

Lithonia, Miller Grove, and MLK Clusters

Summary

The southeast area of the District provided consistent feedback around preserving Stoneview ES due to the planned renovation of that campus. Based on that feedback, round 2 keeps the Lithonia HS cluster as is with the exception of Redan ES. Lithonia HS, Lithonia MS, and Stoneview ES are proposed to remain. Because additional elementary capacity is not added by cascading Lithonia MS down to and elementary, Rock Chapel ES (Stephenson cluster) also remains open.

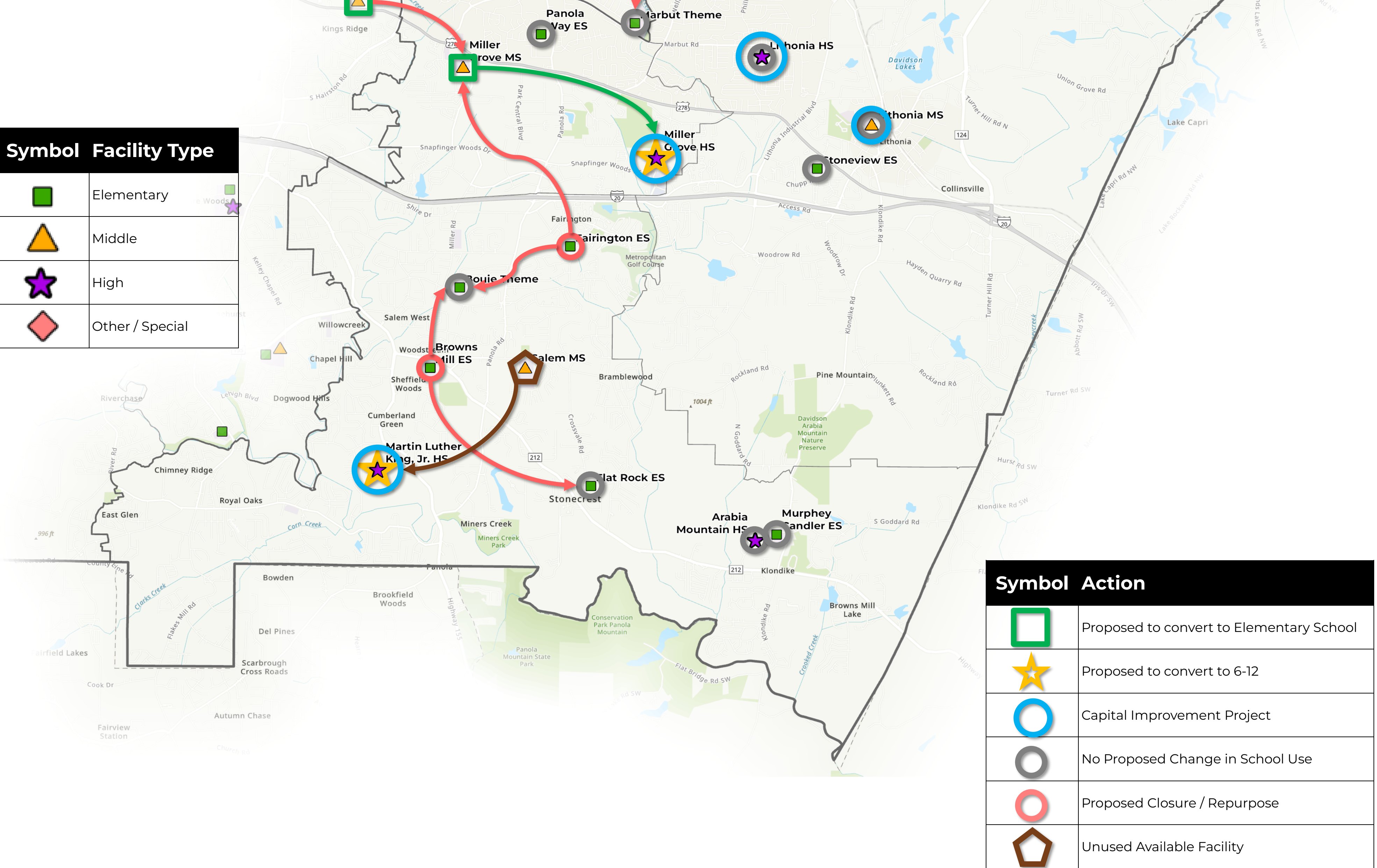
Because of this and the low enrollment middle and high school in the surrounding clusters, Redan HS, MLK HS, and Miller Grove HS are all proposed to convert to 6-12 campuses. Miller Grove MS would still convert to an elementary school adding capacity to the area, but Salem MS and Redan MS would become available for a special school or program in need of another building. Because the elementary capacity provided by Miller Grove MS, Fairington is proposed to close in round 2. The Fairington students can be served at Miller Grove MS (converted to and elementary), Bouie Theme ES, or Flat Rock ES.

