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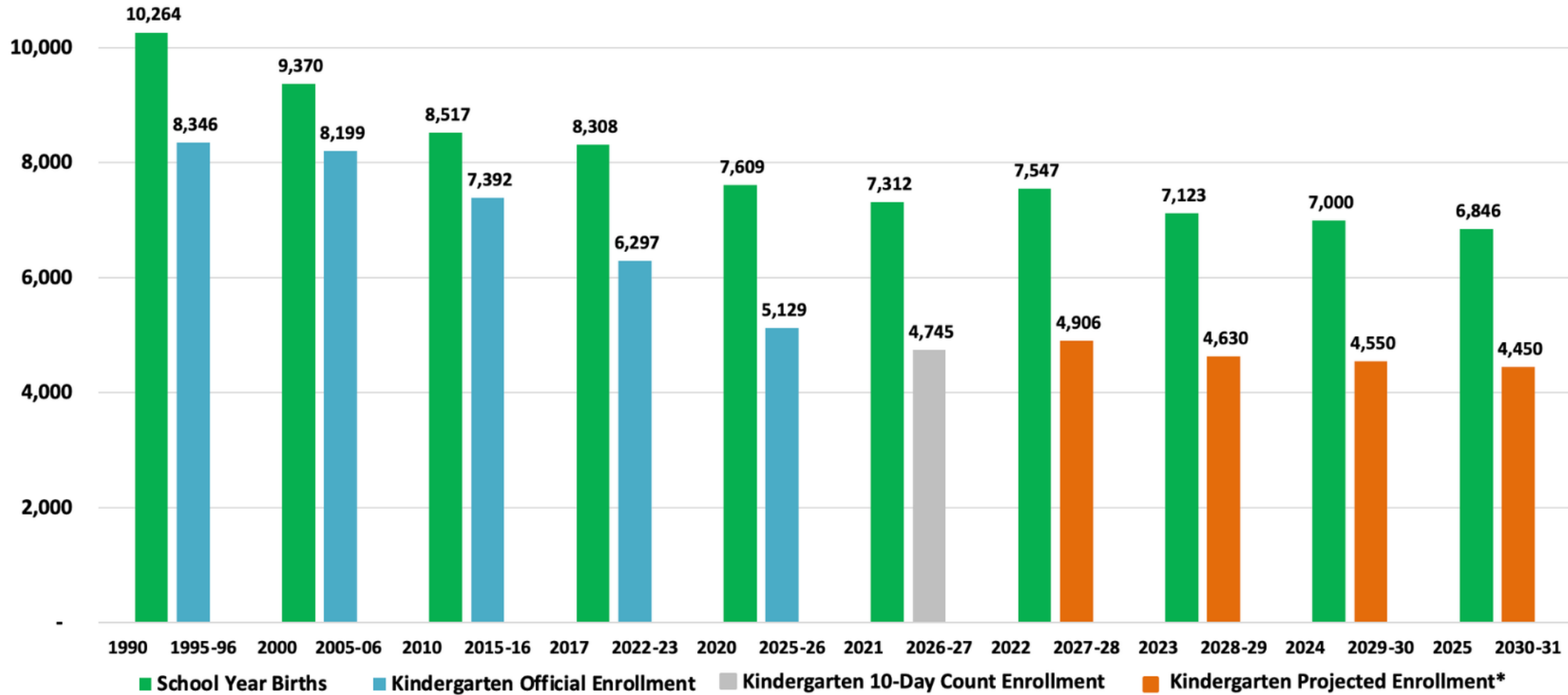
A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

