

Homewood Community Planning

Board of Education Update
May 12, 2009

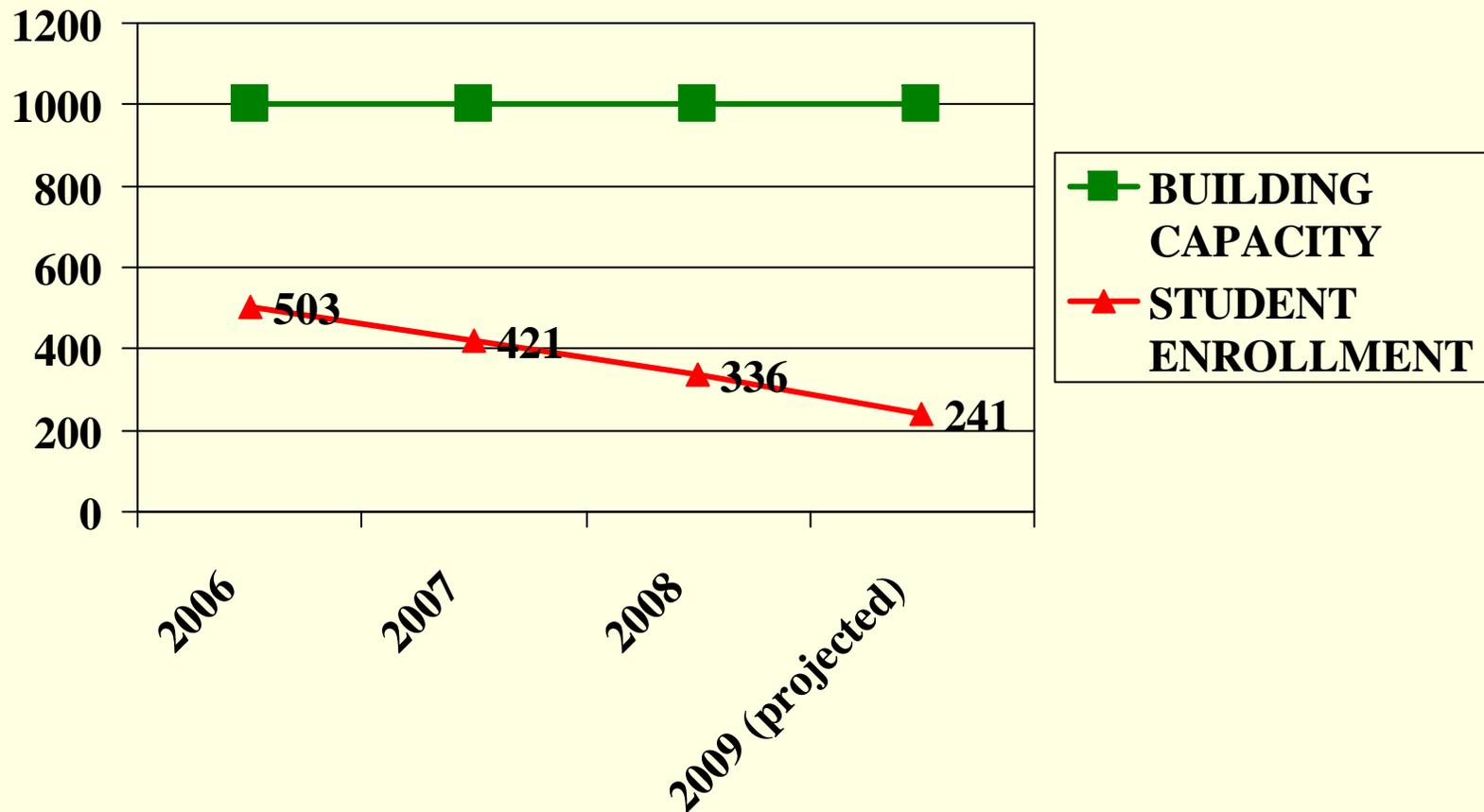
Agenda

- Westinghouse High School –State of the School
- Homewood Community Meetings
- “Homewood Children’s Village”-Presentation
 - John Wallace, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work

