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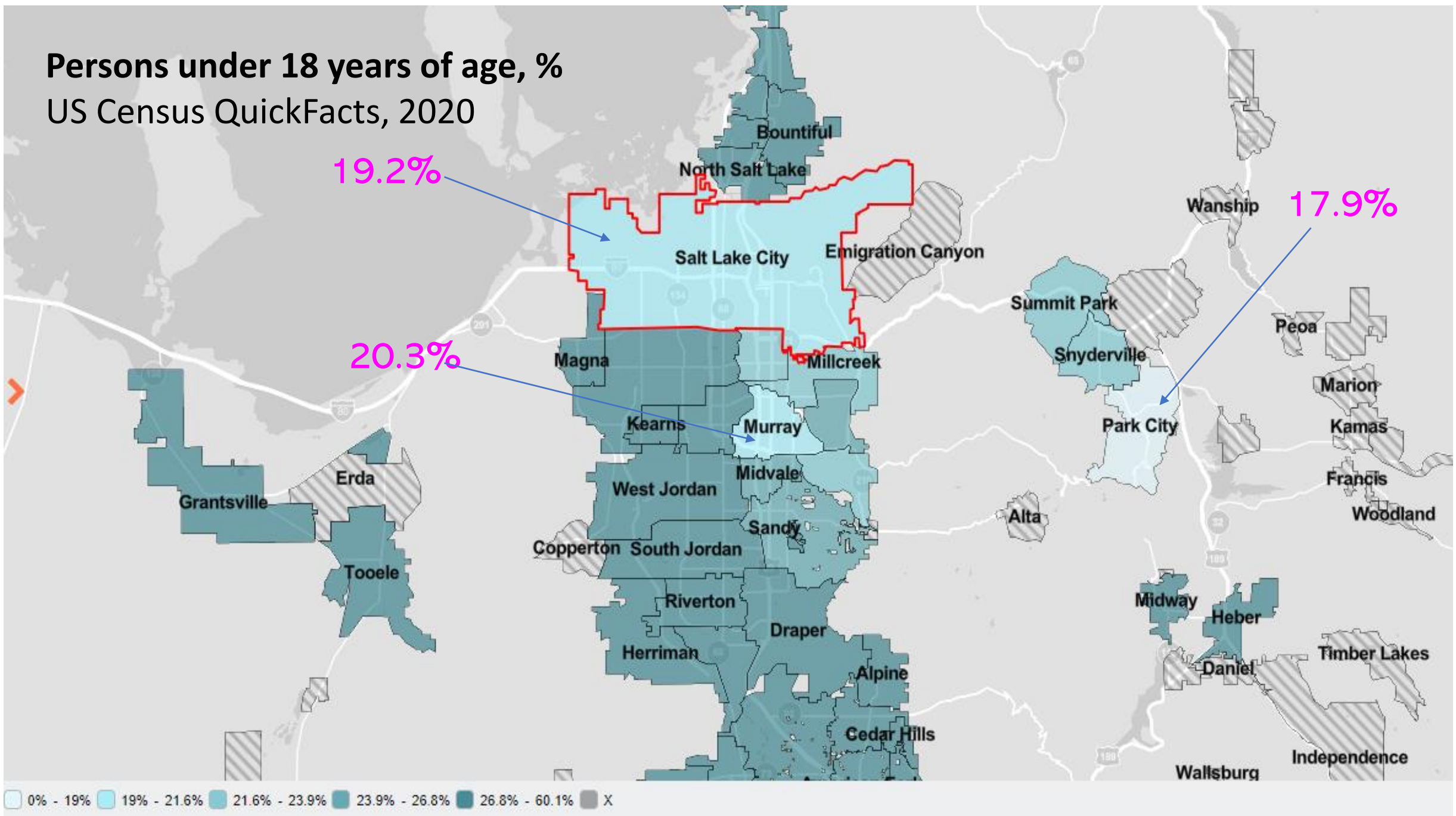
# **BOUNDARIES & PLANNING MEETING (M. LYNN BENNION)**

