
Our Schools**

2022-2023 Enrollment by Grade

High school grades have
400 or more students
per grade than
elementary grades



Updated Enrollment Projections



**Enrollment
forecast projects
an additional 28%
decrease in
enrollment from
2023-2033**

What Does This Mean For Our Schools?



School Closures



Hawk Hollow Elementary now closed

- Students will start school at Prairieview or Spring Trail in the fall
- All staff who wanted to stay in U-46 have been reassigned to another school
- Construction to transition to a middle school starts in Fall



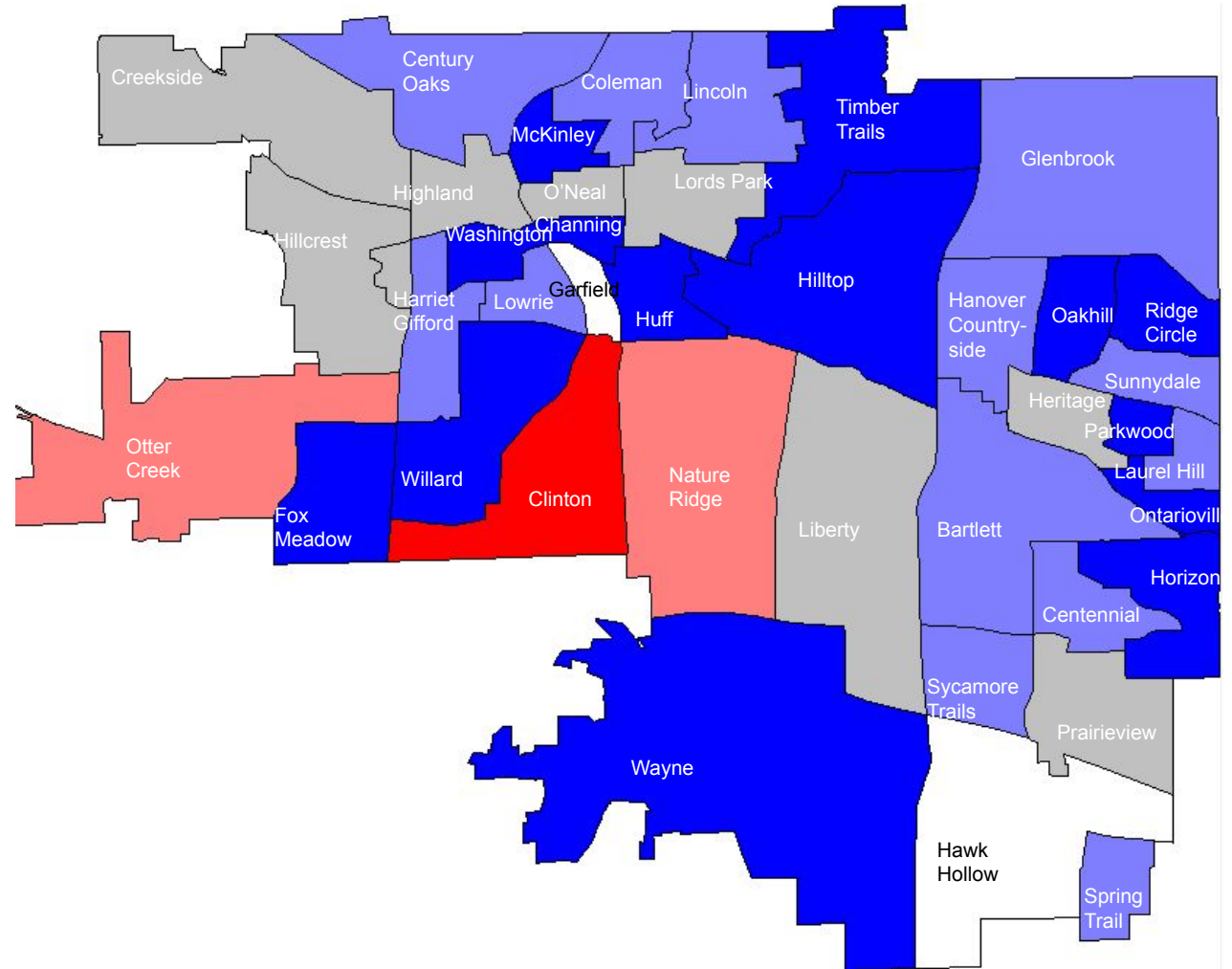
Garfield Elementary now closed

- Students will start school at Channing or Huff in the fall
- All staff who wanted to stay in U-46 have been reassigned to another school
- U-46 will retain Garfield as a possible transition space
- Meetings with community regarding future of the building



Projected Capacity Utilization of Elementary Schools (2027)

