

August 2025 Board of Education Community Meeting #1 **CSD Comprehensive Capital Improvement Update**

August 27, 2025 | Decatur Housing Authority Community Room

Presenters: James Wilson, EduPlanners



Meeting Norms



- Mutual respect is welcome.
- Respectful dissent is welcome.
- The board will not tolerate abusive language, hate speech, threats, jeers, or disrespectful commentary from the floor.
- Disruptive persons will be asked to leave the community meeting.
- Time has been allotted at the end for Q&A.

Community meetings are an opportunity for the Board of Education to foster two-way communications with the community about vision, values, and results. Community meetings demonstrate transparency and afford community observations of school system operations.



**Student
Success in All Areas**

**The CSD Student
Experience: Preparing to
Lead a Better World**



**Building and
Sustaining an Engaging
and Inclusive Culture**

**The CSD Cultural
Experience: Connections,
Culture, and Community (C3)**



**Cultivating and
Retaining High-Quality
Professionals**

**The CSD Staff Experience:
From Hire to Retire**



**Organizational
Effectiveness and
Excellence**

**The CSD Sustainable
Experience: Future Ready
Classrooms**

AUGUST 2025

Organizational Efficiency Effectiveness Study &

CITY SCHOOLS OF DECATUR

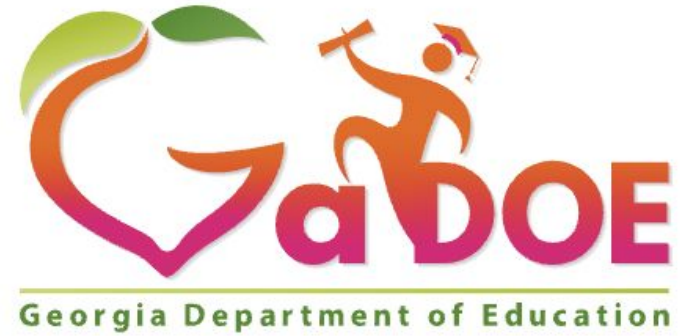


James Wilson, CEO

EducationPlanners



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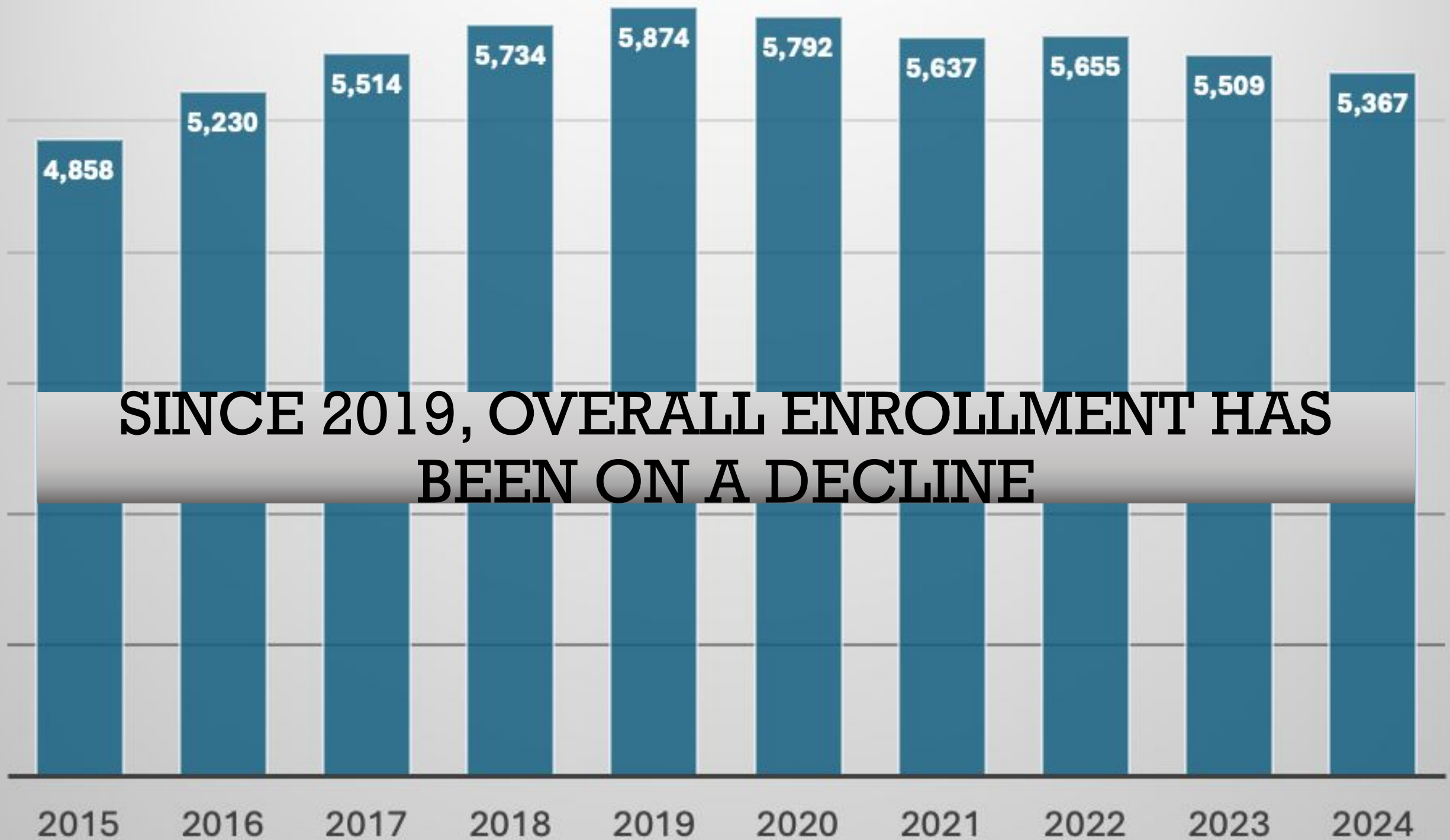
City Schools of Decatur