OCTOBER 19, 2023

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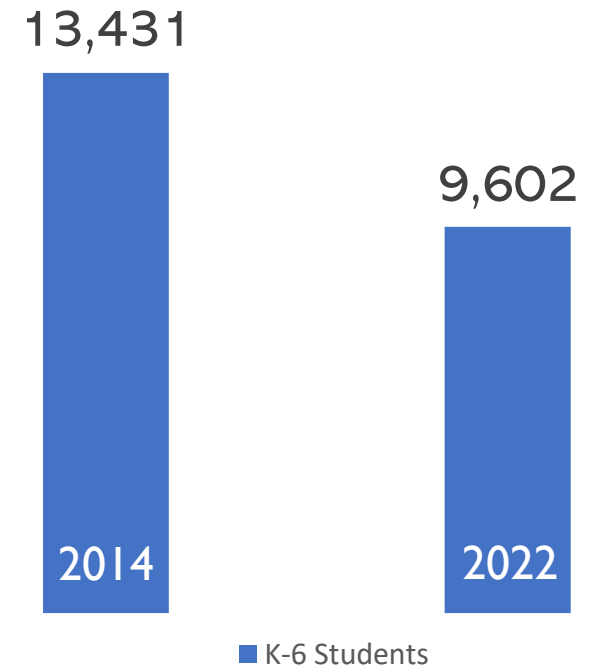
Boundaries and Planning Director

# Persons under 18 years of age, % US Census QuickFacts, 2020



# Declining student population is an indicator that action is needed

- The district's **K-6 enrollment dropped by more than 3,800 students in less than a decade**
- This represents more than a 28% decline
- However, the district has maintained the same number of elementary schools



# Population and Boundary Study aims to:

1. Maintain and strengthen high-quality learning environments for students – build on our commitment to ensure that every elementary student has the opportunity to learn in an appropriate and engaging setting.
2. Exercise fiduciary responsibility and allocate resources effectively.
3. We want to establish school boundaries that support thriving neighborhood schools and experiences for our student population at each elementary school.











# Schools for further study:

## M. Lynn Bennion Elementary

- Among district's oldest buildings
- Among lowest general education enrollment and residential student population
- Only one classroom per grade level in 6 of the 7 grades
- Limited number of classrooms
- Near major thoroughfares (400 South & 700 East)
- Small campus footprint
- Limited onsite parking

# BENNION 2023-24

## Class Configuration

GRADE	Number of Classes		Average Class Size
K			20
1 <sup>ST</sup>			14
2 <sup>ND</sup>			10
3 <sup>RD</sup>			13
4 <sup>TH</sup>			26
5 <sup>TH</sup>			21
6 <sup>TH</sup>			19

# M. Lynn Bennion Elementary

- 270 students enrolled in 2014-15
- 157 students enrolled in 2022-23
- In-Boundary (Resident) Student Count last year - 253
- Also last year:
  - 25 students transferred in
  - 121 students transferred out

# Approach to Further Study



# Categories of considerations representing critical principles

The five categories are:

1. Student enrollment and residential population
2. Proximity and availability of neighborhood schools
3. Building and learning environment quality
4. Strategic placement of district-wide programs for equitable access
5. Community input and stakeholder feedback

# Current Work

- Data group - Collecting and analyzing student-focused data like enrollment, building and learning environment quality, community considerations, and strategic placement of district-wide programs for equitable student access
- Transition group - Strategizing and creating potential plans for smooth transitions of students, families, and employees if schools close and boundaries change

### SCHOOL CLOSURE COMMENTS

3.16.23 to 10.17.23

Just over 1500 comments.

### Population and Boundary Study

The changing demographics of our city have led to declining enrollment and a need to study the possibility of closing schools.

