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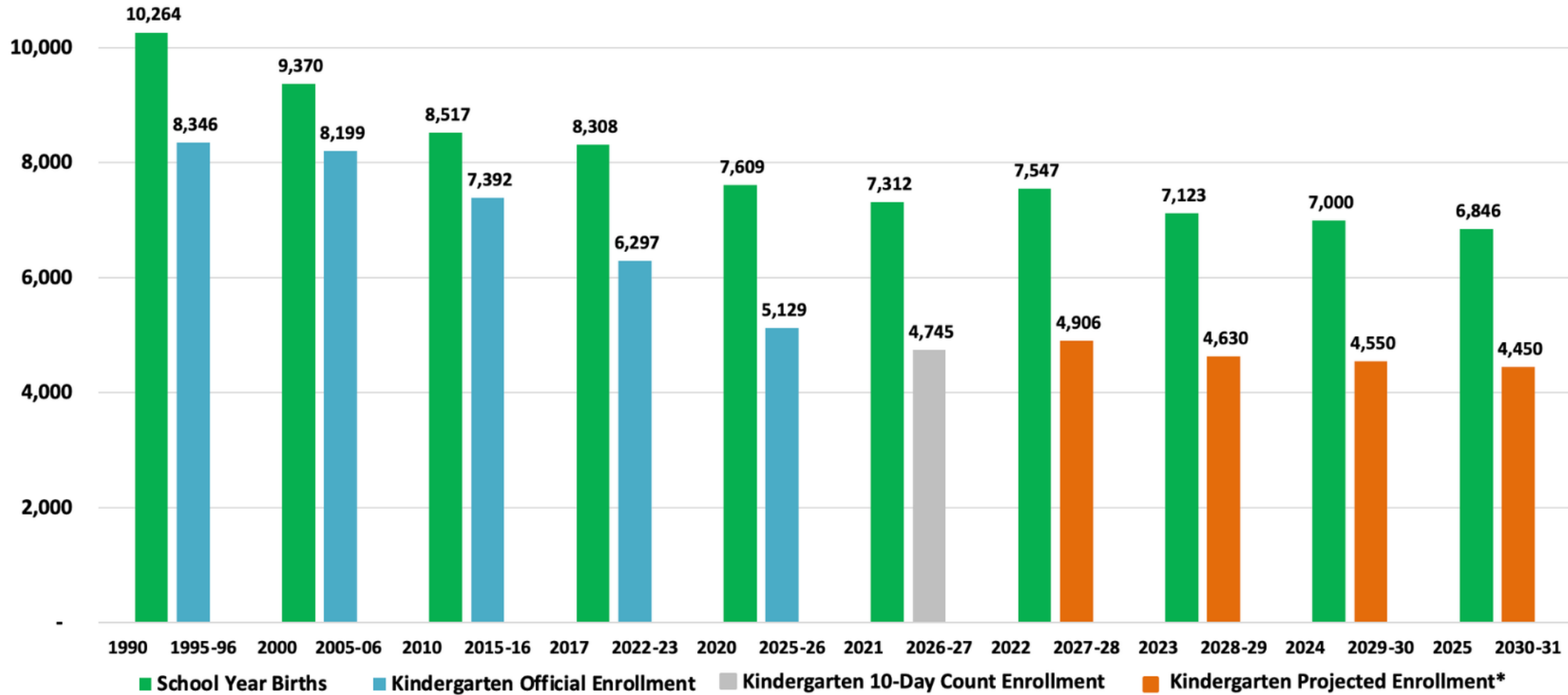
A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY MEETING

FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES



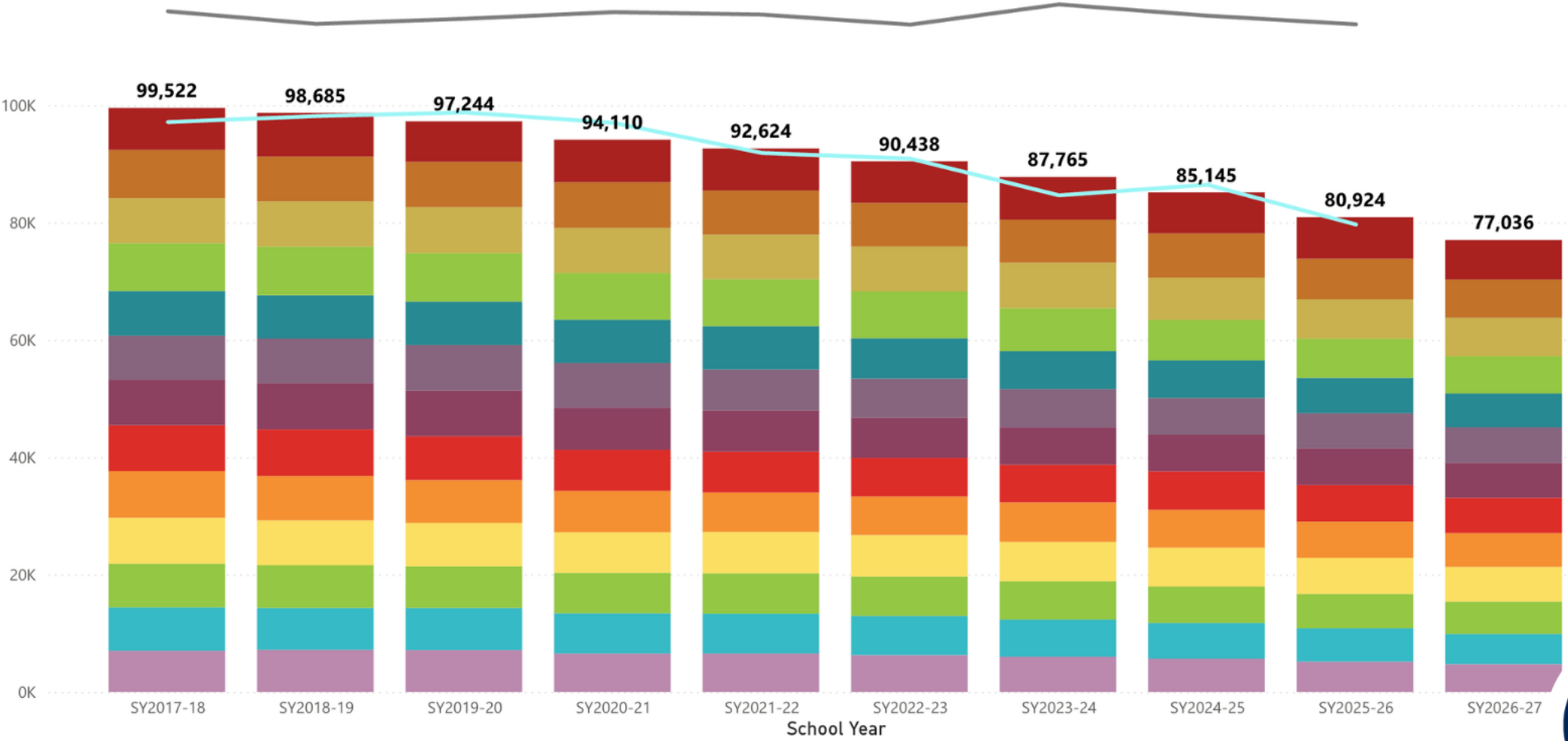
*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.



