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District 155 Board of Education,

The following summary attempts to synthesize the information provided in the December 2023 Kasarda study performed for District 155 and its feeder districts. The information provided was gleaned from two reports provided by Dr. Kasarda. Each report is attached to the accompanying email.

For his report, Dr. Kasarda provides three projections based on different assumptions: Series A, Series B, and Series C. Series A assumes that both turnover of existing houses and future new residential developments are less than currently anticipated. Series B assumes turnover and new developments occur as currently anticipated. Series C assumes turnover and new developments are greater than currently anticipated. Each projection is for 2023/24 - 2038/39. Historically, District 155 has closely aligned with Dr. Kasarda's Series B projection, so for the purposes of this report, the data from Series B is utilized as it pertains specifically to District 155.

Overall, Dr. Kasarda's prognostication is that "annual declines in total District 155 enrollment should end within the next three to four years. The following eleven years (2028-39) should see much more stability and likely slight growth."

When examining individual schools under Series B,

- Cary-Grove is projected to decline from 1,410 students in 2023-24 to 1,363 (-47) in 2026-27 before rebounding and stabilizing;
- Crystal Lake Central is projected to decline from 1,509 students in 2023-24 to 1,398 (-111) in 2028-29 before rebounding and stabilizing;
- Crystal Lake South is projected to decline from 1,305 students in 2023-24 to 1,226 (-79) in 2028-29 before rebounding and stabilizing;
- Prairie Ridge is projected to decline from 1,146 students in 2023-24 to 1,128 (-18) in 2025-26 before rebounding and stabilizing.

Peak enrollment for each school through the 2038-39 school year under Series B over the 16-year period of the study are as follows:

- Cary-Grove: 1,508 students in 2038-39;
- Crystal Lake Central: 1,509 students in 2023-24;
- Crystal Lake South: 1,294 students in 2037-38 and 2038-39;
- Prairie Ridge: 1,262 students in 2032-33; 1,256 students in 2033-34.

When examining District 155 as a whole, Series B projections are that enrollment will decline from 5,370 students in 2023-24 to a low of 5,180 (-190) in 2027-28 before rebounding and stabilizing in 2028-29 at 5,233 students. The peak enrollment projections for the district over the 16 year period are 5,445 and 5,446 students in years 2037-38 and



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2038-39 respectively, which is an additional 266 students from the lowest year of projected enrollment in 2027-28.

Please feel free to peruse the full report for tables and charts as well as further details from Dr. Kasarda. I believe the information presented is encouraging as it does project stabilization for District 155's enrollment. As we continue to pursue our strategic plan, the information will be beneficial in our decision making process.

If you have any questions about the information found in the report, please feel free to reach out to Kevin or me directly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Lesinski
Superintendent
District 155