AZALEA MIDDLE

FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES

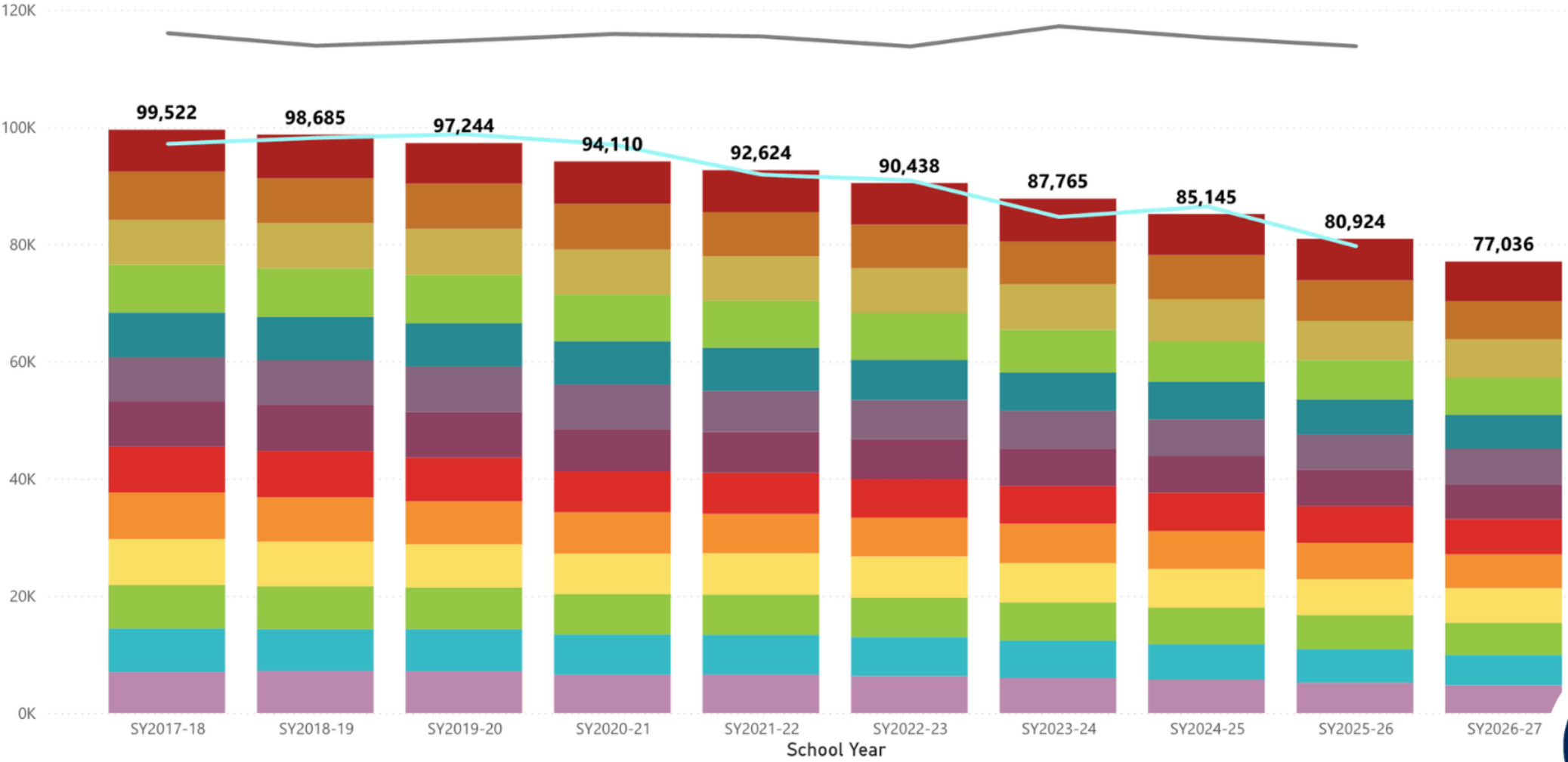


*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.

