

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46



**October 21, 2024**  
**Facilities Update for Board of Education**

# Tonight's Update

- Enrollment Update
- Construction update on Middle School Project
- Middle School Transition
- Naming of new middle school in Bartlett
- Unite U-46 next steps



# 2024-2025 Enrollment Summary



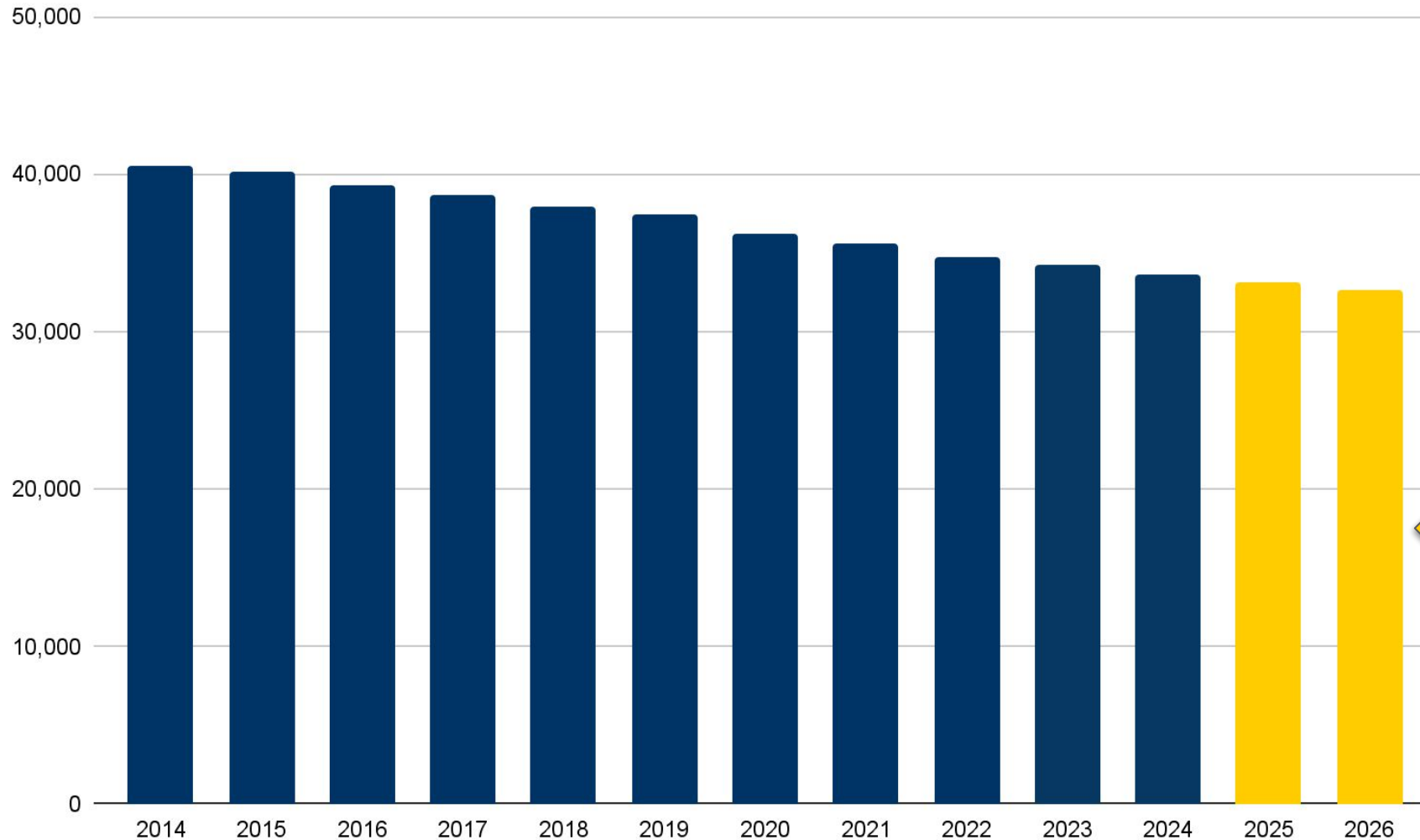


# U-46 Enrollment Trend Data



Year	Enrollment	Change
2019-2020	38,014	-557
2020-2021	36,623	-1,391
2021-2022	36,107	-516
2022-2023	35,338	-769
2023-2024	34,864	-474
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>34,286</b>	<b>-578</b>

