Lynwood Unified School District

School Facility Optimization Committee Meeting
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Introductions, Committee Objectives and Norms

Introductions*

- Name
- Experience with District
- What you like most about the District
- A sentence about what you bring to the group

*Due to time constraints, please limit total response time to about 2 minutes

Optimization Committee Objectives

- Review pertinent data and to gain an understanding of why school optimization in LUSD may be beneficial to the District's students
- Utilize the board approved metrics to decide what optimization options should be considered and understand the impacts of any change
- Based on consensus, and on the data, make a recommendation (or recommendations) to the board on ways District can better serve students by facility optimization

Committee Meeting Norms

- Start and end on time
- Active participation
- Stay on topic
- Follow the "Golden Rule"
- Allow others to participate and to disagree respectfully
- Others?

California, Los Angeles County and LUSD Actual and Projected Enrollment

State and County Enrollment

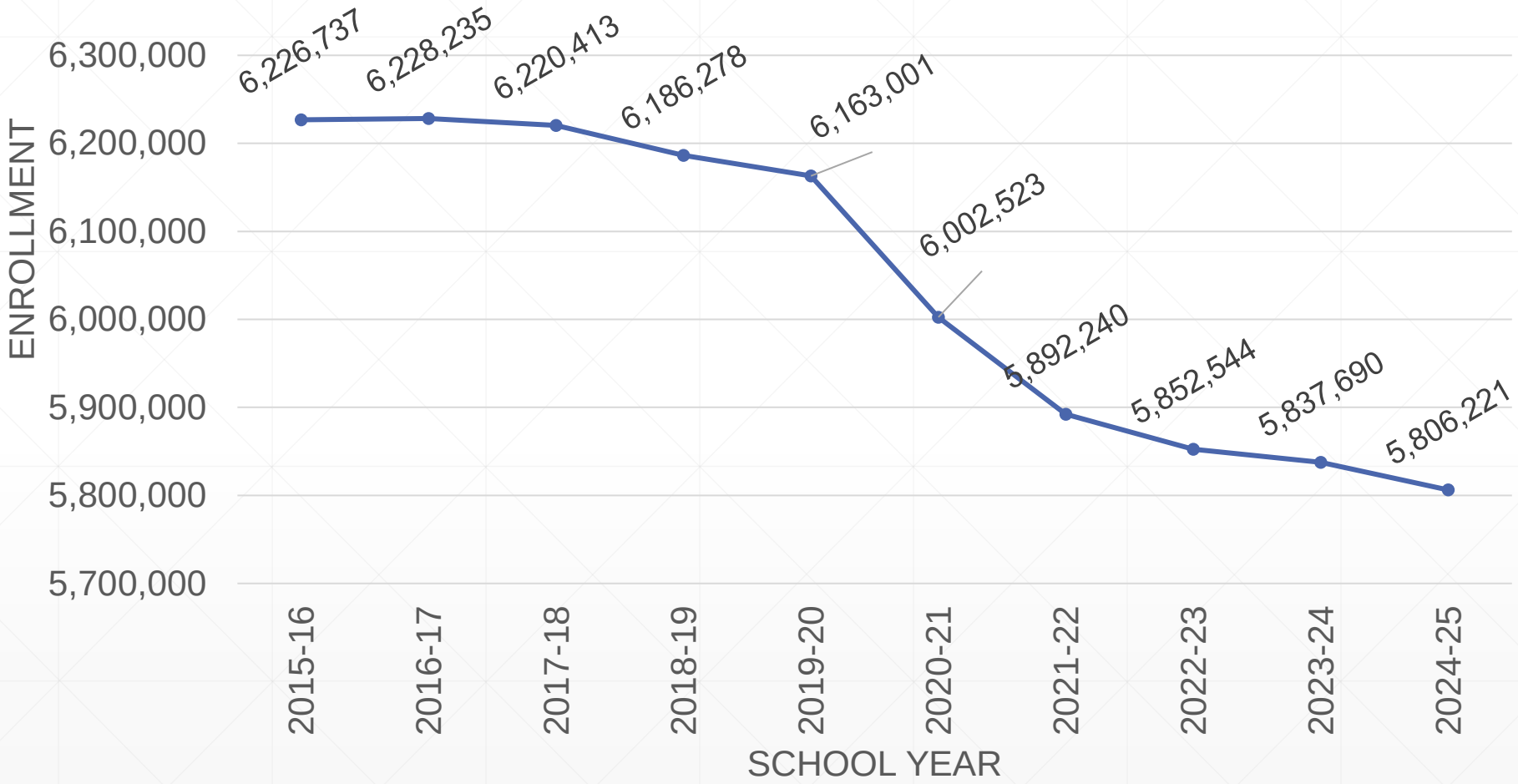
California

- California has lost 429,299 students between the 2014 and 2024 school years
- This loss is approximately 6.9%
- According to the Public Policy Institute of California, state-wide enrollment is expected to decrease an additional 7% over the next ten years

Los Angeles County

- Los Angeles County has lost 263,491 students between the 2014 and 2024 school years
- This loss is approximately 17%
- According to the Public Policy Institute of California, Los Angeles County is expected to decrease an additional 15.1% over the next ten years

California State 2015-2024 Historical Enrollment



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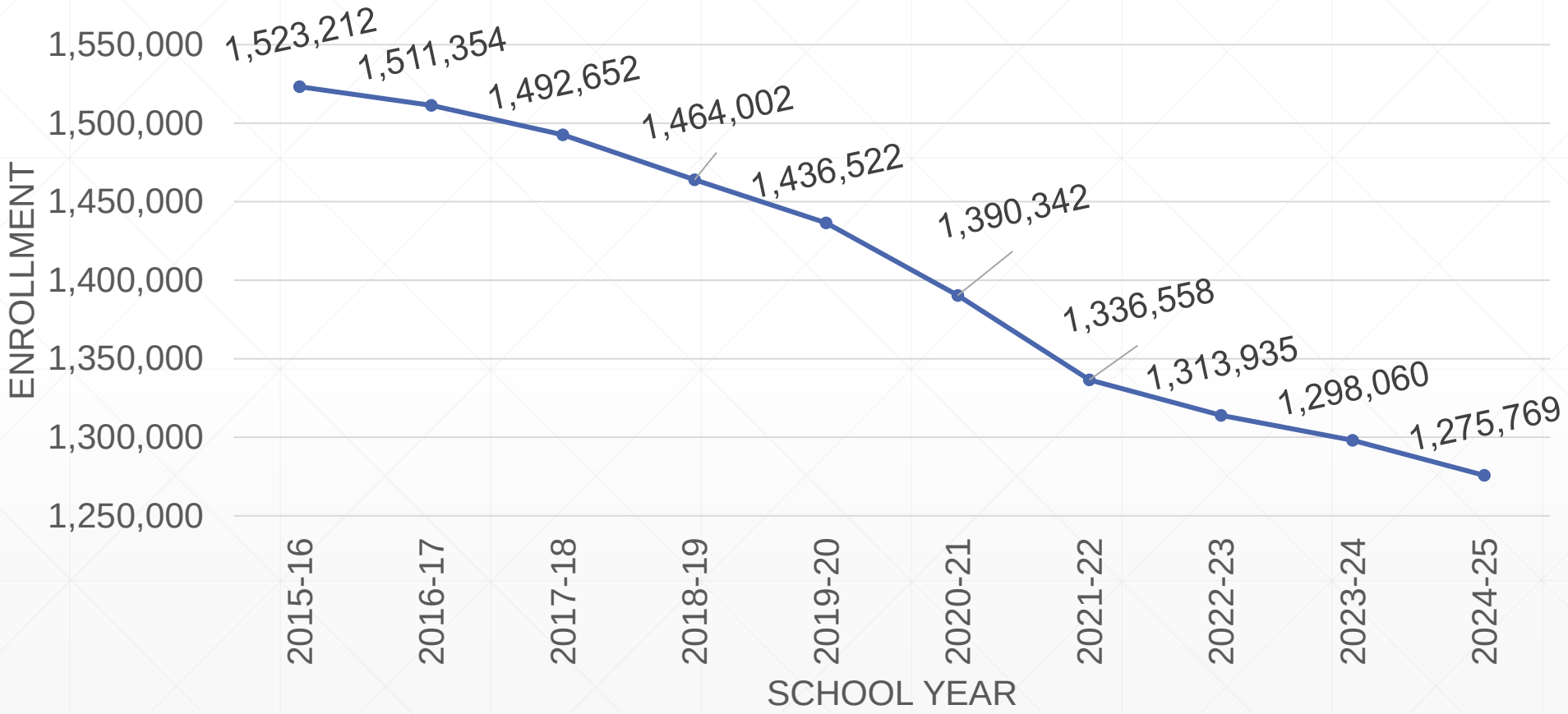
Los Angeles County
2015-2024 Historical Enrollment