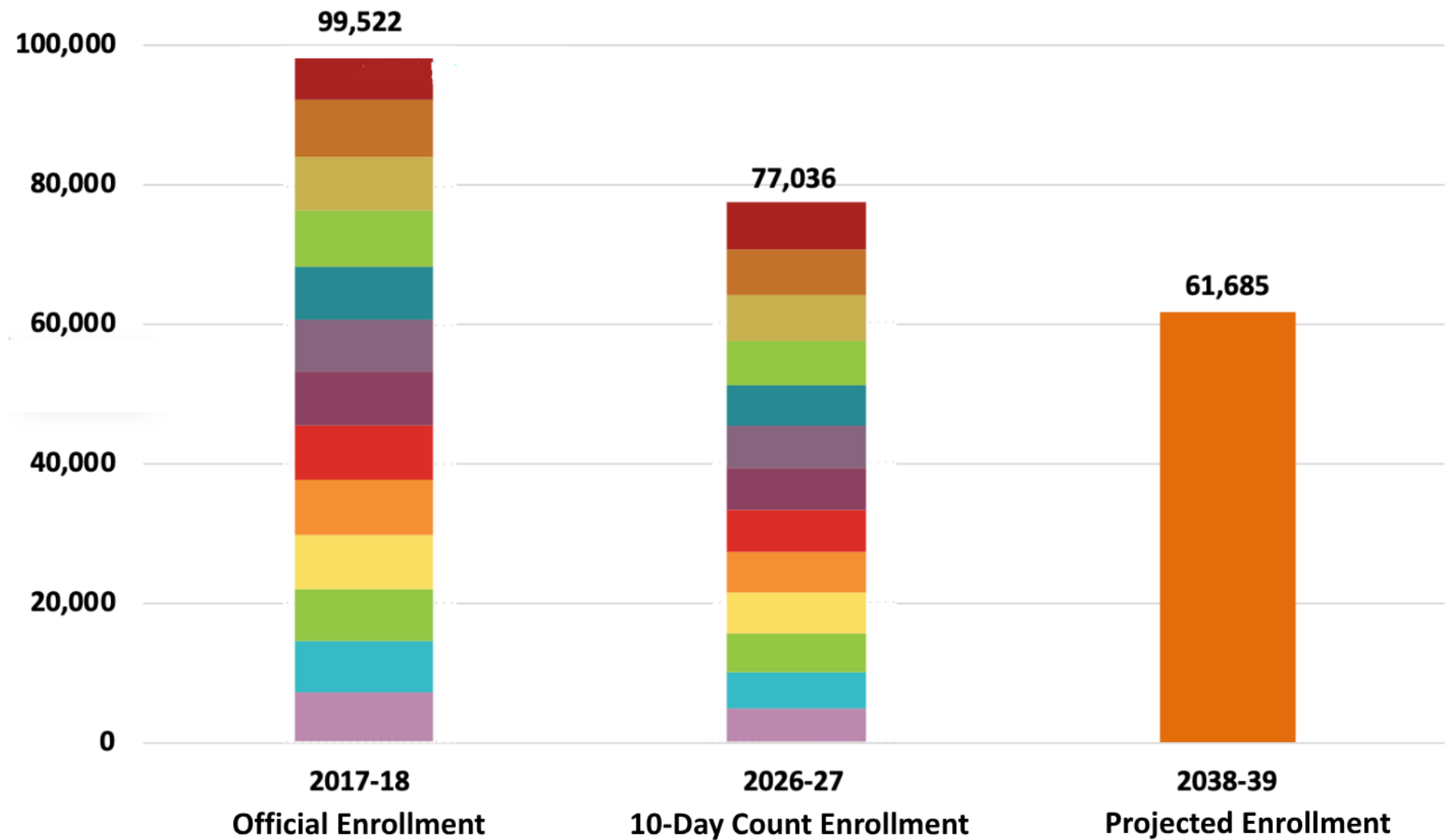


DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

● KG ● 01 ● 02 ● 03 ● 04 ● 05 ● 06 ● 07 ● 08 ● 09 ● 10 ● 11 ● 12 ● Permanent Seats ● Staffing to Enrollment



PCS ENROLLMENT PROJECTION



PINELLAS COUNTY POPULATION TRENDS

THE SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION IN PINELLAS COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO DECREASE OR PLATEAU THROUGH 2050.

THE POPULATION OF RESIDENTS AGED 80+ WILL DOUBLE BY 2050.



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PORTFOLIO REVIEW

A STRATEGIC AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH FOR THRIVING SCHOOLS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Student-Centered Opportunities
- Enrollment and Demand Trends
- Grade Configuration and Community Demand
- Program Availability and Geographic Distribution
- Site Capacity, Building Utilization, and Facility Investments
- Community Development and Demographic Analysis
- Public and Private Partnership Opportunities
- School Attendance Boundaries and Transportation Considerations
- Stakeholder Input and Community Priorities



FALL 2026 INDIVIDUAL SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXPAND THE NUMBER OF SEATS AT EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

TARPON SPRINGS FUNDAMENTAL AND TARPON SPRINGS MIDDLE

OPEN A FUNDAMENTAL K-8 ON THE TARPON SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS
CLOSE TARPON SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLOSE TARPON SPRINGS FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

CLOSE KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY

OPEN A FUNDAMENTAL K-5 ON THE PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS
CLOSE PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BLANTON ELEMENTARY