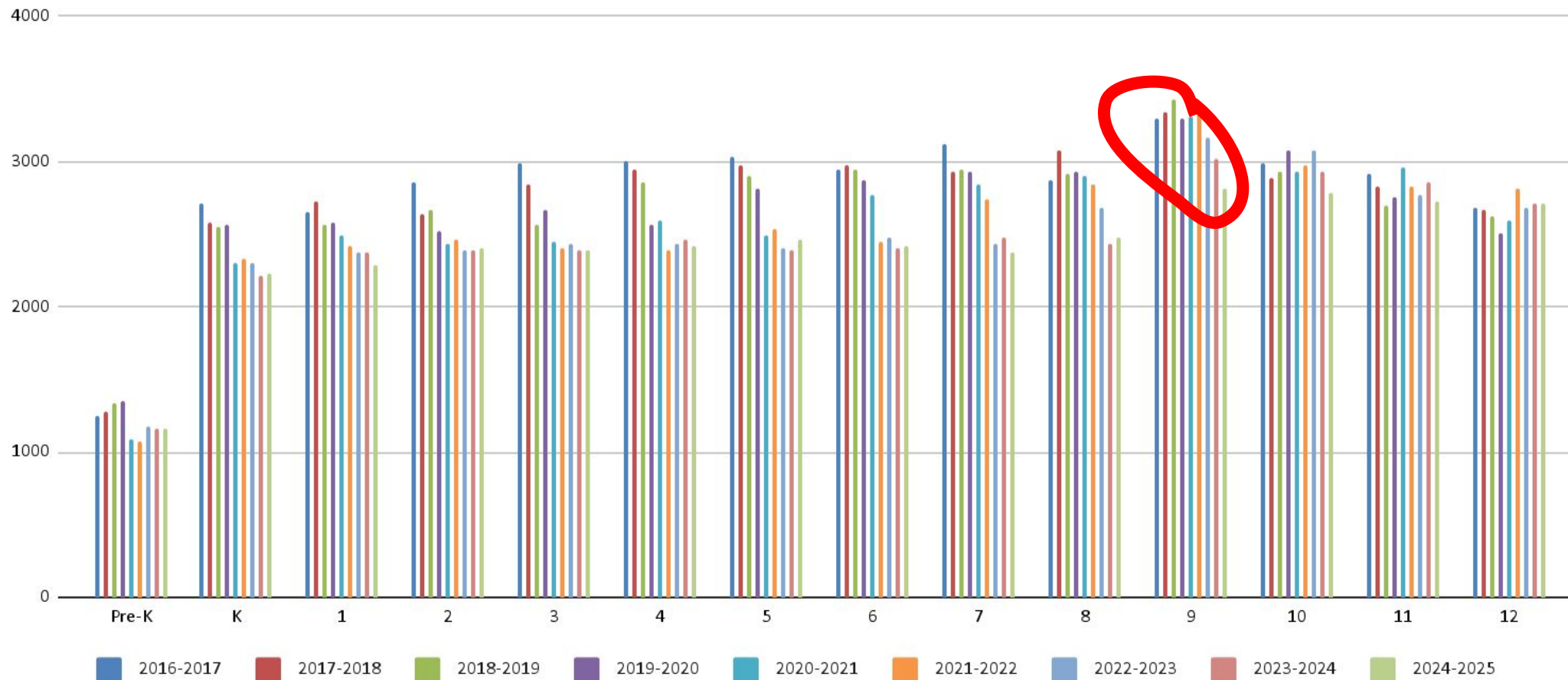
# U-46 Enrollment Trend



**Enrollment forecast  
projects continuing to  
lose several hundred  
students per year**

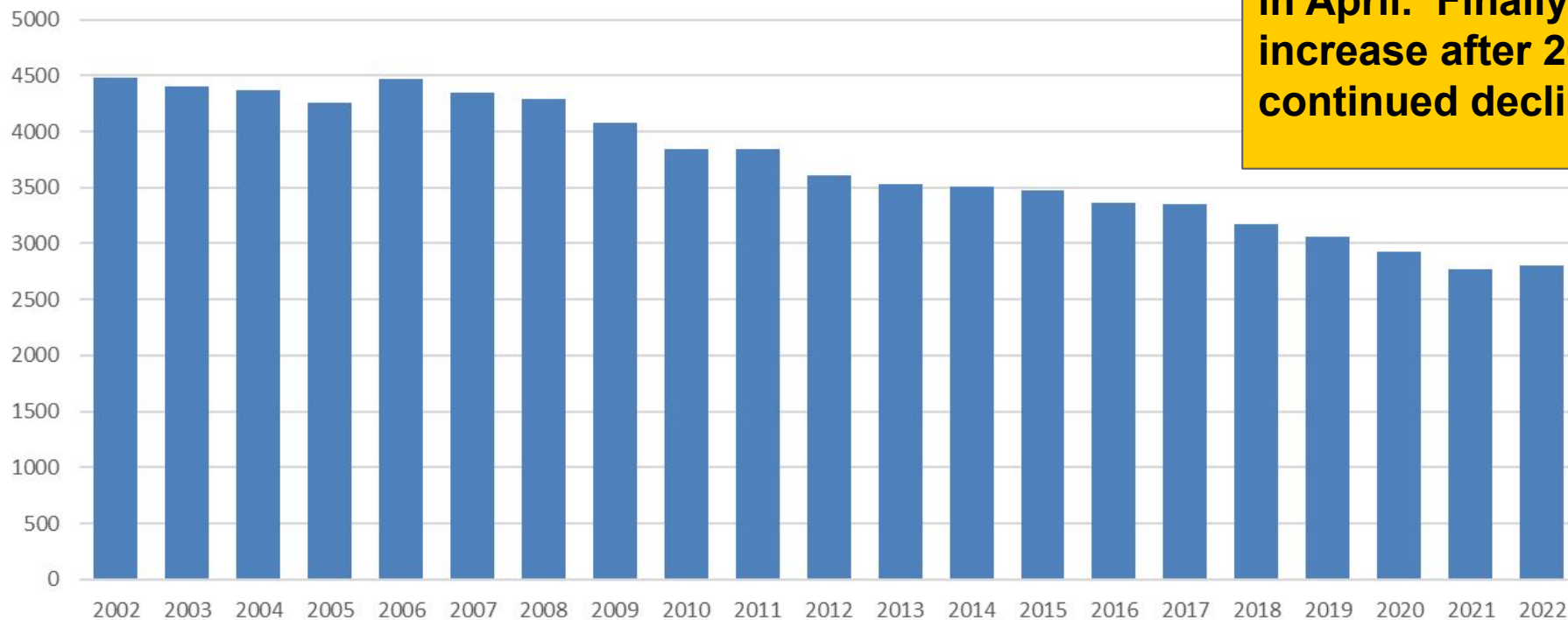
# U-46 Enrollment History by Grade-Level

Number of Students by Grade Level  
Excludes Externally Placed Students



# Impact of Declining Birth Rates in U-46

Historical Births in U-46 Attendance Area



**Received 2022 actual birth data in April. Finally saw a slight increase after 20 years of continued declines.**



# Total Early Childhood Enrollment Comparison



Year	Enrollment	Change
2021-2022	1,030	-18
2022-2023	1,108	78
2023-2024	1,166	58
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>-4</b>



# Total Elementary School Enrollment Comparison

Year	Enrollment	Change
2021-2022	16,995	-545
2022-2023	16,808	-187
2023-2024	16,711	-97
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>16,667</b>	<b>-44</b>

21 Elementary Schools Decreased in Enrollment

Significant increases:

- Wayne 39
- Hilltop 33
- Bartlett 27
- Prairieview 26
- Ontarioville 25

Significant decreases:

- Ridge Circle (-42)
- Highland (-32)
- Laurel Hill (-28)
- Channing (-24)
- Lords Park (-22)