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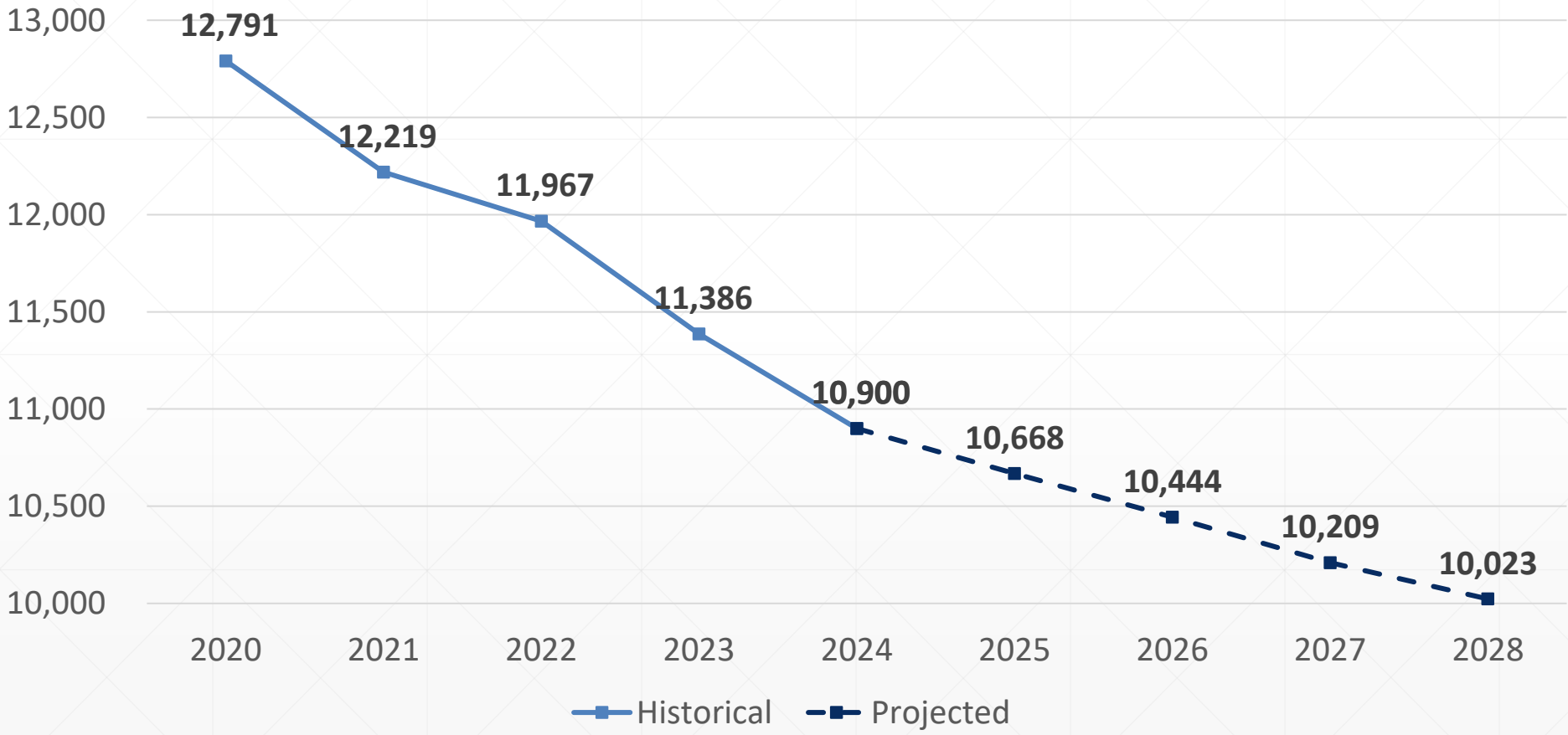
Lynwood Unified Enrollment