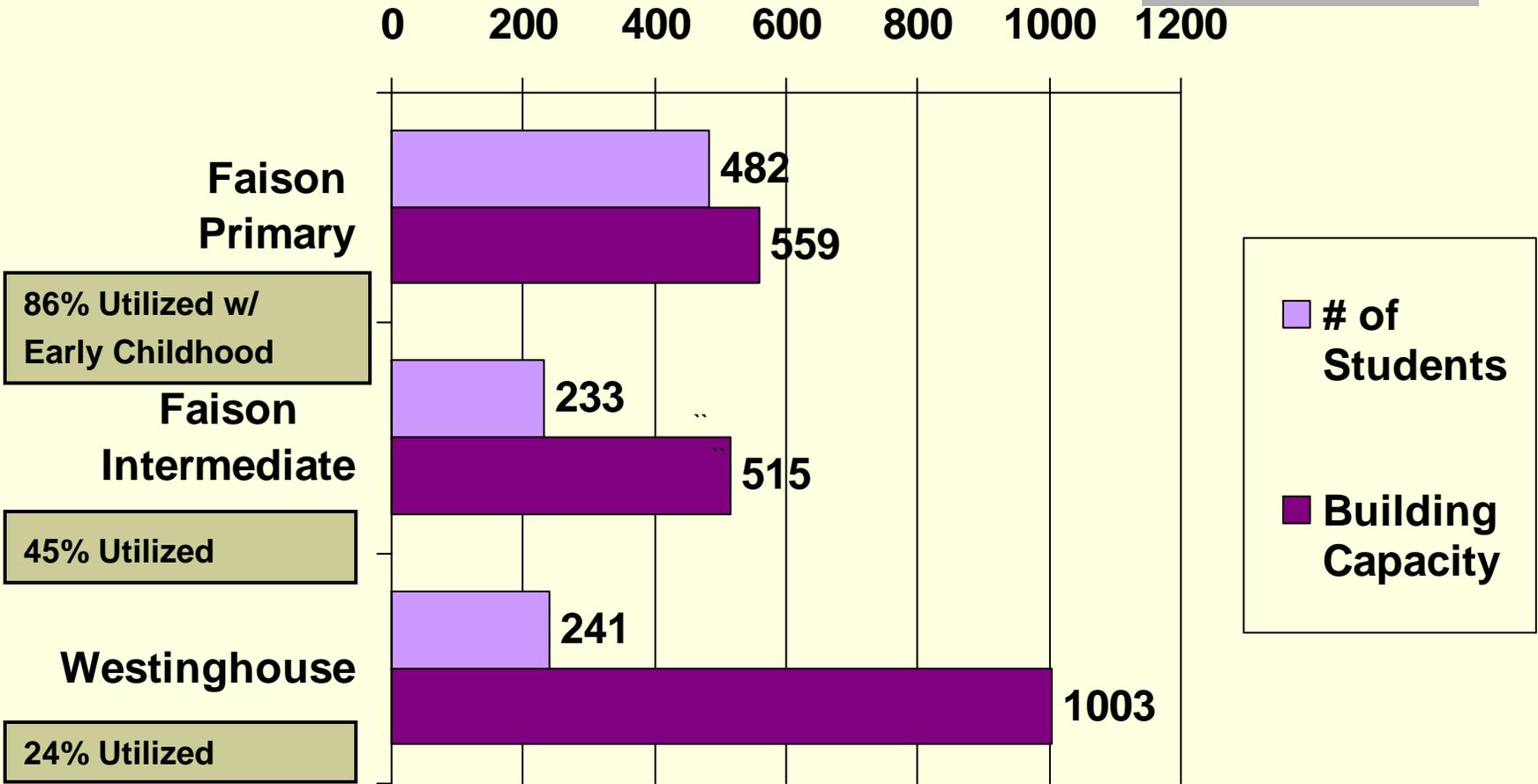
Pittsburgh Westinghouse is a recently, renovated state-of-the-art facility.

