



Enrollment

Enrollment Snapshot & Open Enrollment Recommendation

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OUR PROMISE

The Shorewood School District is an inclusive community that values, supports, and challenges every student so they thrive now and in the future they choose.



Agenda

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 - Overview of the program
 - Open enrollment in Shorewood
 - Financial impact
 - Recommendation
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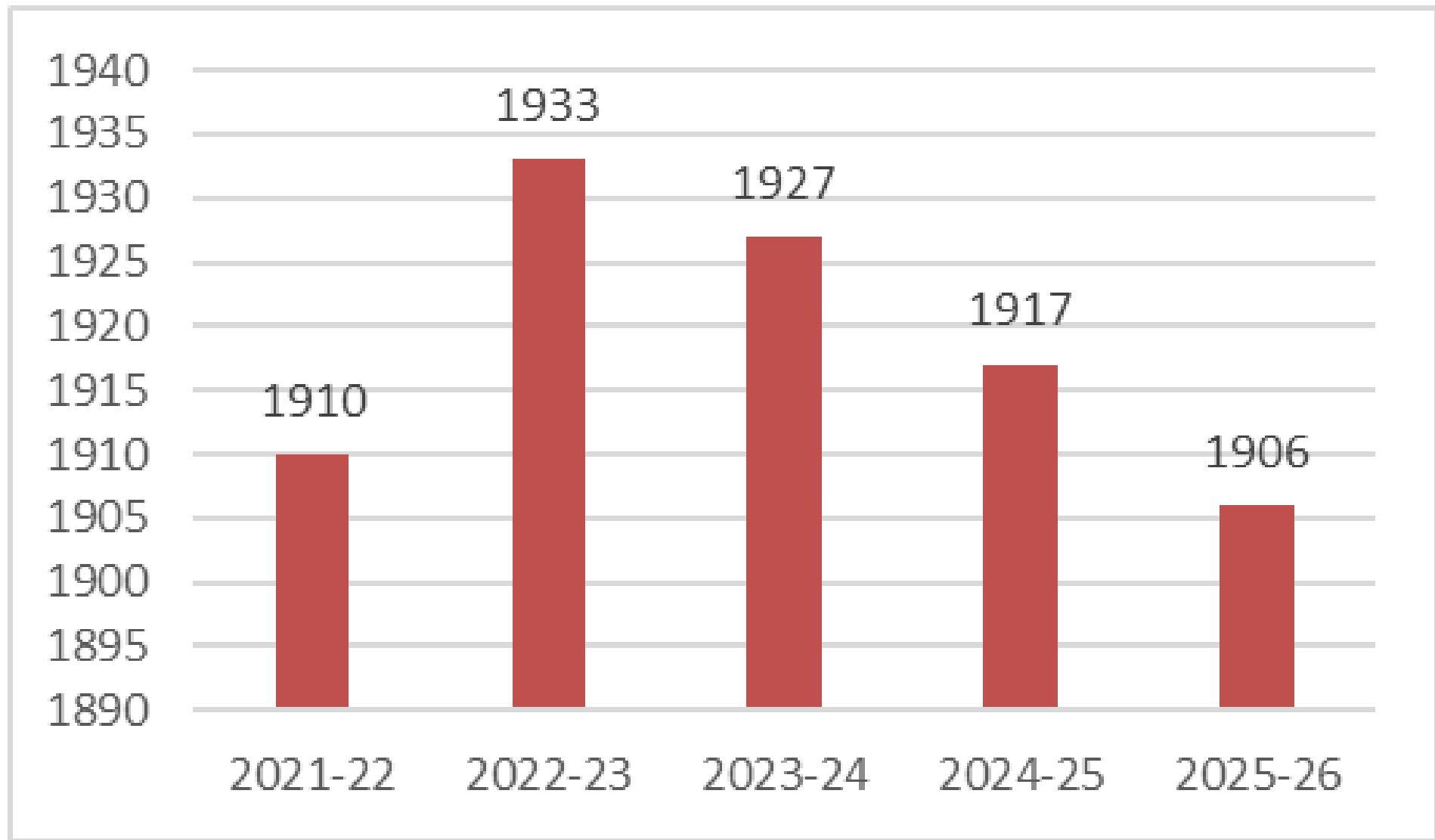


ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT



Total Enrollment

2021-22 to 2025-26

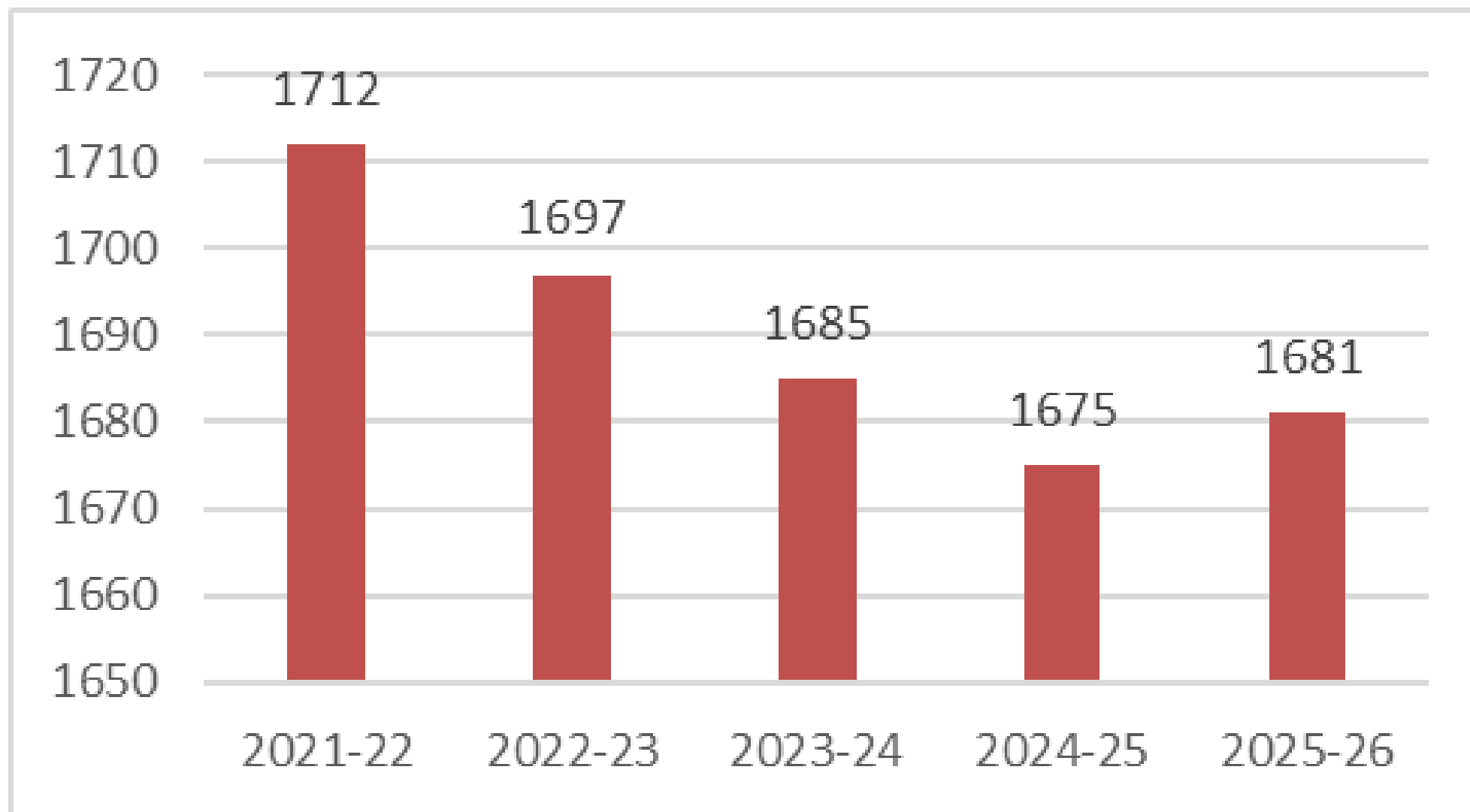


- ➔ 1,906 total enrolled this year
- ➔ 11 students fewer than 2024-2025