Additionally, major capital improvement projects have been identified in round 2 and include Lithonia HS, Lithonia MS, Miller Grove HS, and MLK HS. The Miller Grove HS and MLK HS projects can include providing adequate grade separation, should those facilities convert to 6-12th grade campuses.

Campus	Cluster	Original Scenario Action	Original Scenario Rationale	Frequent Survey Feedback	Scenario 1 Refinements / Clarification	Scenario 2 Action	Map Symbol	Scenario 2 Rationale	Capital Project Consideration	Phasing Consideration
Redan ES	Lithonia	Close or Repurpose	Redan ES is proposed to be closed or repurposed due to low forecasted enrollment (542 in 2030) along with excess capacity in the area from cascading use.	Resistance to closure, strong perception that small schools = small class sizes		Proposed to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Near-Term
Stoneview ES	Lithonia	Repurpose	Stoneview is proposed to be repurposed due to cascading use. The planned building improvements can still happen. A possible reuse for the building may be an early childhood center.	Stoneview was promised a rebuild, this location needs to be preserved as a PK-5 elementary school		No change in school use		Based on community feedback, Stoneview ES is proposed to remain open as a PK-5 elementary school with a SPLOST-VI capital improvement project.	SPLOST-VI capital improvement project	Near-Term, already funded
Lithonia MS	Lithonia	Convert to ES	Lithonia MS is proposed to convert to an elementary school due to the cascading use of Lithonia HS (converting to a middle school). This will allow for the consolidation of smaller elementary facilities.	Resistance to consolidations in general, perception on north vs. south inequity		No change in school use		Based on community feedback and the importance of maintaining high school clusters in this area, Lithonia MS is proposed to remain a 6-8 middle school.	Capital Improvement Project	Medium-Term
Lithonia HS	Lithonia	Convert to MS	Lithonia HS is proposed to convert to a middle school due to additional high school capacity in close the area.	Strong perception of north vs. south inequity. Resistance to consolidation		No change in school use		Based on community feedback and the importance of maintaining high school clusters in this area, Lithonia HS is proposed to remain a 9-12 high school.	Capital Improvement Project	Medium-Term
Bouie Theme ES	MLK	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Browns Mill ES	MLK	Close or Repurpose	Browns Mill is proposed to be closed or repurposed due to forecasted low enrollment (885 in 2030) along with excess capacity in the area.	Resistance to closure, strong desire to keep communities intact, perception of north vs. south inequity		Proposed to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Near-Term
Fairington ES	MLK	No change in school use				Proposed to close or be repurposed		Because Stoneview is staying open and Miller Grove MS will be bringing more capacity as an elementary to the area is high percentage of Fairington students reside near Miller Grove MS, Fairington is proposed to close or be repurposed. This also resolves a split feeder.		Near-Term
Flat Rock ES	MLK	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Murphy Candler ES	MLK	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Salem MS	MLK	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation of Lithonia HS, boundaries would change also impacting middle schools	Proposed to become available		Students would consolidate into MLK HS converted into a middle school making this facility available.		Medium-Term