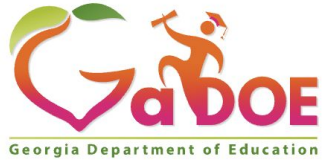
While the US Census is conducted every 10 years, the American Community Survey collects social, housing, educational, occupational, financial, and other demographic data from over 3.5 million households throughout the nation monthly and is compiled yearly, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

~~DECATUR,~~ ~~GEORGIA~~



- Although Decatur's population has decreased by -4.01% since the 2020 census and is currently declining at a rate of -0.83% annually, the 50+ age group has increased over 40% since 2010.
- The median age in Decatur is 39.6 years, 41.6 years for females.
- From the 2010 to 2020 Census, the number of children under the age of 5 has decreased by almost 10%.
- Currently, 71% of households in Decatur do not have children, Of the households that do have children, 69% are enrolled in public school





2024

School Name	LEVEL	Total	PK	K	Grade 01	Grade 02	Grade 03	Grade 04	Grade 05	Grade 06	Grade 07	Grade 08	Grade 09	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Clairemont	LOWER	162	18	40	45	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glennwood	LOWER	184	22	51	56	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakhurst Elementary	LOWER	233	36	49	78	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westchester	LOWER	174	34	53	34	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnona Park	LOWER	276	38	63	85	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fifth Avenue	UPPER	529	0	0	0	0	154	181	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Talley Street	UPPER	623	0	0	0	0	196	204	223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beacon Hill	MIDDLE	1285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	421	443	0	0	0	0
Decatur High School	HIGH	1901	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	481	463	501	456
City Schools of Decatur	SYSTEM TOTAL	5367	148	256	298	327	350	385	417	421	421	443	481	463	501	456

Difference between 2019 FTE and 2024 FTE

ELEMENTARY

Grade	Difference from 2019 to 2024 FTE	Difference by Level
Pre-K	-31	-503
K	-188	
1 ST	-154	
2 ND	-130	
3 RD	-142	
4 TH	-74	-251
5 TH	-35	
6 TH	-69	
7 TH	-22	-97
8 TH	-6	
9 TH	+27	+344
10 th	+37	
11 th	+124	
12 th	+156	

HAS LOST OVER
750 STUDENTS
SINCE 2019,
WITH 67%
COMING FROM
THE LOWER
GRADES.



2021 marked the first year the incoming Kindergarten class was smaller than the graduating class.