Resident Enrollment

2021-22 to 2025-26

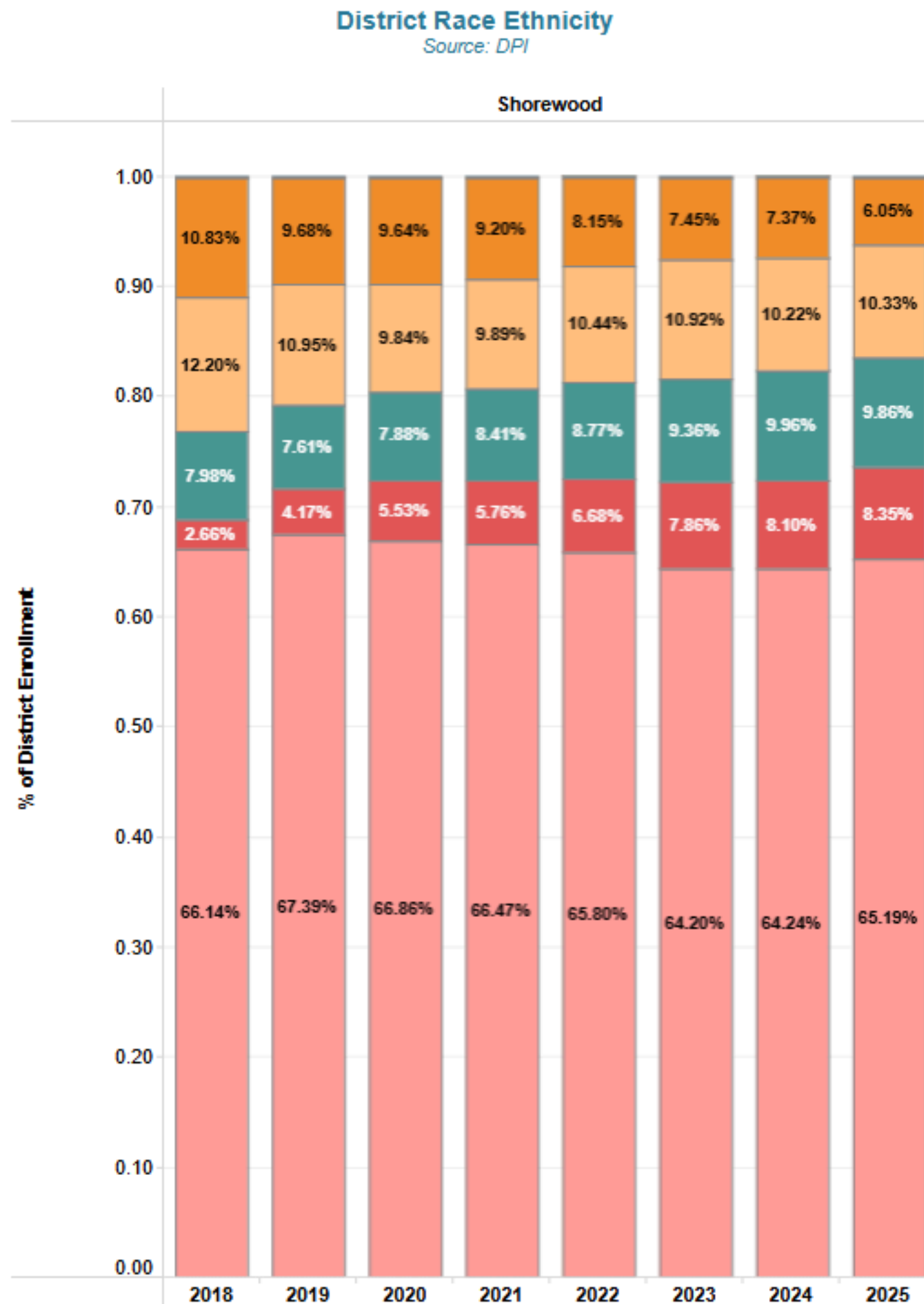


- ➡ 1,681 residents enrolled this year
- ➡ +6 from previous year
- ➡ Average loss of 9 per year since 2021