CLOSE BLANTON ELEMENTARY

BOCA CIEGA HIGH

CREATE A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BOCA CIEGA HIGH

AZALEA MIDDLE

RELOCATE AND RENAME AZALEA MIDDLE

AZALEA ELEMENTARY

RELOCATE AND TRANSITION AZALEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO A
K-8 WITH AN EXPANDED ZONE

BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY

CLOSE BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY

JOHN M. SEXTON ELEMENTARY

CLOSE JOHN M. SEXTON ELEMENTARY

LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

CLOSE LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

ADDITIONAL ZONE ADJUSTMENTS TO NORTH, MID AND SOUTH COUNTY SCHOOLS





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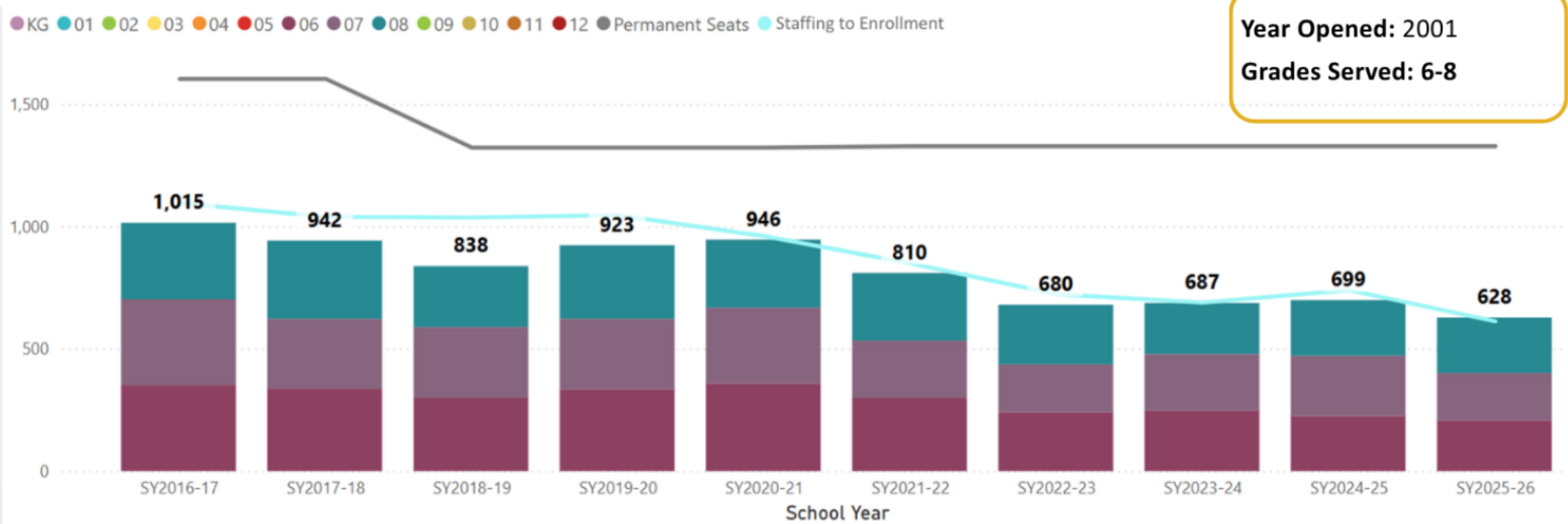
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TABLE 1: AZALEA MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT



Official 2025-26 Count Snapshot Data (Survey 2), FISH and Program Capacity
Tables demonstrate student enrollment in bar charts, total permanent building capacity (student stations) in the grey line graph, and staffing for the student population and programs in the teal line.



AZALEA MIDDLE

RELOCATE AND RENAME AZALEA MIDDLE

- This recommendation relocates and renames Azalea Middle School (AMS).
- The middle school will move to the current building 4 at Boca Ciega High School (BCHS) beginning in the 2027-28 school year.
- The Boca Ciega High campus will be renovated to provide a separate address and space, including safety and security measures and separation of the middle school from the high school.
- The new site will place the middle school closer to where students currently live, enable resource sharing between the middle and high schools, will provide continuity of pathways when transitioning to the technical high school, and better utilizes the current high school facilities. Transportation may be provided in alignment with School Board policy.
- The school community will engage in a renaming process prior to the move to the new campus.