- Between the 2015 and 2024 school years, Lynwood USD has lost 3,930 students*
- This loss is approximately 26.50%
- The District projects a decline of 877 students between 2024 and 2028

* Total Enrollment taken from CDE Data Quest

Lynwood Unified School District

2020-2028 Historical and Projected Enrollment



- Historical data collected from CDE Data Quest
- Historical enrollment includes NPS, which are not assigned to schools. Projection was made before the fall enrollment was known.
- Projections based on historical birth rates and cohort survival rates

Lynwood USD Facility Information

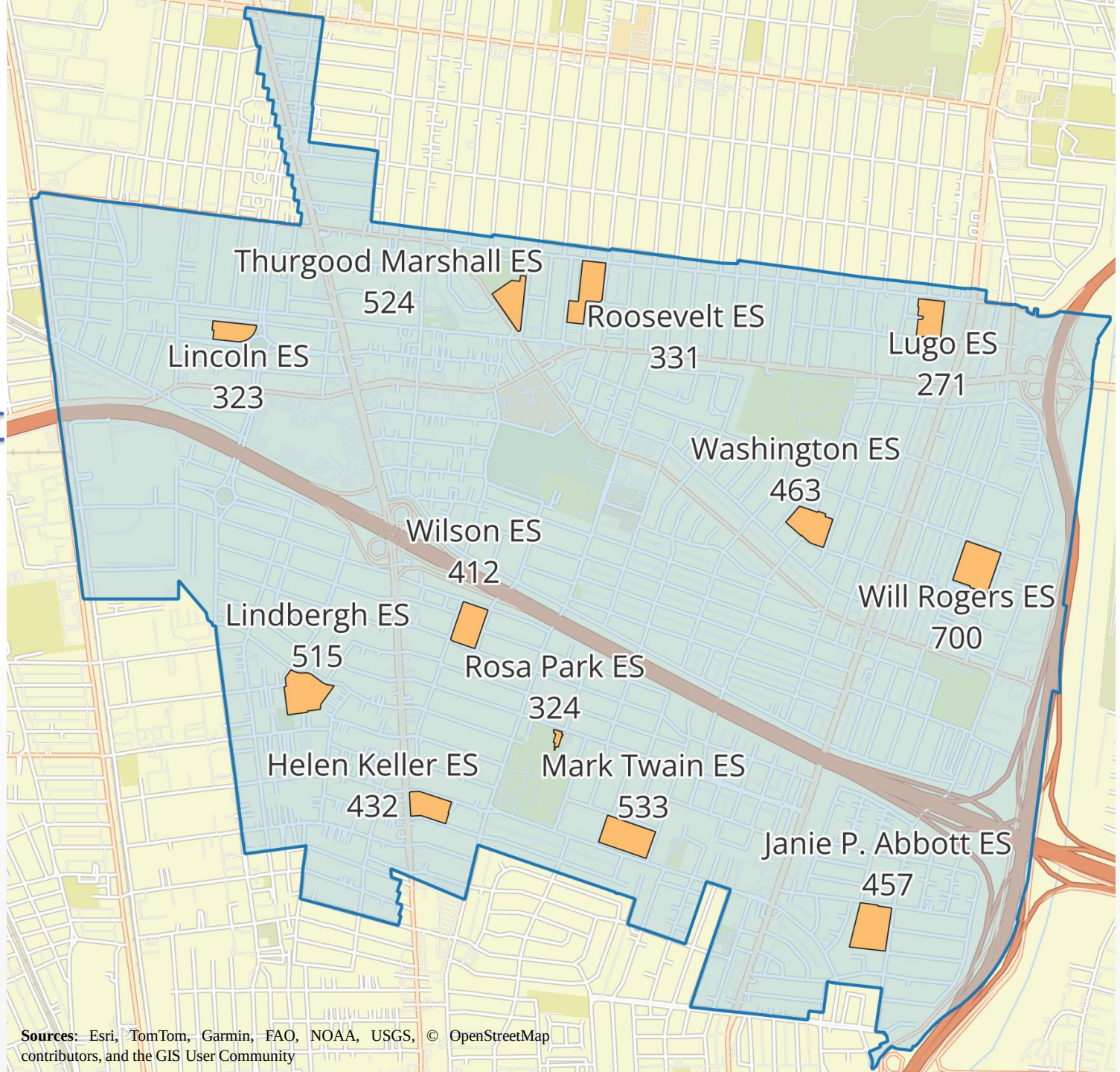
School Type	Quantity
Elementary Schools TK-6	12
Middle Schools 7-8	2
High Schools	3

