

# **PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE INCREASING ENROLLMENT AT LAKE MURRAY ELEMENTARY**

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# **THE PROBLEM:**

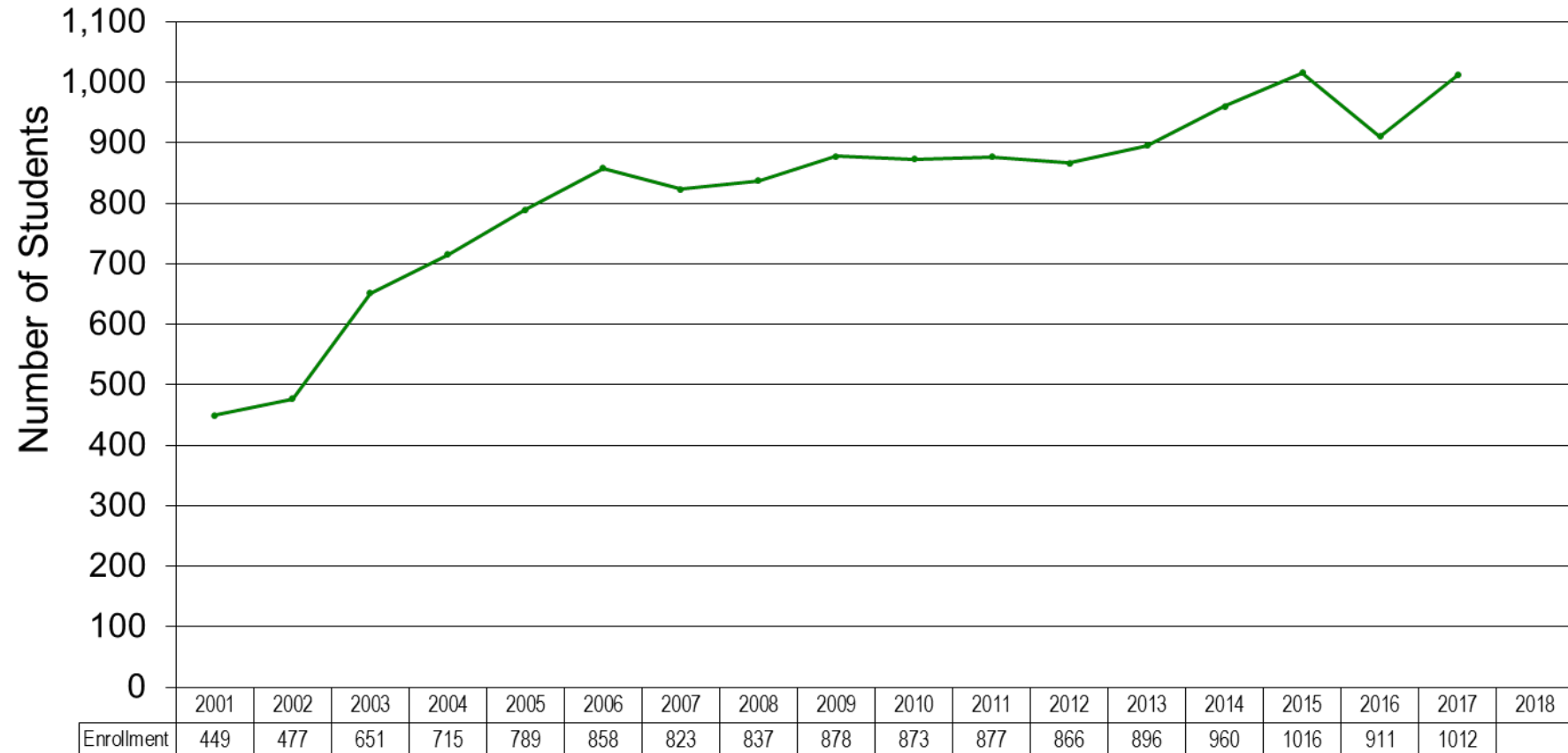
The number of students in the LMES attendance area continues to increase.