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- Relocating the school creates opportunities to develop technical program pathways and share resources between the middle and high schools while maintaining a unique identity and clear separation as a dedicated middle school campus.
- The medical pathway currently offered at Bay Point Middle will move to the new Azalea Middle School location, creating stronger alignment with Boca Ciega High's Center for Wellness and Medical Professions and establishing a clearer feeder pattern for students interested in pursuing medical and healthcare careers.
- During the 2027-28 school year, Boca Ciega High School will undergo a planning year to transition to a technical high school. The middle and high school will work together to identify and develop career and technical education pathways that align across middle and high school grade levels, creating a more seamless progression for students.
- While most of the current attendance zone will remain unchanged, students who live on the northwest side of Tyrone Boulevard will be rezoned to attend Tyrone MS. A small portion of the current Bay Point Middle boundary will be rezoned to the Azalea Middle boundary.



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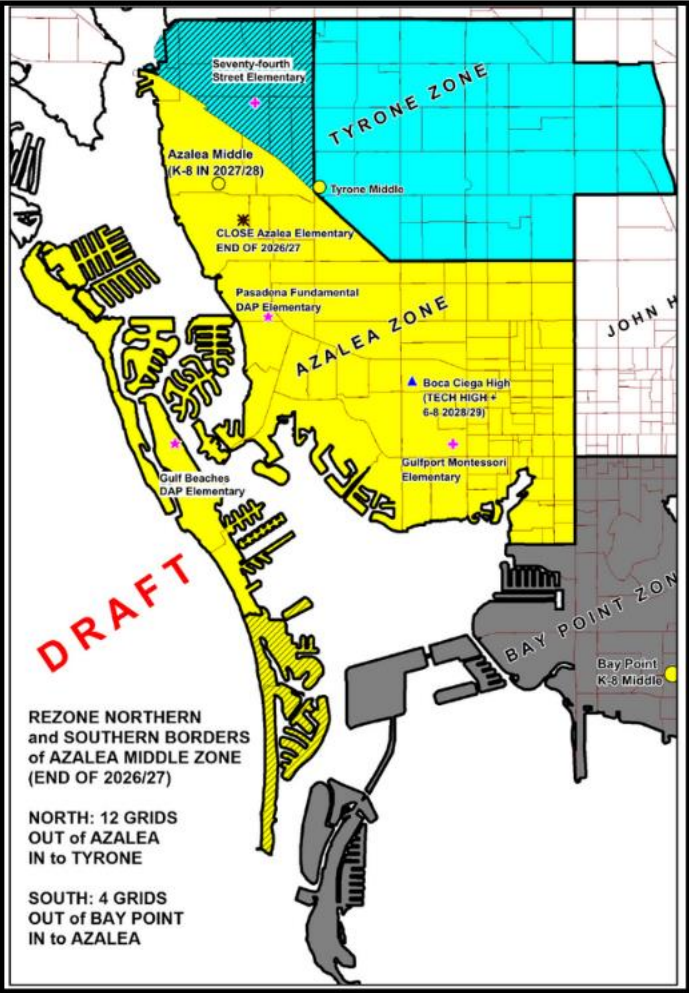


TABLE 2: PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY

	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	PROJECTED CAPACITY	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Azalea MS	588	1,328	44%	741** (75% of Zoned Population)	1,103 (BCHS building 4)	67% (BCHS building 4)
Bay Point MS	482	1,322	36%	764 (Combined K-5 and 6-8 2026-27 enrollment)	1,274 (Capacity of K-8)	60%
Tyrone MS	681	1,130	60%	911** (75% of Zoned Population)	1,130	81%

*2026-27 Enrollment as of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026). **Projected enrollment for boundary changes anticipates 75% market share of the zoned population, as noted.



TIMELINE: FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2026

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPT 10, 2026

Topic: Fall Recommendations

SCHOOL-BASED MEETINGS #1: SEPT 14-21, 2026

Topic: Individual Site Recommendations & Policy Implications

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: SEPT 22, 2026 @ 5 PM

Opportunity for Public Comment

NOVEMBER 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: NOV 10, 2026 @ 10 AM

Topic: Policy Second Reading

OCTOBER 2026

SCHOOL-BASED MEETINGS #2: SEPT 23 - OCT 6, 2026

Topic: Second meeting for schools recommended for closure

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: OCT 6, 2026

Topic: Individual Site Recommendations & Policy Implications

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: OCT 13, 2026 @ 5 PM

Opportunity for Public Comment and Board Vote on Recommendations and Policy First Reading

SPRING-SUMMER 2027

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL BOARD-APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL STAFF MEMBERS LOSE THEIR JOBS?

