

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Dr. Stephen Lando, Mr. John O'Keefe
Great Neck UFSD
From: Tina Lund AICP, Principal
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RE: **Great Neck UFSD Demographic Study Findings Summary**

The Great Neck UFSD engaged Urbanomics to prepare a demographic study and enrollment forecast that took into account the potential impacts of new residential development. Our key findings follow.

Demographics

Great Neck's school age population will continue to grow in the near term, countervailing national trends.

- Age breakdowns from 2010 to 2019 Census data show **increases in the age cohorts under the age of 10 and between the ages of 25 and 40**, the ages when adults are likely to have children.
- **Birth rates in the District have been trending upwards over the last 20 years** as tracked by the New York State Department of Health.

District Conditions

- **Retention rates for all grades are greater than 1.** Looking at a 10-year history of enrollment, there were only 4 individual classes that had fewer students than in the feeder class from the previous year. Students are not only staying in the District and matriculating from grade to grade, but net new students are enrolling across all grade levels each year.
- Recent history shows that **between 20 and 25 percent of school children living in the District attend private schools.** Economic downturns or private school closures could create a significant one-time influx of students into the public schools.

Development Impacts

- **The public school child multiplier for new multifamily development in the Great Neck UFSD district is 0.20, or 20 children for every 100 units.** Urbanomics tested a series of multipliers using actual enrollment data for multifamily residential housing in Great Neck. It is recommended that the District use this multiplier when evaluating any proposed development.

Forecasts

- The impacts of COVID-19 on enrollment in the 2020 school year creates an anomaly in the forecasting data. **It will require another two years of data in order to establish a reliable long-term forecast.**

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