# Lake Murray Elementary School

## 135<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment

### 2001 – 2017



Grade Level Changed (from) K-5 (to) K-4 in 2015-16 School Year

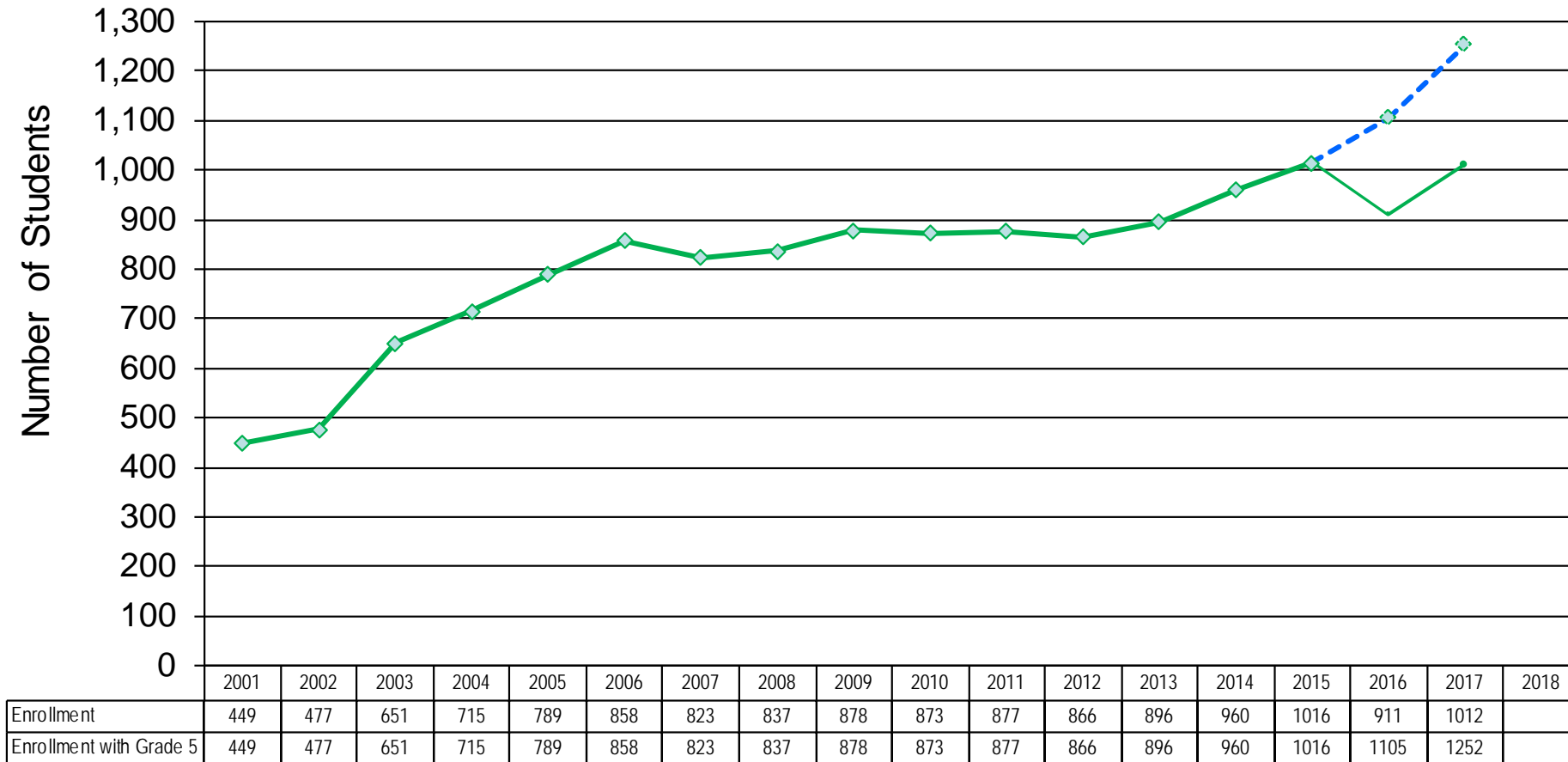


# **ACTIONS WHICH HAVE HELPED CONTROL THE ENROLLMENT AT LMES**

1. No Pre-Kindergarten
2. District Special Education Self-Contained Programs have been placed on campuses with greater availability of space
3. Closed to CHOICE
4. Reassignment of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to CIS (Summer 2015)
5. Extension of options (with transportation) to Ballentine Elementary and Chapin Elementary



# Lake Murray Elementary Area K-5 Enrollment on 135<sup>th</sup> Day of School 2001 – 2017



Grade Span Changed to K-5 to K-4 in 2015-16 School Year

----- Estimated 5<sup>th</sup> grade counts added using percentage of 4<sup>th</sup> graders at LMES from LMES and CES

In 2017-18, 42 LMES students attending either in Ballentine or Chapin Elementary



# POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:

1. Additional School
2. Increased voluntary transfer options/incentives
3. Rezoning



**REZONING PROMPTED BY THE  
OPENING OF A NEW SCHOOL = DIFFICULT**

**REZONING PROMPTED BY  
MERE BALANCING OF  
ENROLLMENTS = VERY  
DIFFICULT**



# WHY IS REZONING SO DIFFICULT?

...Schools are learning communities – not warehouses.

...It is a temporary fix that impacts the same families over and over again.

...It breaks a covenant that the District/School has made with the affected families.







**SO...**

**What is working in other Districts  
experiencing a problem similar to the one  
we are facing at LMES?**



# **ENROLLMENT FREEZE**

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❑ What is an ENROLLMENT  
FREEZE?

❑ Who would be impacted by the  
ENROLLMENT FREEZE?

❑ How would the ENROLLMENT  
FREEZE work?



❑ Where would District Five students impacted by the ENROLLMENT FREEZE be re-assigned?

❑ When would the ENROLLMENT FREEZE begin?



# WHAT IS AN ENROLLMENT FREEZE?

...an administrative action that impacts building capacity by redirecting an **incoming** student population from over-crowded schools to schools with available space.



# WHO WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE?

❖ **NEW!** residents who are zoned to attend Lake  
Murray Elementary School





# HOW WOULD THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE WORK?

- ❑ ONLY students/families who "move into" the LMES attendance zone after an agreed upon date will be impacted by the FREEZE.
- ❑ All NEW! students/families will be administratively re-assigned to a neighboring school with available space and capacity for additional students.



# **HOW WOULD THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE WORK?** (CONTINUED)

- ❑ Optional transportation will transport students (to and from) LMES to an identified neighboring school in the morning and afternoon.



# WHERE WOULD DISTRICT FIVE STUDENTS IMPACTED BY THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE BE RE-ASSIGNED?

☐ Ballentine Elementary School



☐ Chapin Elementary School





# **WHEN WOULD THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE BEGIN?**

Recommendation: January 22, 2018

Start of Second Semester



**QUESTIONS???**