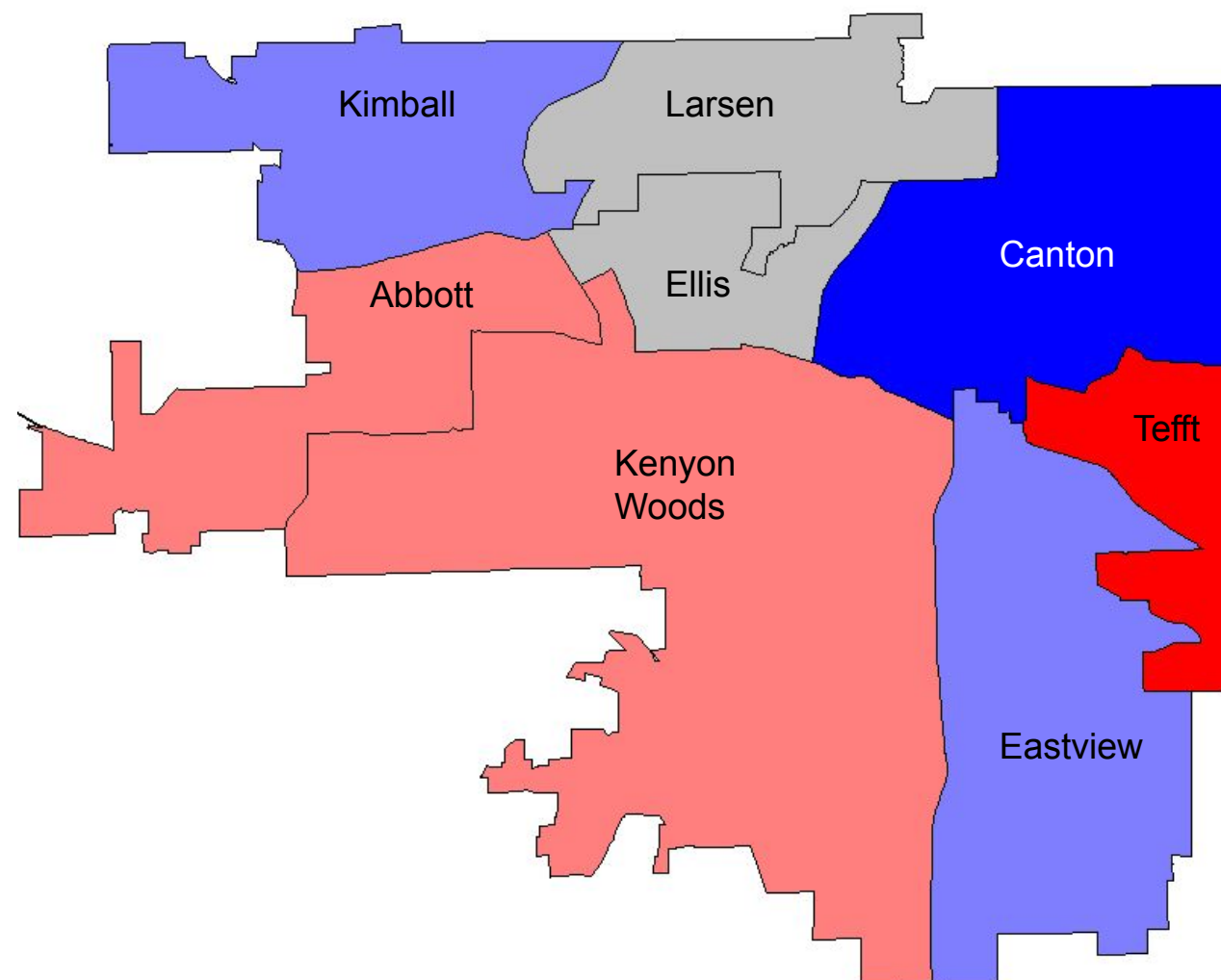
	Percent Capacity	Schools
	51-62%	14
	63-74%	13
	75-86%	8
	87-98%	2
	99-113%	1