*Graduating
more students
than Enrolling*

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2024	256	298	327	350	385	417	421	421	443	481	463	501	456
2023	288	327	354	386	421	424	428	439	455	444	503	439	448
2022	321	339	391	412	418	427	452	446	425	515	459	447	432
2021	321	382	400	413	433	448	431	423	485	447	438	431	415
2020	368	420	431	435	466	437	451	492	434	457	447	425	357
2019	444	452	457	492	459	452	490	443	449	454	426	377	300
2018	430	443	480	457	465	458	455	455	427	481	386	332	307
2017	436	474	451	469	458	441	453	405	391	411	340	323	265
2016	447	448	458	438	454	429	391	375	356	362	337	290	255
2015	422	440	429	432	411	356	364	336	313	347	311	267	233
2014	412	415	428	412	343	328	322	308	304	302	289	257	225
2013	376	402	398	330	321	298	313	286	261	287	259	247	197
2012	369	384	319	299	282	289	287	255	240	283	248	205	189

	STUDENT CAPACITY	2024 FTE (K-3)	BUILDING UTILIZATION	CLASSROOMS	
Clairemont	365	144	39%	17	9
Glennwood	319	162	51%	16	10
Oakhurst	479	197	41%	24	15
Westchester	296	140	47%	15	9
Winnona Park	319	238	75%	22	16
Lower ES	1778	881	50%	94	59

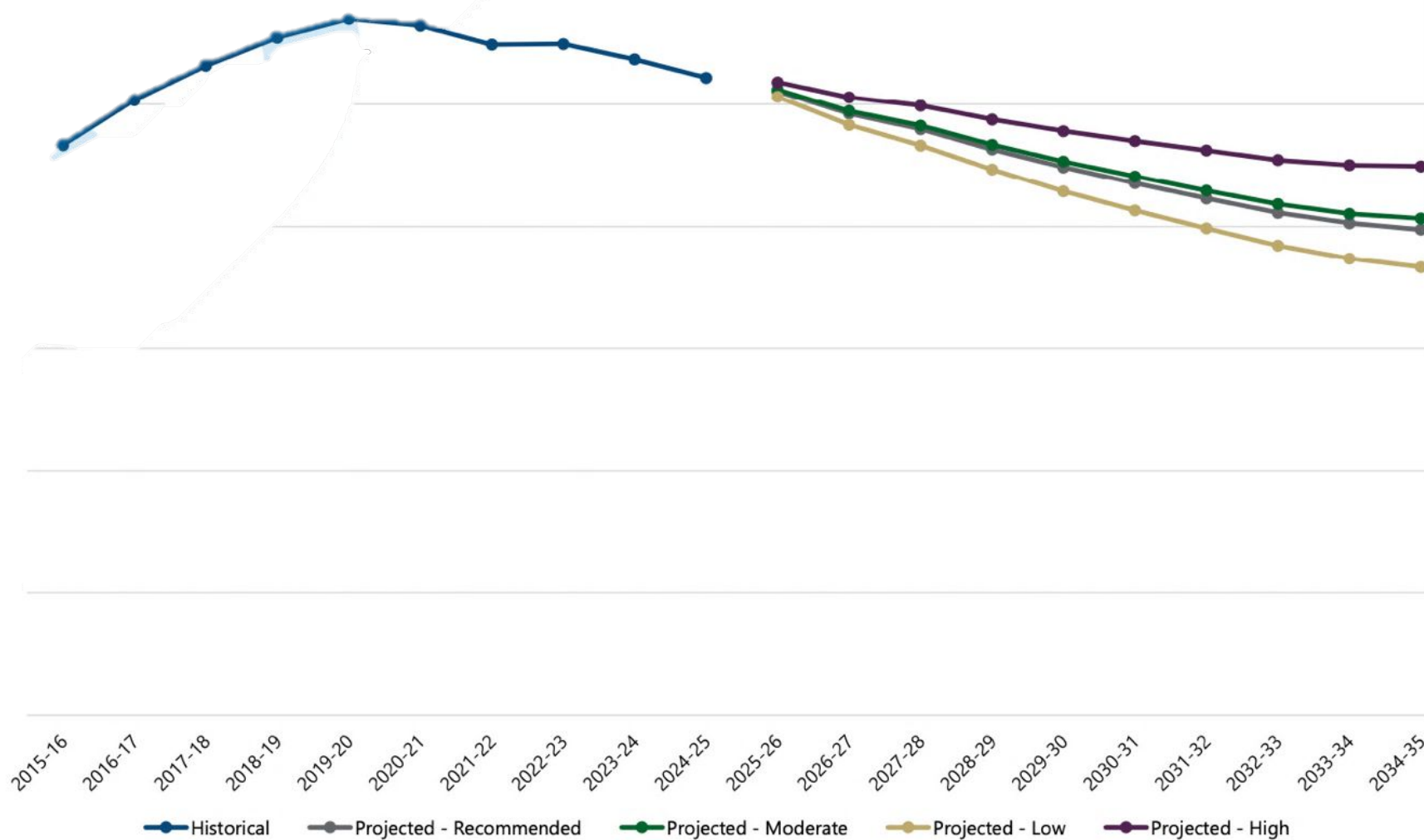
GA DOE INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT ALLOCATION