# Total Middle School Enrollment Comparison

Year	Enrollment	Change
2021-2022	5,582	-163
2022-2023	5,109	-473
2023-2024	4,930	-179
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>-34</b>

5 of our 8 middle schools decreased in enrollment

## Increases:

- Kenyon Woods 26
- Larsen 26
- Eastview 8

## Decreases:

- Tefft (-48)
- Canton (-33)
- Ellis (-17)
- Abbott (-5)
- Kimball (-1)

# Total High School Enrollment Comparison

Year	Enrollment	Change
2021	12,401	184
2022	12,188	-213
2023	12,057	-131
<b>2024</b>	<b>11,561</b>	<b>-496</b>

All five of our Comprehensive High Schools Decreased in Enrollment

## Decreases:

- EHS (-140)
- SHS (-122)
- LHS (-78)
- SEHS (-69)
- BHS (-69)

# Middle School Construction Update



# Construction Update for New Middle School in Bartlett





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# Middle School Transition Options

# Options for Shift of 6th Grade to Middle School

## Option A

- Postpone the shift until the 2027-2028 school year.
- All 7,200 students in grades 6-8 would remain in their currently assigned schools. 6th graders would stay in elementary.
- The new middle school in Bartlett would serve 7th and 8th grade students in 2026-2027



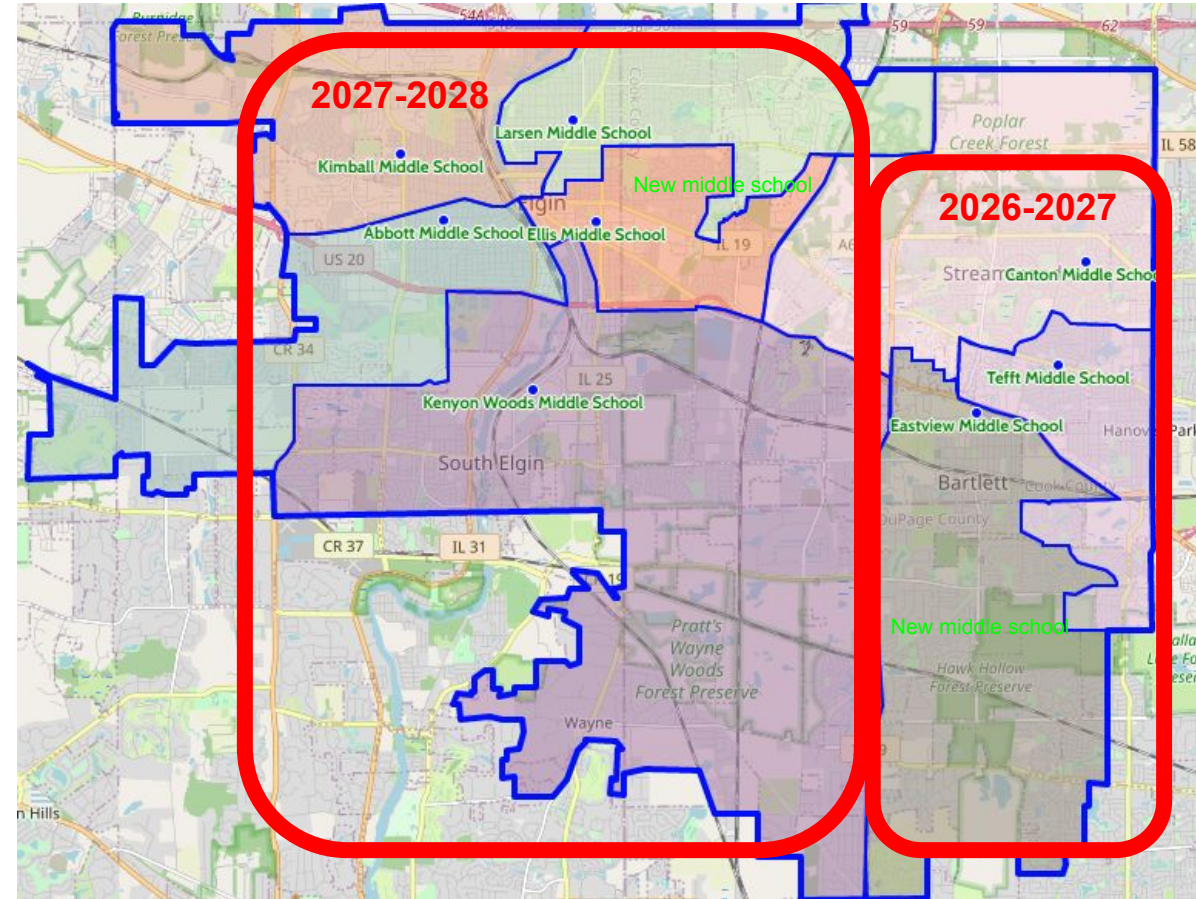
***New middle school in Elgin scheduled to be ready for occupancy in August 2027.***