- Built in 1933, but renovated in 2002 with an addition -- \$27 million
- New and renovated instructional spaces, which included science, computer, and CTE laboratories with equipment
- Renovated gymnasium, locker rooms, pool cafeteria, and auditorium

Westinghouse High School has lost 50% of its student body since 2006.



Enrollment Projections for 2009-10 predict higher underutilized building capacity in Homewood.



Declining enrollment at Westinghouse results in diminished opportunity for student growth and enrichment.

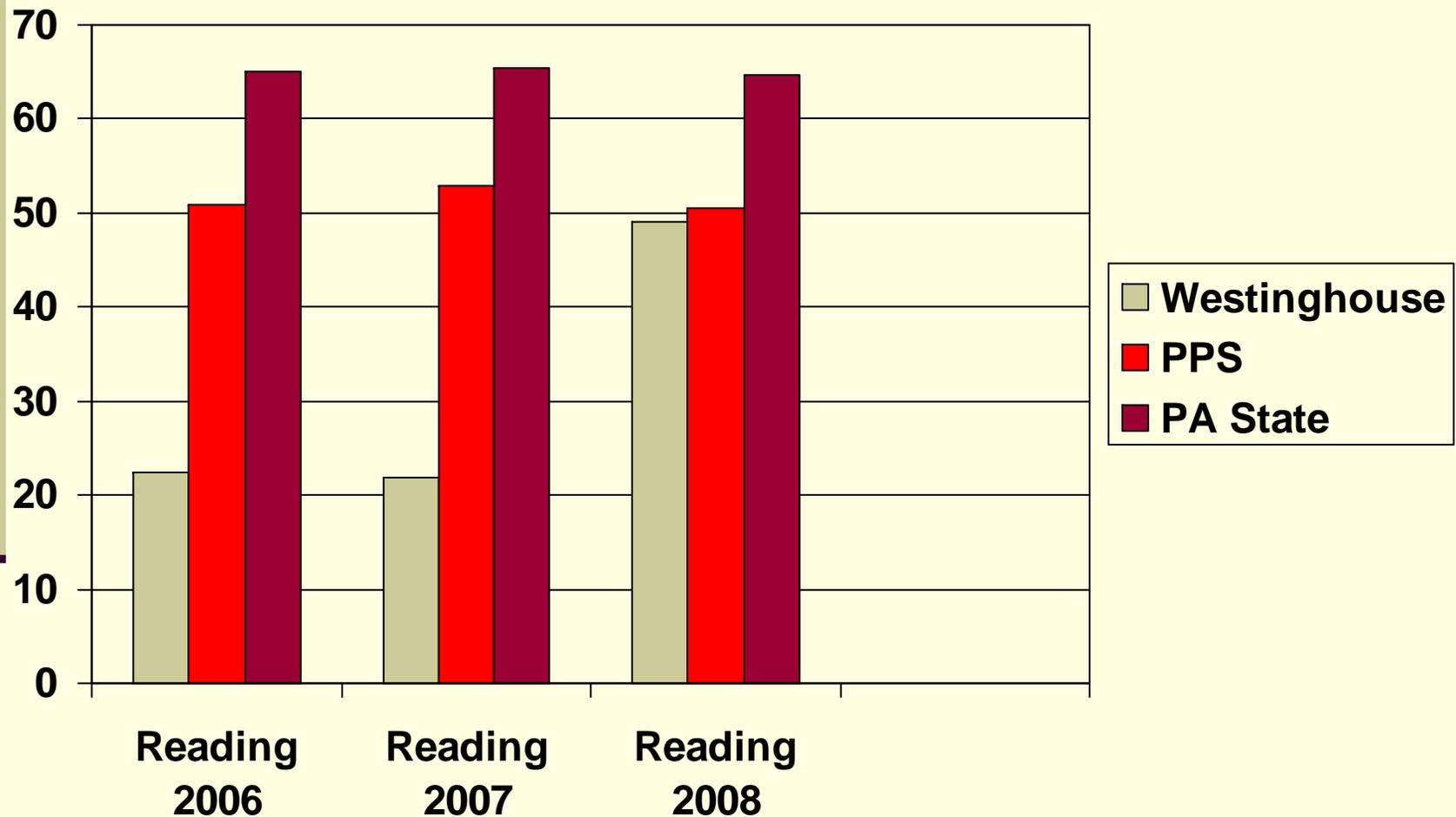
- Fewer Electives and AP Opportunities
 - Arts and Music electives have continually diminished
 - Advanced Placement and CAS Course Offerings - Students are shared with neighboring Peabody High School
- Athletic Opportunities
 - Great Story: Lady Bulldogs Basketball- Back to Back City Champions
 - Many sports struggle to field teams that are competitive: i.e. football, soccer