Based on 2024 FTE, with 881 students in Lower Elementary, the recommended number of classrooms is 59. The current number of classrooms in Lower Elementary is 94.





DECLINE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE



Based on the Cohort Survival Methodology, Woolpert projects overall student enrollment to decrease from the 5,219 enrollment in 2024-25 to 3,975 in 2034-35.

EARLY LEARNING IN COLLEGE HEIGHTS



ECLC Sites:	College Heights Early Childhood Learning Center		James H. Fraiser Child Development Center	
	Enrollment	Waitlist	Enrollment	Waitlist
Infant	16	46	16	7
1 Year Olds	24	36	9	5
2 Year Olds	25	25	18	6
3 Year Olds	54	---	16	6
Pre-K	148	---	N/A	---
Total	267	107	59	24

Reported As of 08.12.2025



WOOLPERT DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT/SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS

Population City of Decatur	Under 5 years	5 to 19 years	20 to 64 years	65 years and over	Total Population	Median Age
2000	1,104	3,049	11,628	2,424	18,205	36.00
2010	1,422	3,427	12,334	2,152	19,335	38.00
2020	1,296	7,087	13,774	3,382	24,928	39.50
Population DeKalb County						
2000	46,847	135,228	429,909	53,881	665,865	32.30
2010	50,407	132,730	446,528	62,228	691,893	34.30
2020	47,376	161,427	480,753	98,025	764,382	39.50



New Early Childhood Learning Center

STEP 1

- HELPS CLOSE THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT GAP
- &
- ADDRESS THE CURRENT DEMAND
FOR ADDITIONAL HIGH-QUALITY
EARLY LEARNING



Education Planners Covers Everything...

Every voice is heard,

Every data point is considered

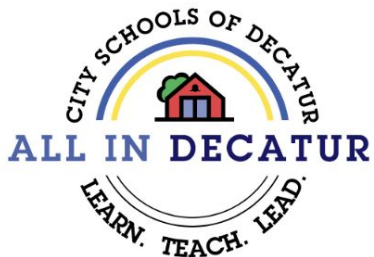


Early Childhood Learning Center

Decatur High Auxiliary Gym

CTAE Pathways to Success

Fine Arts Expansion



UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SCHEDULED

September 15

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Beacon Hill Middle School

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

Provided by
EducationPlanners 

- Create Positive Public Awareness by Identifying all Potential Benefits
- Implement Effective Strategies to ensure Stakeholder Feedback
- Build Transparency through hosting multiple Community Engagement Forums
- Determine Per-Building Cost Efficiency & Per-Pupil Cost Analysis
- Ensure Equal Access & Resource Distribution to maximize Student Outcomes
- Develop and Communicate Student-Focused Attendance Zone Modifications
- Identify and Communicate with Impacted Families and Staff



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





has established a distinct approach, building a reputation within the Education Industry for

Positive Public Awareness

Our methodology has proven to provide a *True Success Story* for over 50 School Districts and Higher Education Institutions facing a wide range of challenges, providing an extensive and unparalleled experience, delivering desired results with increased overall efficiency and effectiveness.

Strategic Thinkers & Planners

- Research-Based and Best Practice Approach**
- Proactive Communication and Project Management**
- Careful and Well-Established Process**
- Transparent, Clearly Articulated Timeline**
- Inclusive Stakeholder and Community Involvement**
- Data-Driven, Fiscally Responsible Recommendations**
- Cost/Benefit Analysis and Synthesis of all Variables**
- Commitment to Student Success**