MLK HS	MLK	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation of Lithonia HS, boundaries would change	Proposed to convert to a 6-12 school		Because enrollment is projected to remain low and Lithonia HS would stay open, MLK HS is proposed to convert to a 6-12 to increase utilization. This would make Salem MS available for another school or program.	Capital Improvement Project	Near-Medium Term
Arabia Mountain HS	MLK	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Panola Way ES	Miller Grove	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Woodridge ES	Miller Grove	Close or Repurpose	Woodridge ES is proposed to be closed or repurposed due to low forecasted enrollment (374 in 2030) along with low building adequacy (73%) and excess capacity in the area from cascading use.	Resistance to closure, strong perception that small schools = small class sizes, concerns around longer travel times		Proposed to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Medium Term
Miller Grove MS	Miller Grove	Convert to ES	Miller Grove MS is proposed to convert to an elementary school due to the cascading use of Lithonia HS (converting to a middle school). This will allow for the consolidation of smaller elementary facilities.	Strong perception that small schools = small class sizes, concerns around longer travel times		Proposed to convert to an elementary school		Unchanged	Minor fixture replacement	Near-Medium Term
Miller Grove HS	Miller Grove	No change in school use				Proposed to convert to a 6-12 school		Because enrollment is projected to remain low and Lithonia HS would stay open, Miller Grove HS is proposed to convert to a 6-12 to increase utilization.	Capital Improvement Project	Near-Medium Term
Bethune MS	Towers	Convert to ES	Bethune MS is proposed to convert to an elementary school due to the cascading use of Towers HS (converting to a middle school). This will allow for the consolidation of smaller elementary facilities.	Concerns around long travel times, resistance to closure, desire to keep communities together		Proposed to convert to an elementary school		Unchanged	Minor fixture replacement	Near-Term
Marbut Theme ES	Redan	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Redan MS	Redan	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation of Lithonia HS, boundaries would change also impacting middle schools	Proposed to become available		Students would consolidate into Redan HS converted into a middle school making this facility available.		Medium-Term
Redan HS	Redan	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation of Lithonia HS, boundaries would change	Proposed to convert to a 6-12 school		Because enrollment is projected to remain low and Lithonia HS would stay open, Redan HS is proposed to convert to a 6-12 to increase utilization. This makes Redan MS available for another school or program.		Near-Medium Term
Princeton ES	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Rock Chapel ES	Stephenson	Close or Repurpose	Rock Chapel ES is proposed to close due to excess capacity in the area.	Concerns around long travel times, resistance to closure, desire to keep communities together	Lithonia HS cascading to an elementary school adds capacity to the area allowing for the consolidation of Rock Chapel ES	No change in school use		Because Stoneview is staying open and Lithonia MS is not cascading to bring additional capacity to the area, Rock Chapel ES is proposed to remain open		