Declining enrollment at Westinghouse also has fiscal implications for the entire school district.

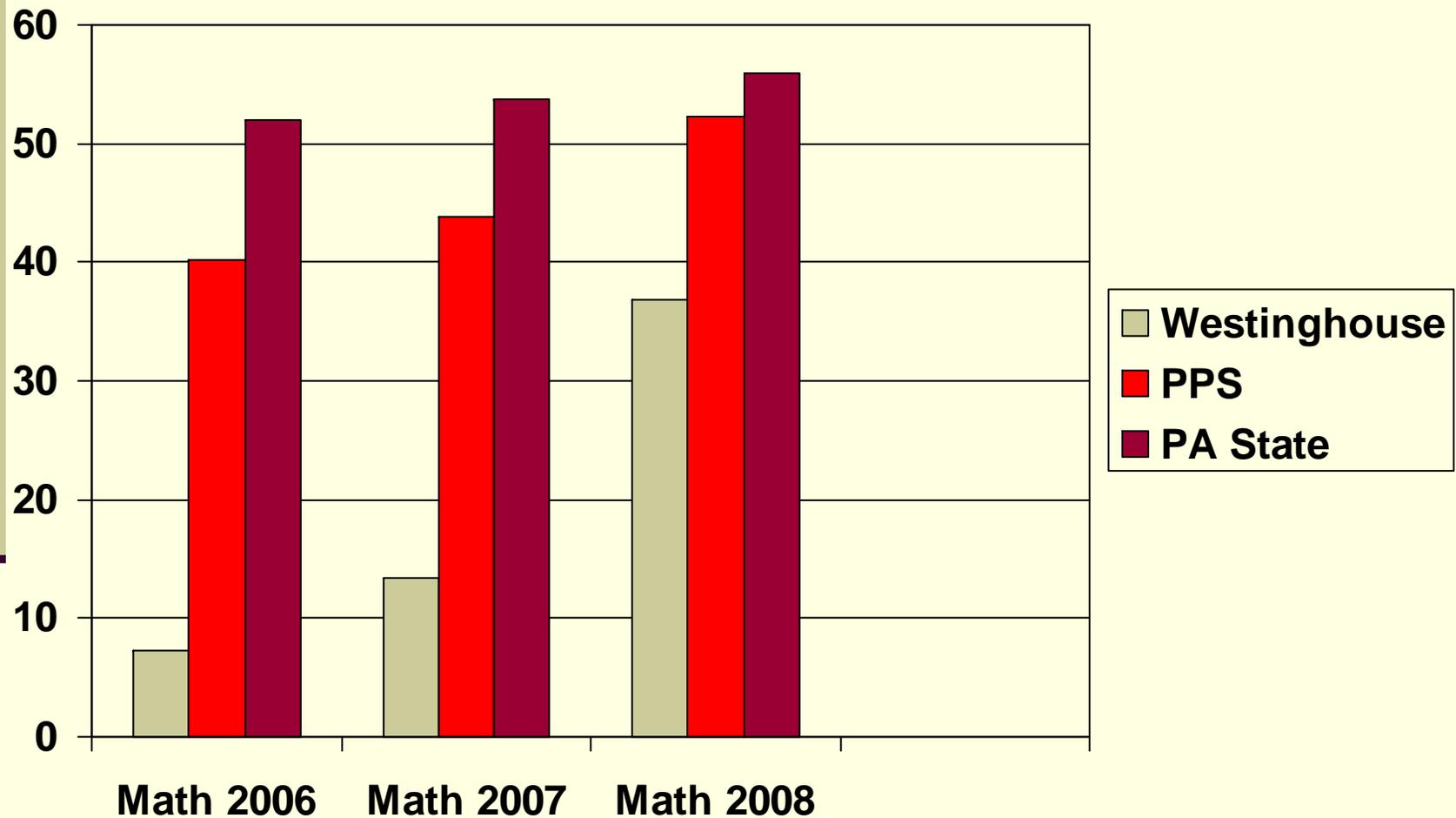
- Subsidizing the School with Staff
 - 1 Assistant Principal
 - Standard for AP is 1 to 400 Students
 - 2008-2009 – Approximately \$250,000
 - **2 Teachers**
 - 2009-2010 -- Approximately \$500,000
 - **4 Teachers**