# Options for Shift of 6th Grade to Middle School

- **Option B**

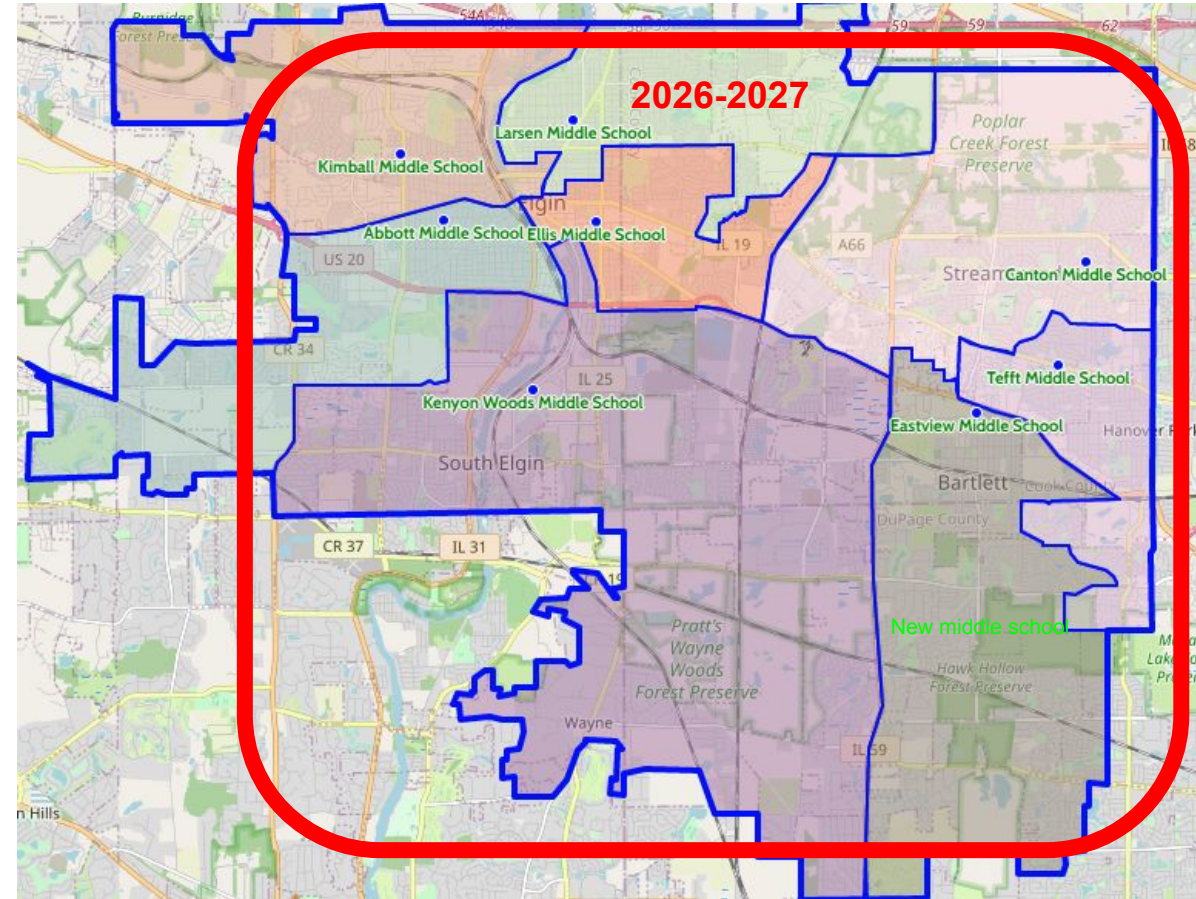
- Transition 6th grade to middle school over two years
  - 2026-2027 - East Side of U46
    - Canton
    - Tefft
    - Eastview
    - New Middle In Bartlett
  - 2027-2028 - West Side of U46
    - Larsen
    - Kimball
    - Kenyon Woods
    - New Middle School in Elgin
- Approximately 50% of our 6th graders (1,200 students) would attend middle school in 2026-2027.
- Delays preschool expansion.