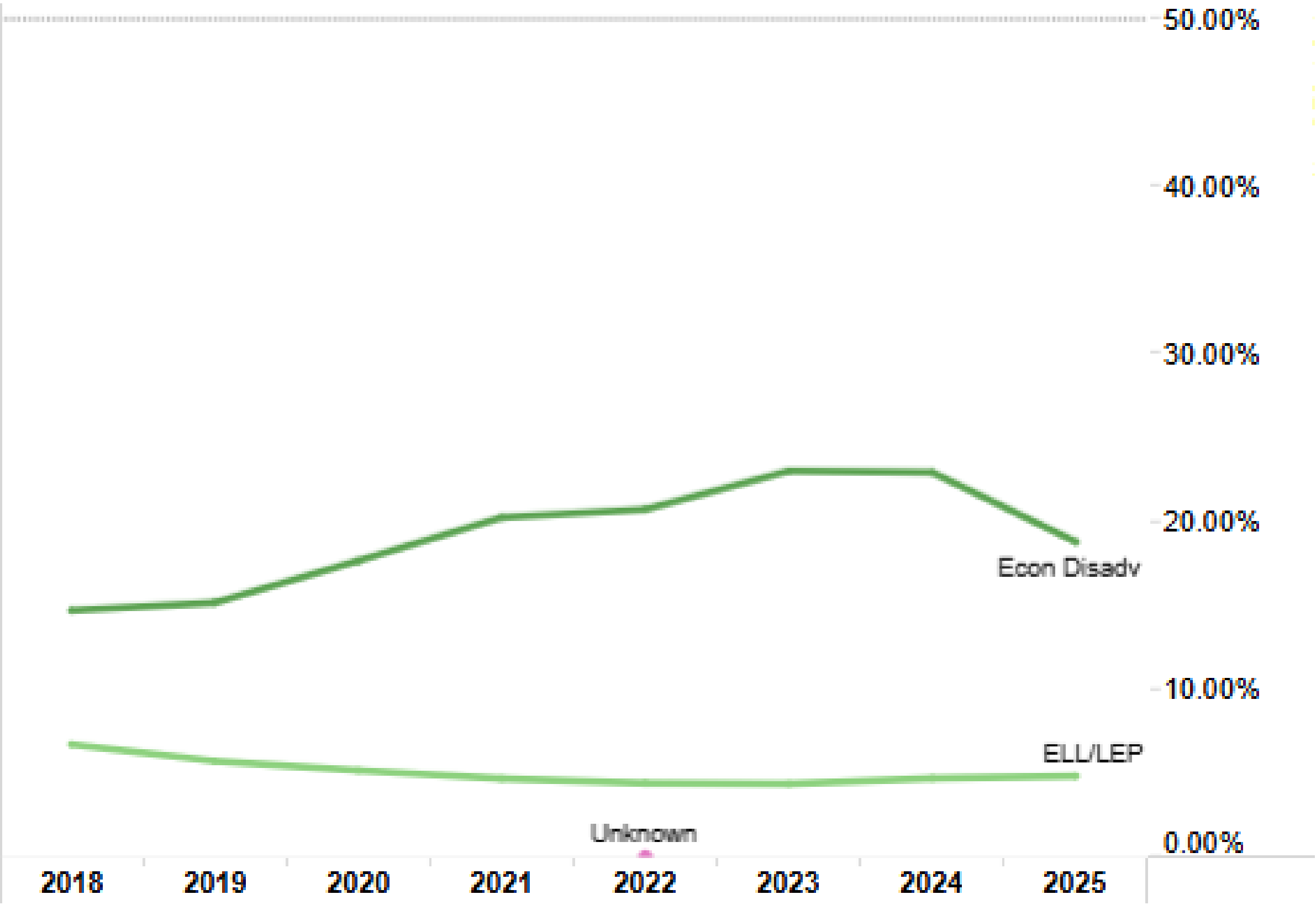


SSD Enrollment Trends

Race and Ethnicity 2018 to 2025



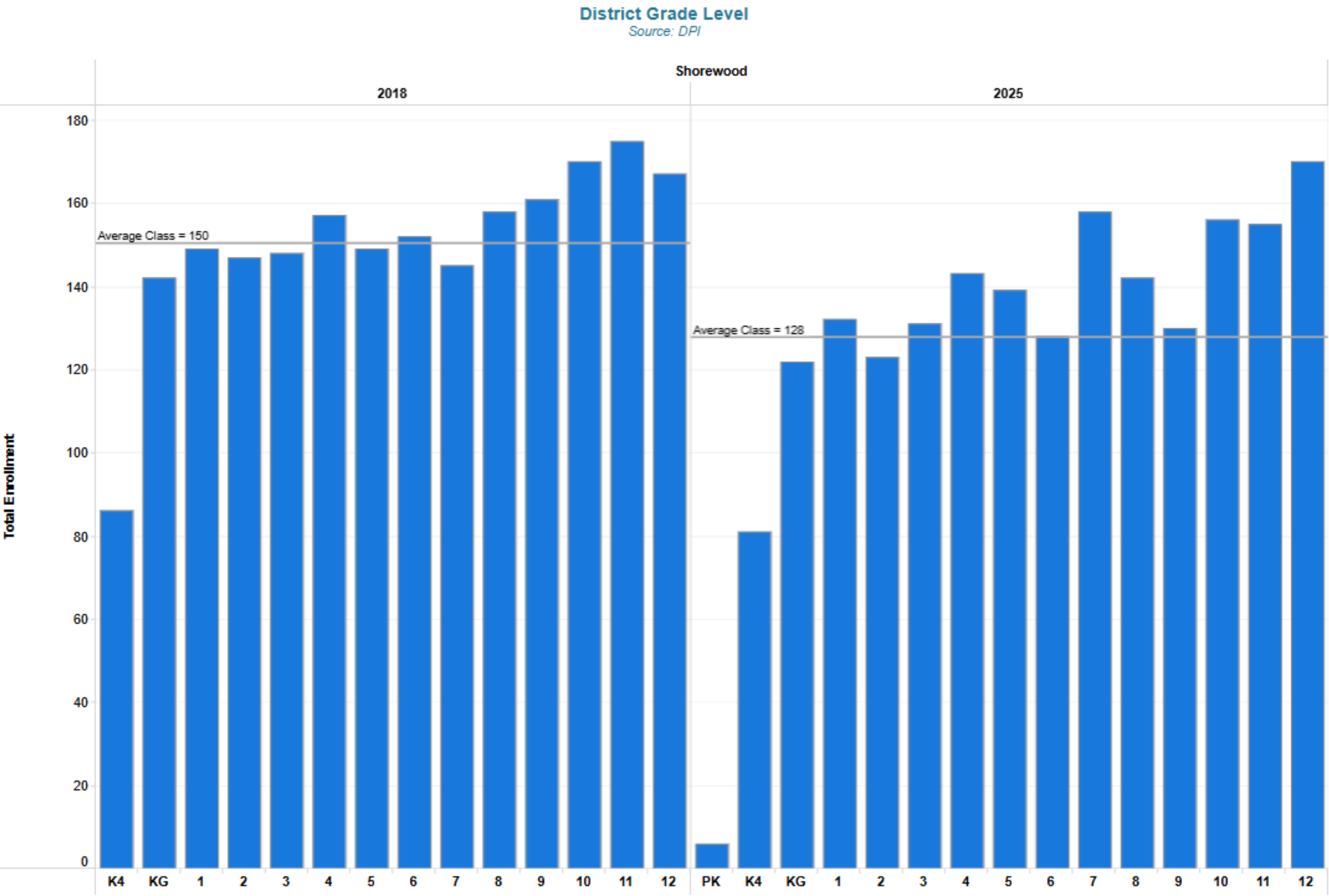
SSD Enrollment Trends



Low-Income and Multilingual Learners
2018 to 2025



SSD Enrollment Trends



Cohort Size 2018 to 2025