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## UPDATES / INFORMATION

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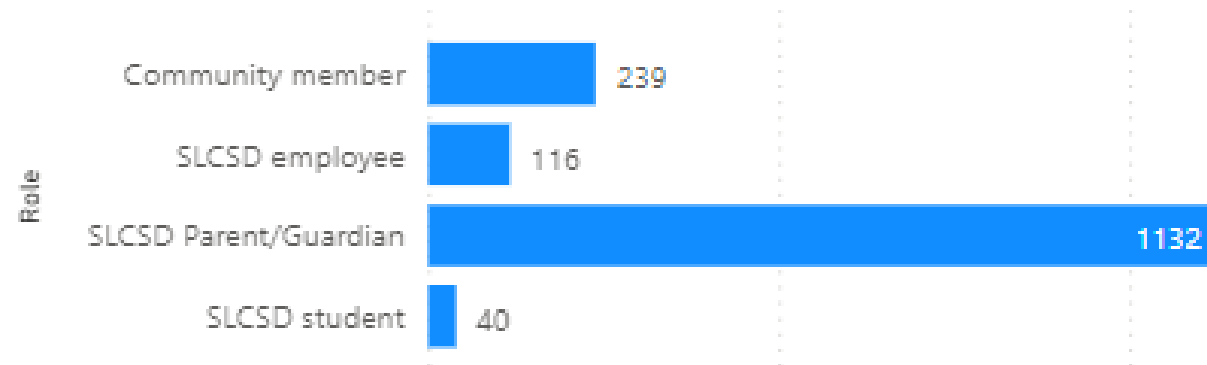
[Memo to the Board about Approach to Further Study](#)  
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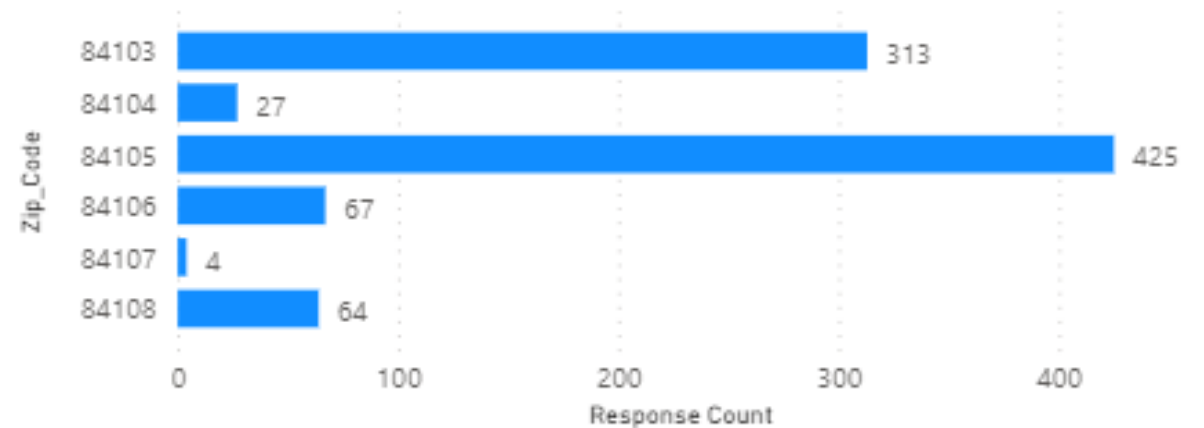
*Interactive Map will soon have student counts for this year.*

# SCHOOL CLOSURE COMMENTS since March - just over 1500 comments

Response Count by Role



Response Count by Zip\_Code



# Board-approved information meetings

1. Tuesday, September 12, 6:00-8:00 PM at SLCSE-Bryant Middle **completed**
2. Saturday, October 7, 9:00-11:00 AM at Glendale Middle **completed**
3. Wednesday, October 18, 7:00-9:00 PM at Northwest Middle **completed**
4. Saturday, October 21, 9:00-11:00 AM at Franklin Elementary (this meeting will be conducted in Spanish)
5. Wednesday, October 25, 7:00-9:00 PM at Hillside Middle

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**Comments & Questions**