***Ellis and Abbott to remain open serving grades 7th and 8th in 2026-2027, then be retired in 2027-2028.***

# Options for Shift of 6th Grade to Middle School

- **Option C**
  - Transition all 6th grade to middle school in 2026-2027
  - ~350 6th grade students would attend an alternate site for one year



*New middle school in Elgin would open in 2027-2028 serving grades 6, 7, and 8. Ellis, Abbott to be retired in 2027-2028.*

# Option C for shift of 6th Grade to Middle School



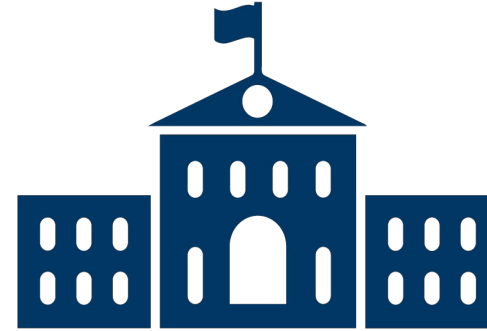
**2026-2027**

**New Middle School in Elgin**

*Under Construction*

6th Grade: Abbott\*

7th - 8th Grade: Ellis



**2027-2028**

**New Middle School in Elgin**

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

**Ellis Closed**  
**Abbott Closed**

*\*Abbott would also keep its 8th graders in 2026-2027, eliminating an extra transition for these students. 6th and 7th grade students in Abbott attendance area will attend KMS or KWMS.*



# Options for Shift of 6th Grade to Middle School

		Advantage	Disadvantage
A	Postpone shift until 2027-2028 when the new middle school will be ready for occupancy	Minimizes student transitions	<p>Delays MS experience by one year for all U-46 students</p> <p>Lower cohort sizes at Eastview</p> <p>Limits ability for increased Pre-K</p>
B	<p>Transition 6th grade students over two years:</p> <p>2026-2027 - east side</p> <p>2027-2028 - west side</p>	Removes the risk of construction projects not being completed	<p>Inconsistent 6th grade experience for U-46 students in year one</p> <p>Limits ability for increased Pre-K</p>
C	Transition all 6th grade students in 2026-2027 by keeping Ellis and Abbott open in a limited capacity	<p>All 6th grade students receive middle school experience</p> <p>Improved learning environments for more students</p> <p>Increased Pre-K opportunities</p>	Additional transition for some of our students



# Naming of New Middle School in Bartlett

# Naming the School

## Board Policy 4:150: Facility Management and Building Programs

- The Board of Education is responsible for the naming and renaming of school facilities.
- The Board of Education may solicit recommendations for its consideration from interested community residents.

**What's in a**  
**NAME?**

# Timeline for Naming the New U-46 Middle School in Bartlett

- Nominations are due by **November 15, 2024**.
- If any nominations are received, administration will hold a town hall meeting by December 15, 2024.
- Administration will bring a recommendation to the Board of Education at the January 13, 2025 meeting.
- Board of Education will vote to take action at the January 27, 2025 meeting.

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# Unite U-46 Update



# Summary of 9/30 Unite U-46 Session

Keeping Students  
Together

Transportation

Equitable access to  
programs

Student Supports

# Unite U-46 Next Steps



## Unite U-46 Mapping Our Future Workshops

- December and January
- Five network-level workshops throughout the district
- Focused on boundary updates



## Unite U-46 Community Engagement Sessions

- February
- April

**New Districtwide Boundaries Scheduled  
To Be Presented to Board of Education in Spring 2025**

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**Thank You!**