Class Sizes 2025-26

Elementary Schools

24.0

Elementary = Enrolled students per regular education teacher

Intermediate School

23.5

SIS/SHS = Average students per section for English language arts, math, science, and social studies courses

High School

23.1



ENROLLMENT PROJECTION



Enrollment Projection

Methodology

Weighted Survival

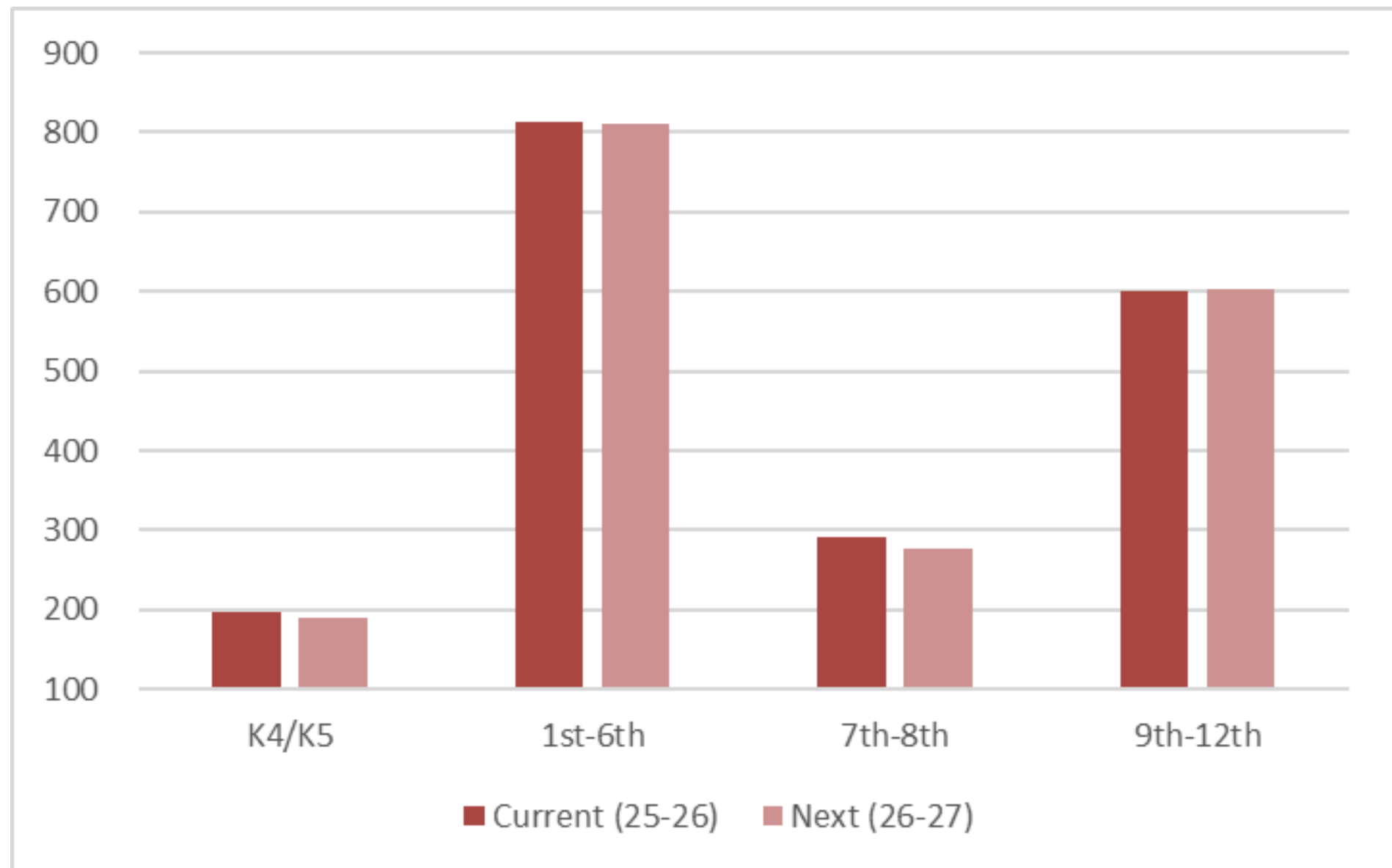
Projects grade by grade enrollment based on historical survival ratios (percent continuing) with a greater weight given to the most recent years