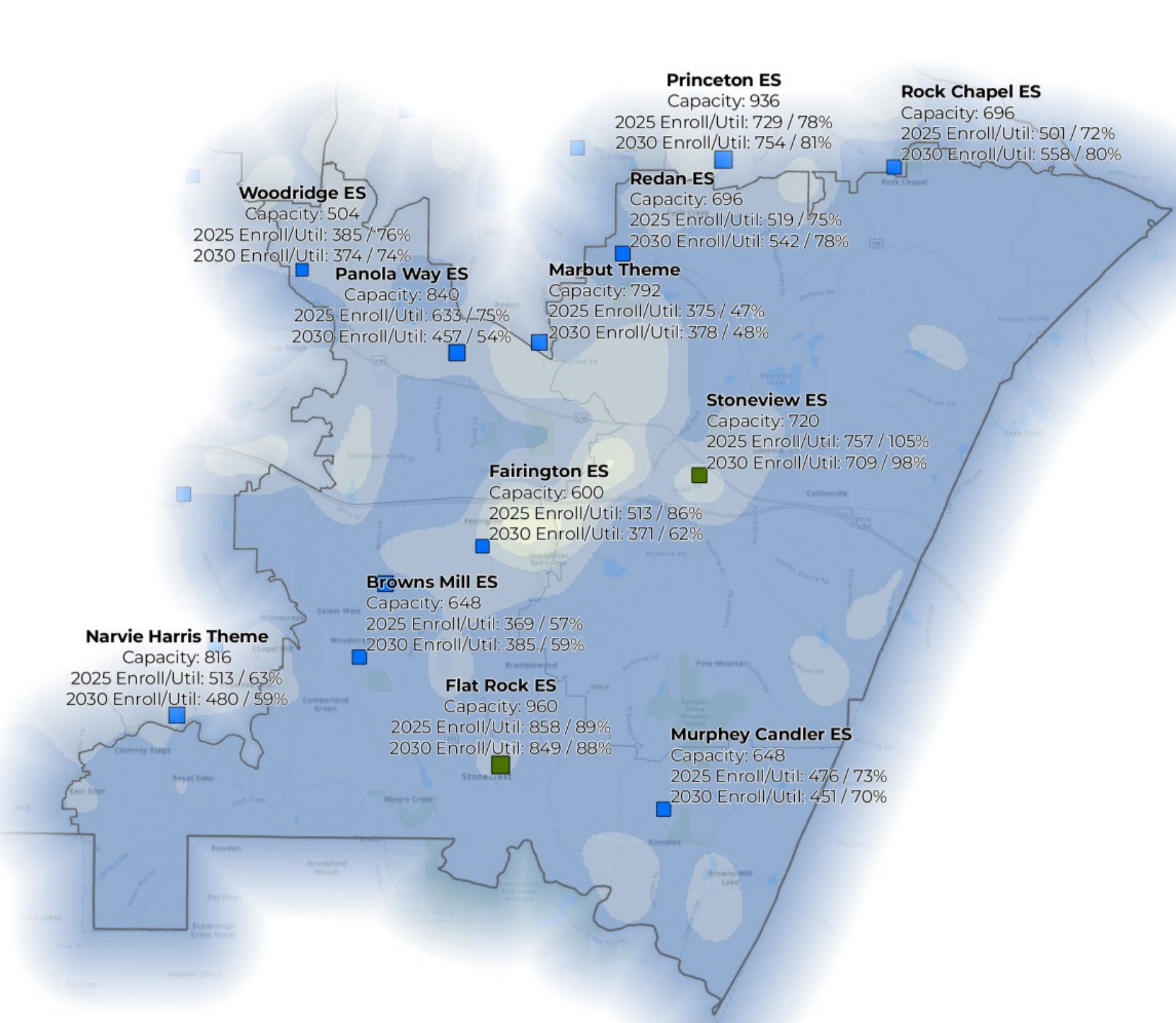
Round 2 Map

This map shows proposed facility use changes along with possible destinations for schools that are proposed to change use from K-12 instruction. These arrows are not a guarantee of assignment, but rather an indicator of schools that are likely to be part of the discussion during the fall 2026 boundary change process.