District Capacity	District 2025-26 Enrollment	Excess Capacity
16,670	10,353	**6,317**

Source: District capacity taken from Lynwood USD 2024 FMP
2025-26 enrollment provided by the District and does not include NPS, which is approximately 50 students

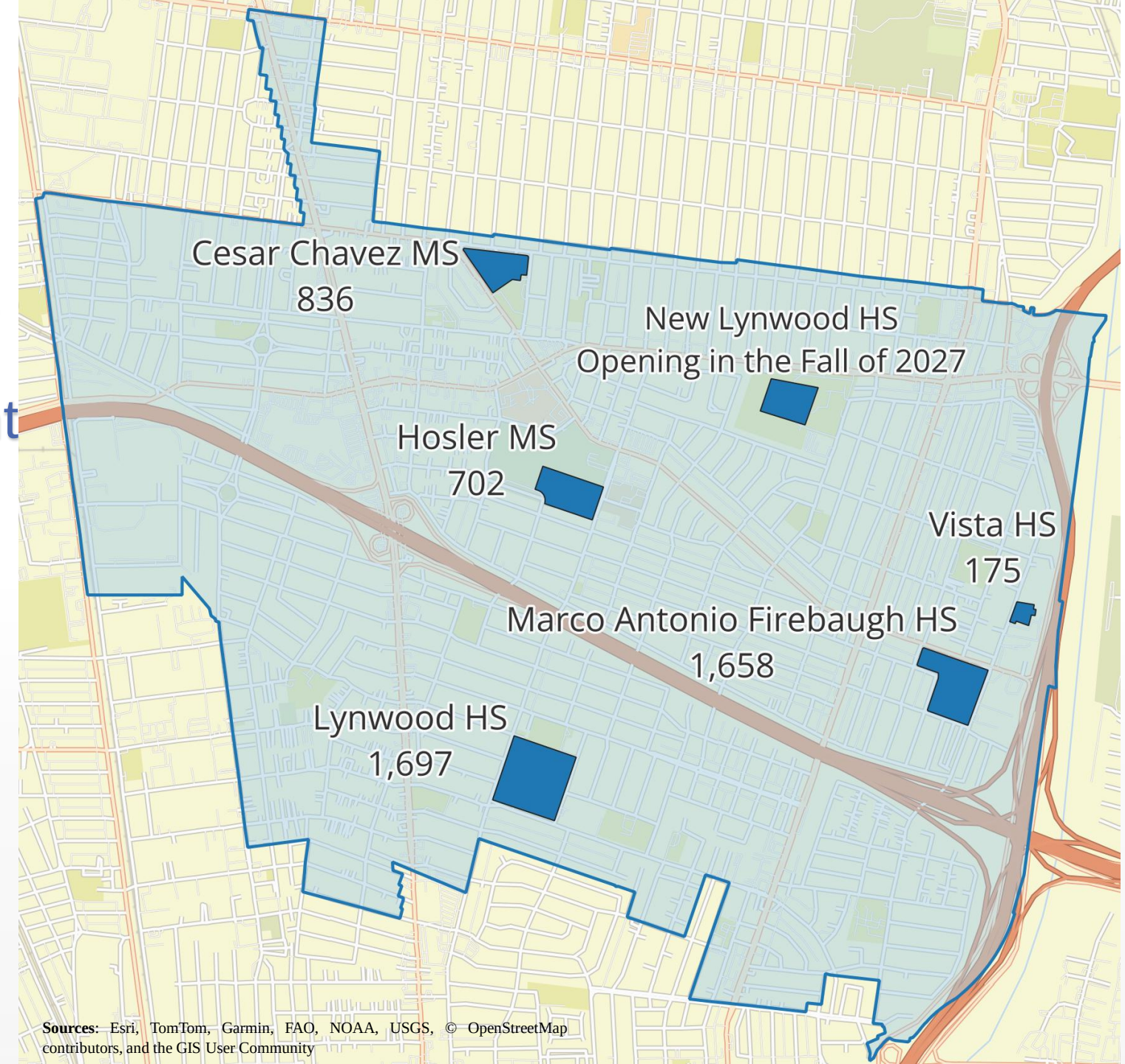
Review Of The Locations Of Schools And Current Enrollment