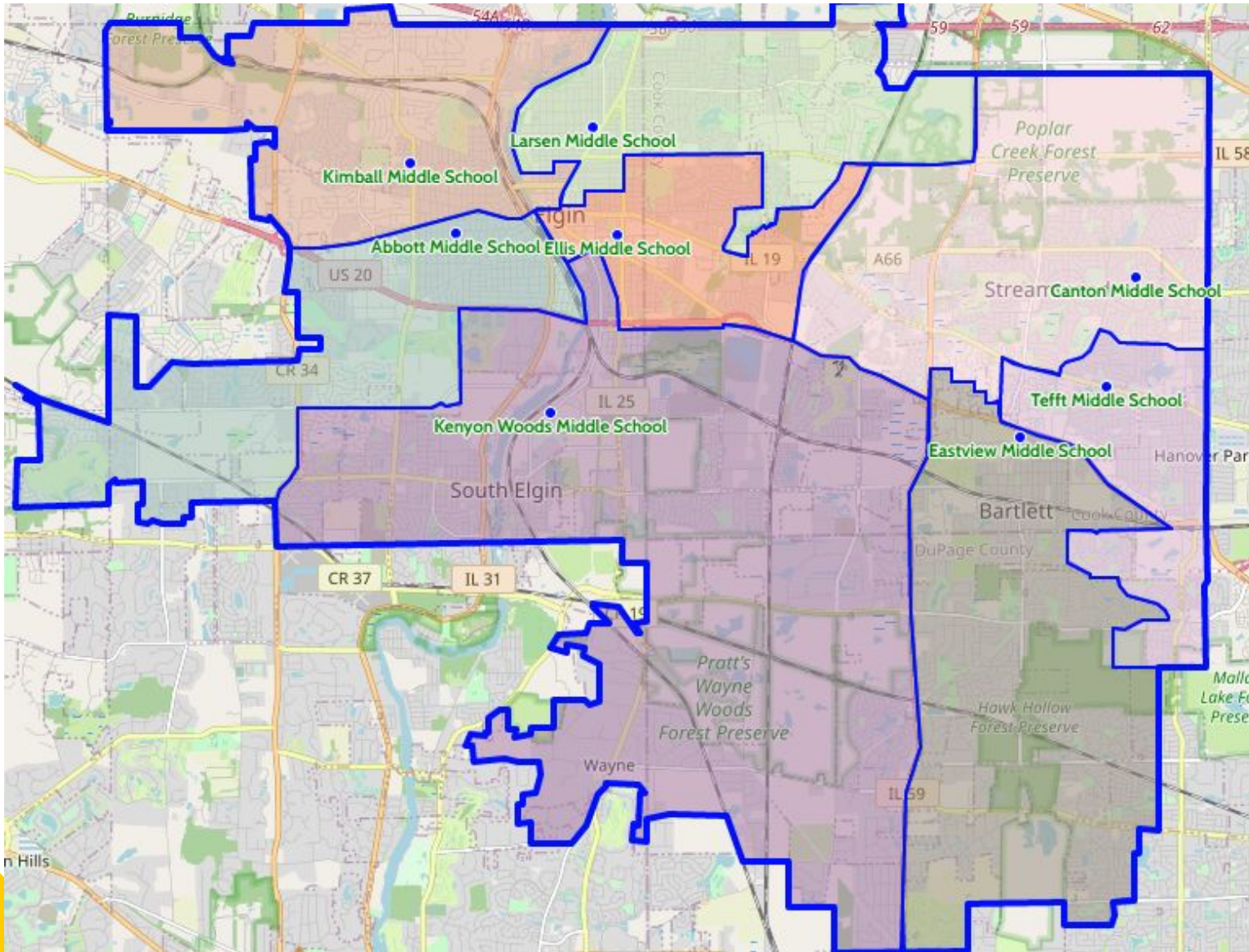
Note: 2027 elementary enrollment data includes only grades K-5

Current Middle School Capacity Utilization

	Percent Capacity	Schools
	51-62%	1
	63-74%	2
	75-86%	2
	87-98%	2
	99-113%	1



Impact on School Boundaries



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OUR SCHOOLS

- Our Schools
- Calendar
- Our Boundaries
- What School Do I

Interactive District Boundary Map

Every school in School District U-46 has a geographical area eligible to attend a school linked to a boundary area. [CLICK HERE](#) to re

Interactive boundary map
available on district
website under “Our
Schools”

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Planning Our Next Steps

Identifying sites for U-46 schools

Letter Of Intent For Potential Land Acquisition: The Sherman Site



The former Sherman Hospital site at 901 Center St. in Elgin includes three buildings, green space and a parking lot. (HANDOUT)

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Planning Our Next Steps

Hawk Hollow

Middle School Update

Hawk Hollow transition update



[Walkthrough
video of
design](#)

Unite U-46: Phase 2



Small Group Work Activity



Select Recorder & Spokesperson

Recorder Responsibilities

- Complete the information on the group's worksheet

Facilitator Responsibilities

- Facilitate discussion
- Keep group focused and on task
- Report group's information



Small Group Worksheet

- Information on worksheet should reflect consensus/ general agreement of group members
- Monitor progress to complete the worksheet in allotted time
- Only group recorder's worksheet will be collected



Tasks

[Click here to answer the questions online.](#)



1. As we move forward with the implementation of the Unite U-46 plan, what questions or concerns does your group have?
2. What specific information would your group like the District to share, or what topics would your group like covered at the next Unite U-46 update this fall?
3. As U-46 works toward updating all of its middle schools to provide an equitable experience for every student, what are the top two features or learning spaces you saw in the Hawk Hollow video that you would like to see at every U-46 middle school?

A group of six diverse people (three men and three women) are sitting around a long wooden table in a meeting room. They are engaged in a discussion, with some looking at laptops and others at each other. The room has bookshelves in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing the title text.

Small Group Work Activity Reporting



Thank You!

**Stay tuned for
additional Unite U-46
updates this fall!**

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