Fine-tuning process includes review of current, point in time enrollment to ensure any out of the ordinary changes are accounted for



Enrollment Projection

2026-27



1,892 total before
new open enrollment



OPEN ENROLLMENT



What is Open Enrollment?

- ➡ Open Enrollment is a state program that allows students to enroll in a school district other than the one they reside in
- ➡ Once accepted, a student attending through open enrollment has all of the same rights and privileges, and is welcomed and cared for, just as any other student would be.
- ➡ Students are accepted for open enrollment through a lottery if there are more applicants than seats available in their grade level. School boards may elect to grant preference or guarantees to already attending students and their siblings.



Open Enrollment in SSD

➔ 220 Enrolled Students “In” (11.5% of student body)

85% come from Milwaukee Public School District

12% from other North Shore School Districts

3% from southern and western suburban districts

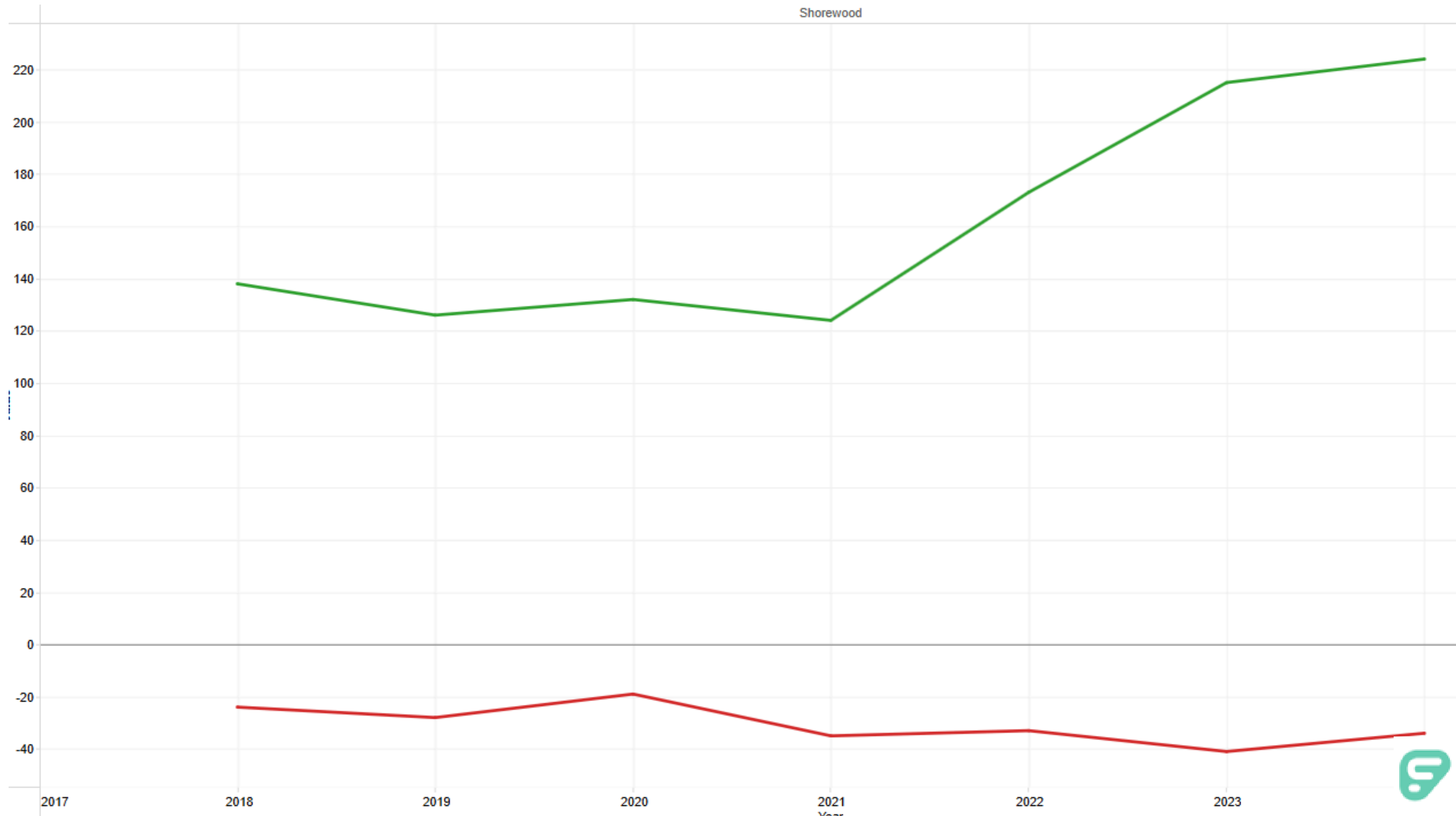
Average of 17 students per grade level (K5-12th)