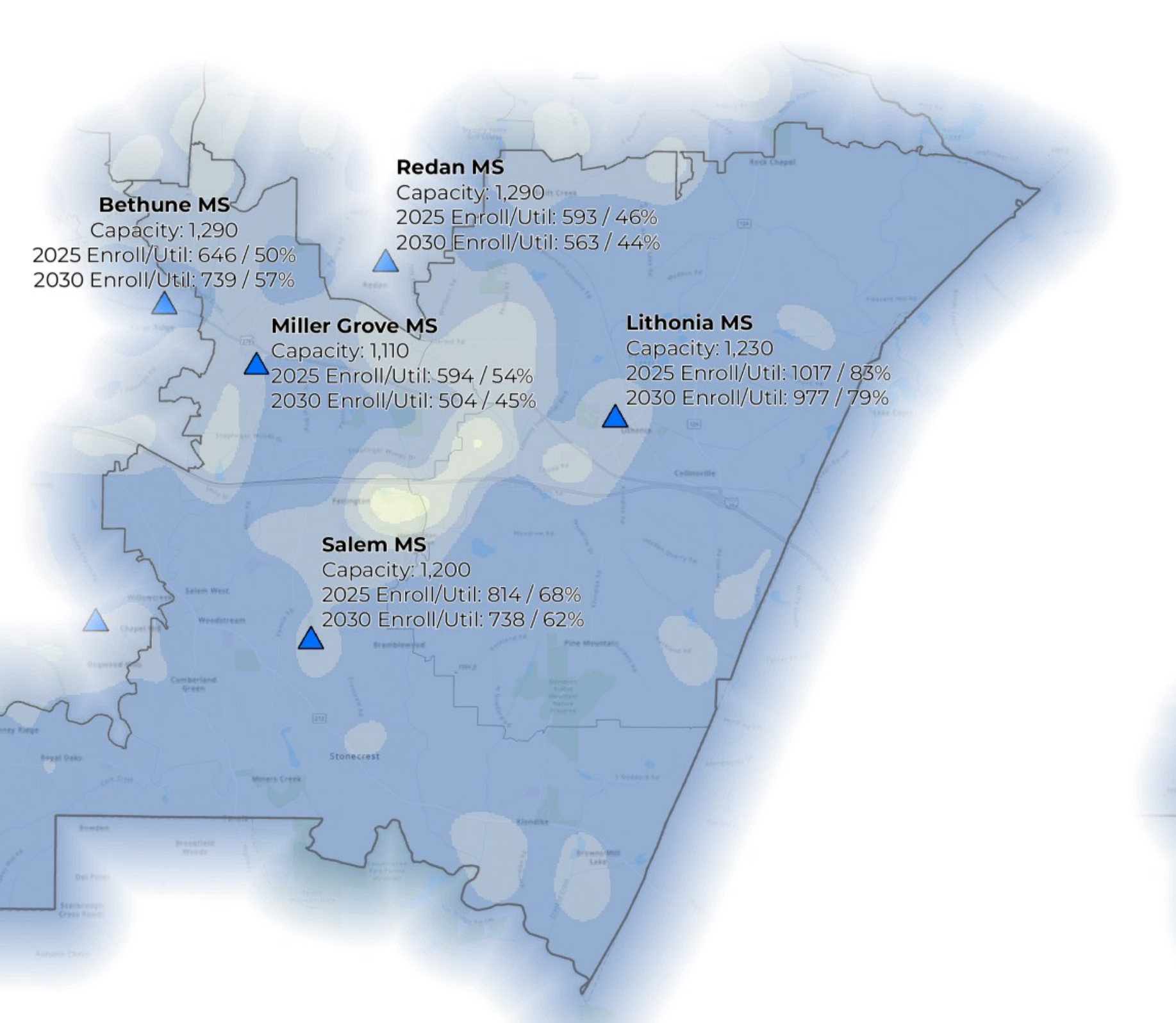


Capacity, Utilization, and Student Density Heatmaps

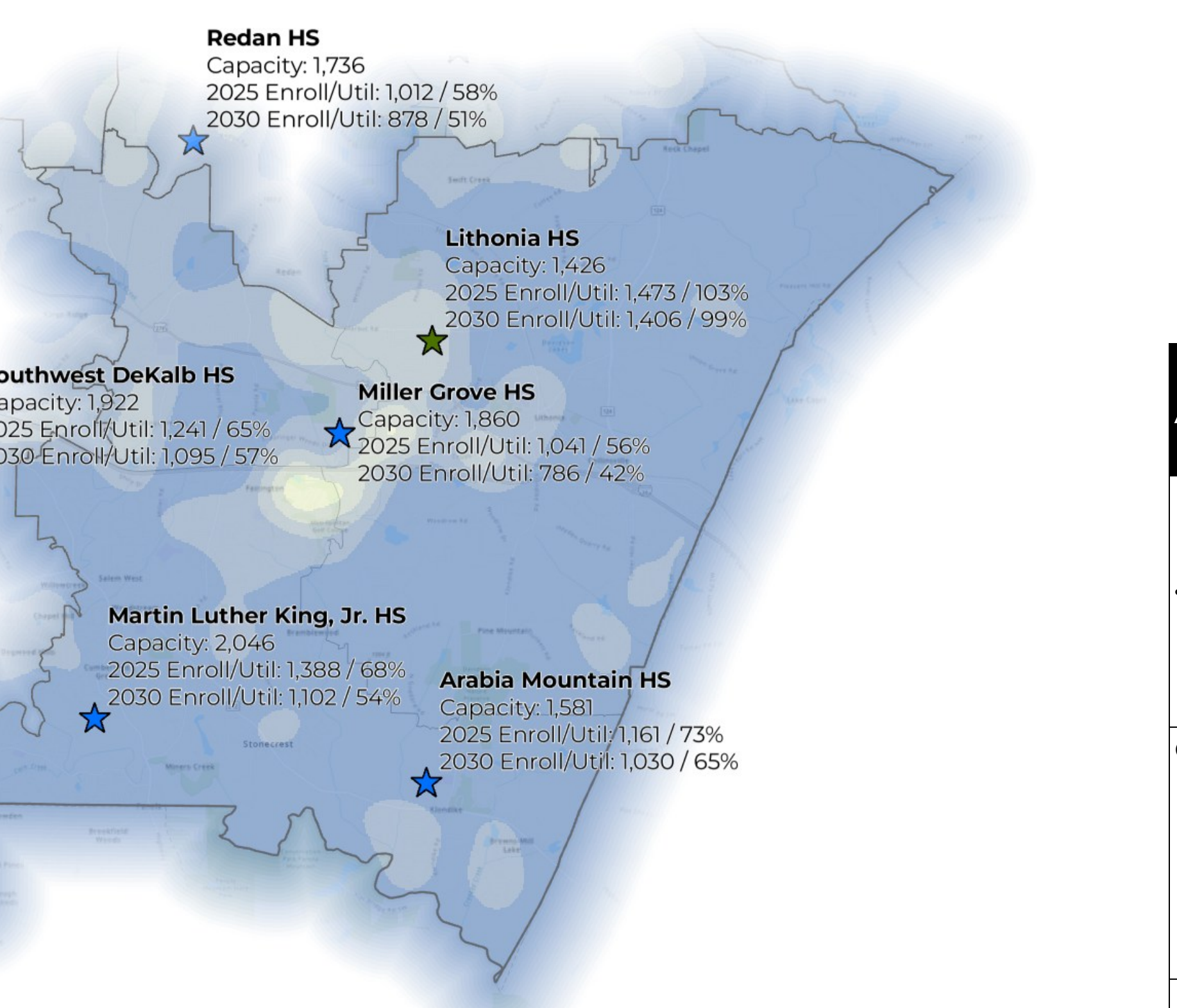
Elementary



Middle



High



Please note:

- 2030 enrollment forecast figures and utilization figures do not assume any boundary changes.
- Capacity includes any projects that are currently under construction.

Additional Consideration for Future Iterations	Benefits / Challenges / Trade-offs
For Theme Schools, consider a series of PK-8's located around the District. Example: Theme programs at Narvie Harris and Bouie Theme could be consolidated in the available Columbia MS, Salem MS, or a repurposed Oak View ES.	- Gives more structure to the Theme school concept. - May result in the closure of additional elementary schools because this could be adding overall capacity.
Consider PK-6 / 7-12 as an alternative to PK-5 / 6-12 campuses.	- Better alignment with developmental needs of students. - Reduces enrollment in high school buildings further diluting resources. - Some elementary schools may need additions to get to 700 (4 sections per grade PK-7)
Instead of converting Redan HS, MLK HS, and Miller Grove HS to 6-12's to better utilize the buildings, consider closing Miller Grove HS and distributing the students among MLK HS, Redan HS, and Southwest DeKalb HS.	- Maintains 9-12 grade configuration. - Remaining high schools would well resourced compared to 6-12's - Reduces a high school cluster