Lynwood USD Elementary Schools with 2025-26 Projected Enrollment



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Lynwood USD Secondary Schools with 2025-26 Projected Enrollment



Elementary Schools

Schools	Grades	Enrollment 2024-2025	Current Enrollment 2025-26	Projected Combination Classes 2025-26
Helen Keller Elementary	TK-6	407	432	1
Janie P. Abbott Elementary	TK-6	417	457	0
Lincoln Elementary	TK-6	328	323	2
Lindbergh Elementary	TK-6	552	515	1
Lugo Elementary	TK-6	318	271	2
Mark Twain Elementary	TK-6	542	533	3
Roosevelt Elementary	TK-6	445	331	2
Rosa Parks Elementary	TK-6	343	324	3
Thurgood Marshall Elementary	TK-6	511	524	1
Washington Elementary	TK-6	492	463	1
Will Rogers Elementary	TK-6	684	700	2
Wilson Elementary	TK-6	499	412	1
Total		**5,538**	**5,285**	**19**

- 2025-26 enrollment provided by the District and does not include NPS
- Current decrease is 253 students

Secondary Schools

Schools	Grades	Enrollment 2024-2025	Current Enrollment 2025-26
Cesar Chavez Middle	7-8	882	836
Hosler Middle	7-8	754	702
Vista High	9-12	186	175
Lynwood High	9-12	1,858	1,697
Marco Antonio Firebaugh High	9-12	1,633	1,658
Total		**5,313**	**5,068**

- 2025-26 enrollment provided by the District and does not include NPS
- The current decrease is 245 students

Reasons To Consider School Optimization and Best Practices

Academic/Programmatic

- School Optimization provides opportunities to improve student programs
- Larger enrollment may reduce the number of combination (multiple-grade) classes
- Unequitable class sizes may occur between schools that are too small
- Teacher grade-level collaboration is increased with larger schools
- Special Education inclusion may be limited in small schools
- After-school programs may need to be more regionalized and enhanced
- Optimization allows for more investment in classroom resources and supplies

Financial Considerations

- As district enrollment decreases, revenue decreases but fixed costs remain in place
- Dollars spent on fixed costs leave fewer dollars to be spent in other areas
- This financial stress can lead to struggles for the district to pay ***competitive salaries and benefits***
- Maintenance money for facilities is decreased and spread over the existing campuses limiting repairs
- ***Bond money spread over existing campuses limits facility improvements and upkeep***

Board Approved Metrics
For the Optimization Commitee

- Enrollment
- Physical conditions of a school facility
- Operating cost
- Capacity of other schools to absorb students
- Availability and transfer of special programs
- Environmental factors (traffic, freeway access, etc.)
- Balance of pupil demographics
- Pupil transportation needs
- Aesthetics and opportunity for blight
- Impact on feeder school attendance patterns

Questions, Requests for Additional Data & Discussions

Future Remaining Meetings and Topics

- **September 16th**
  - Special programs
  - Physical condition of a school site
  - Capacity of other schools to absorb students
  - Narrow down the list of schools for possible optimization
- **September 30th**
  - Transportation needs
  - Scatter plot maps of students' locations
  - Balance of pupil demographics
- **October 14th**
  - Aesthetics and opportunity for blight
  - Operating costs
  - Environmental factors
  - Impact on feeder schools (if any)
- **October 28th**
  - If needed

LUSD Board Meetings

- **November 13, 2025 Board Meeting**
  - Recommendations to the Board
  - Public comments
- **December 11, 2025 – Board Meeting**
  - Public comments
  - Board considers approving the school optimization