➔ 24 Students Enrolled “Out” (residents attending other public schools)



Open Enrollment Trends

**2018 to
2024**



Transfers

- Transfers In
- Transfers Out



Open Enrollment Financial Impact

- ➔ **\$10,102** = Estimated reimbursement per open enrolled student
- ➔ **\$13,153** = Base revenue per member (based on resident count; does not include operating referendum funds)
- ➔ **\$16,340** = 2025-2026 per student projected operating cost*

*Funds 10 and 27; Excludes inter-fund transfer amount



Open Enrollment

Case Study: Financial Impact

- Elementary class with 19 resident students
- No open enrollment

➔ **\$249,907** = Estimated funds from base per pupil

- Elementary class with 19 resident students
- 3 open enrollment students

➔ **\$249,907** = Estimated funds from base per pupil
+ \$30,306 open enrollment funding
-\$900 for additional student materials
=\$279,313 Net funds



Financial Impact

Additional Variables

- ➡ Additional staffing needed for student support or other school roles
- ➡ Non-salary costs of increasing staff
- ➡ Set costs of school operation that are ideally shared across more students
- ➡ School model and configuration

Open Enrollment Capacity

Criteria for Determining Available Spaces

Regular Education

Projected resident enrollment + Currently open enrolled students

Projected capacity per grade level based on staffing and class size targets

Special Education

Per criteria outlined in policy 5113

See Executive Summary for additional details on calculation steps



Open Enrollment Capacity

Administrative Recommendation

Regular Education Seats

3 new seats in grade 7

Special Education Seats

- Zero (0) seats in cross categorical, occupational therapy, or speech and language - grades K4-8
- One (1) seat in cross categorical - grades 9-12

Continuation of Enrollment for Current OE Students

206 open enrollment students in grades K4-11th (in 2025–2026) who were enrolled on or before September 19th, 2025

Sibling Preference

Preference to the siblings of current students that are made available as 'new open enrollment seats'

See Executive Summary for additional details



QUESTIONS