- Underutilization of Buildings
 - Utility Costs- (2008)
 - District-Wide-- \$393/per student
 - Westinghouse --\$972/per student
 - Closed the Entire Second Floor of Westinghouse for this year 2008-09

Westinghouse has shown dramatic improvement on PSSA Reading Scores



Westinghouse has shown even greater gains in PSSA Math Scores



Community Meetings have taken place over a span of more than 18 months.

Year 2007-08

- Convened by PPS
 - October 4, 2007
 - November 1, 2007
 - November 15, 2007
 - December 1, 2007
- Several Community Meetings convened by Dr. John Wallace to explore various options for Westinghouse and the Homewood Community

Year 2008-09

- Convened by PPS
 - October 8, 2008
 - November 11, 2008
 - December 9, 2008
 - January 8, 2009
- Various Meetings convened by the Homewood Partners to begin implementation of the Harlem Children's Zone Model to the Homewood Community
- Subsequent Community Meetings regarding the Academic Focus of the school have been placed on hold.

The School and Community seek to build upon the successes at Westinghouse.

- Community Group has proposed the reconfiguration of the Homewood Schools to address the declining enrollment issues.
 - Homewood Early Childhood Center at the Crescent Building
 - Helen Faison K-5
 - George Westinghouse 6-12

The Community Group has proposed a thematic school for Westinghouse.

- Disciplinary Learning through the Lens of Sports
 - English-Journalism and Media
 - Mathematics-Management
 - Science - Sports Medicine
 - Social Studies – Society
 - Technology – Entertainment Technology
- Instructional Delivery
 - Single-Gender Core Curricular Instruction
 - Career Preparation-CTE Certificated Programs
- Proposed University and Community Partners
 - Carnegie Mellon, Duquesne, Robert Morris, University of Pittsburgh
 - UPMC, Highmark
 - Pittsburgh Athletic Franchises

The proposal and its various aspects are currently under review by the Administration.

- Community Meetings with a smaller committee will continue.
 - Possible intersection with other district-wide committees exist.
- Recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the efficacy of the proposal is slated for the fall of 2009.

An integral part of the plan for Homewood involves the development of the Homewood Children's Village.

- Homewood Community Partners took a mission to New York City for three days in spring 2008 to explore the "Harlem Children's Zone".
- HCZ Practitioners Institute Workshop-- May 6-8, 2009
 - Many community groups and foundations send representatives
 - PPS Participants
 - Principal Shemeca Crenshaw
 - Assistant Superintendent Derrick Lopez
- Homewood Community Partners has now entered into the formal planning phase for the "Homewood Children's Village"