This recommendation relocates the school to a new site. As done in the units process, staffing will align with student enrollment. For all recommendations in Planning for Progress, no staff member will lose their job as a result of the recommendations.

WHAT WILL THE BELL SCHEDULE BE WITH A MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THE SAME CAMPUS?

Based on Board approval of the Planning for Progress recommendations, bell schedules for all schools will be brought to the Board finalized Spring 2027.

WILL THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BE IN THE SAME SPACE ?

No. Building 4 and campus security updates will take into account separate buildings and coordinated use of shared spaces. This allows for individualized school identities, a campus-wide culture, while ensuring safe, developmentally appropriate educational spaces.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN WILL THE SCHOOL BE RENAMED?

Based on (and following) School Board approval, the school community will engage in the renaming process, which includes direct feedback and suggestions from the school community.

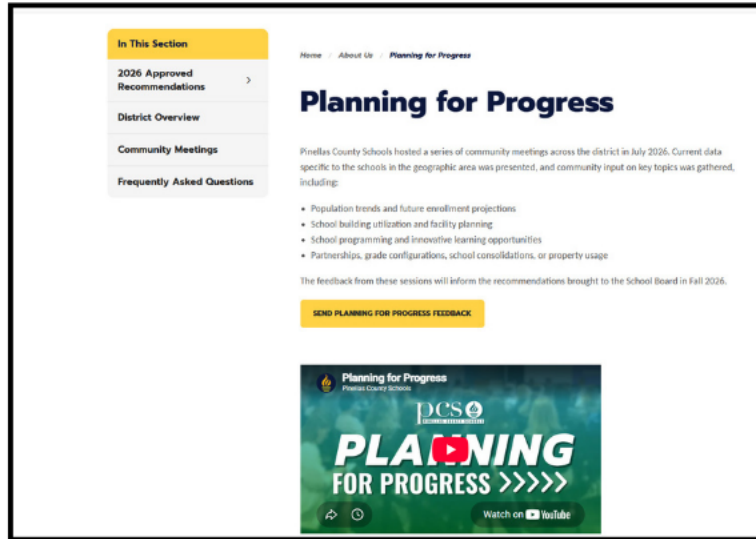
WILL THE CURRENT PROGRAMMING AT AZALEA MS REMAIN WHEN IT RELOCATES?

Yes. Current academic programming opportunities will remain. As part of the planning process for Boca Ciega HS to become a technical high school, there may be changes in future years to better align student opportunities with in-demand career and technical experiences and certifications.

WILL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STILL HAVE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

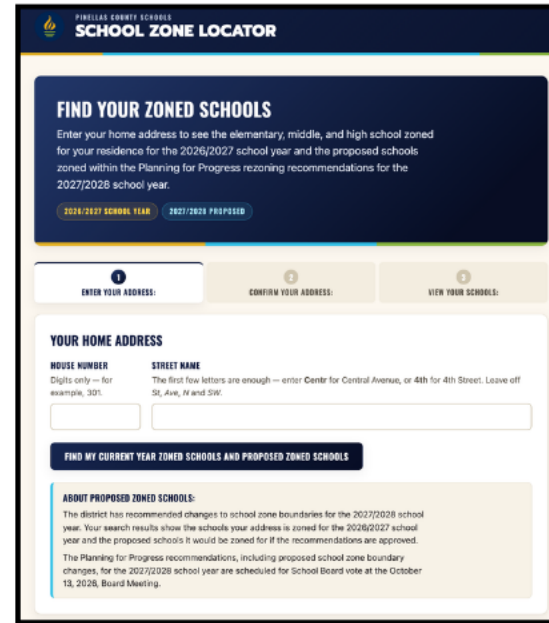
Yes. Extracurricular activities (e.g., clubs, athletics) and electives will continue be determined based on student interests and requests. School leaders will work together to schedule the joint-use space across the middle and high schools.

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WEBSITE

BY RECOMMENDATION: ONE-PAGERS, FAQs,
COMMUNITY MEETING DATES & LINKS TO
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



SCHOOL LOCATOR

CURRENT & PROPOSED SCHOOL ZONES



VIDEOS

BY RECOMMENDATION &
GEOGRAPHIC AREA

FEEDBACK BUTTON

SEND PLANNING FOR PROGRESS FEEDBACK

ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS



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