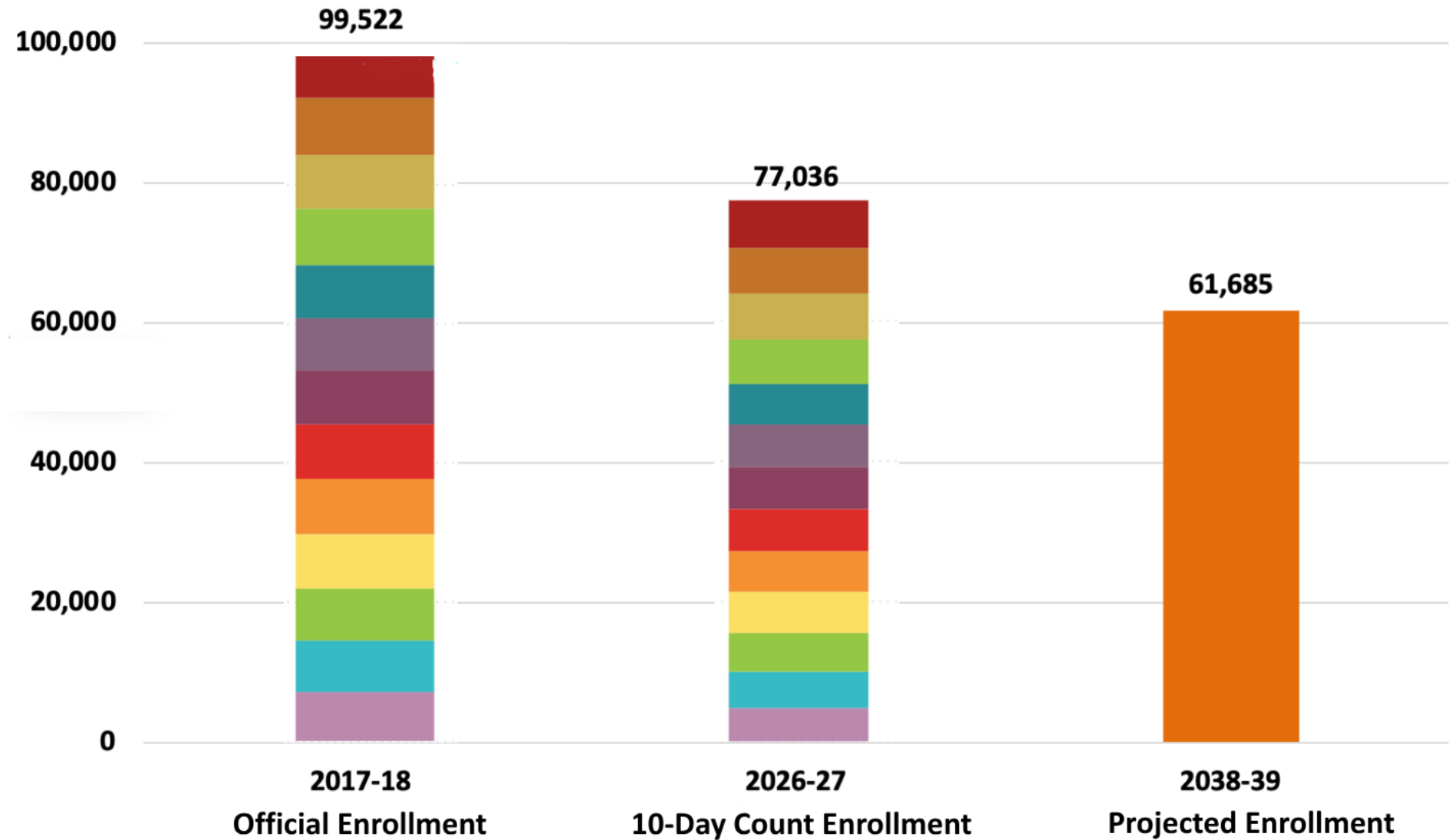
DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

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

120K



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

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ADDITIONAL ZONE ADJUSTMENTS TO NORTH, MID AND SOUTH COUNTY SCHOOLS





LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

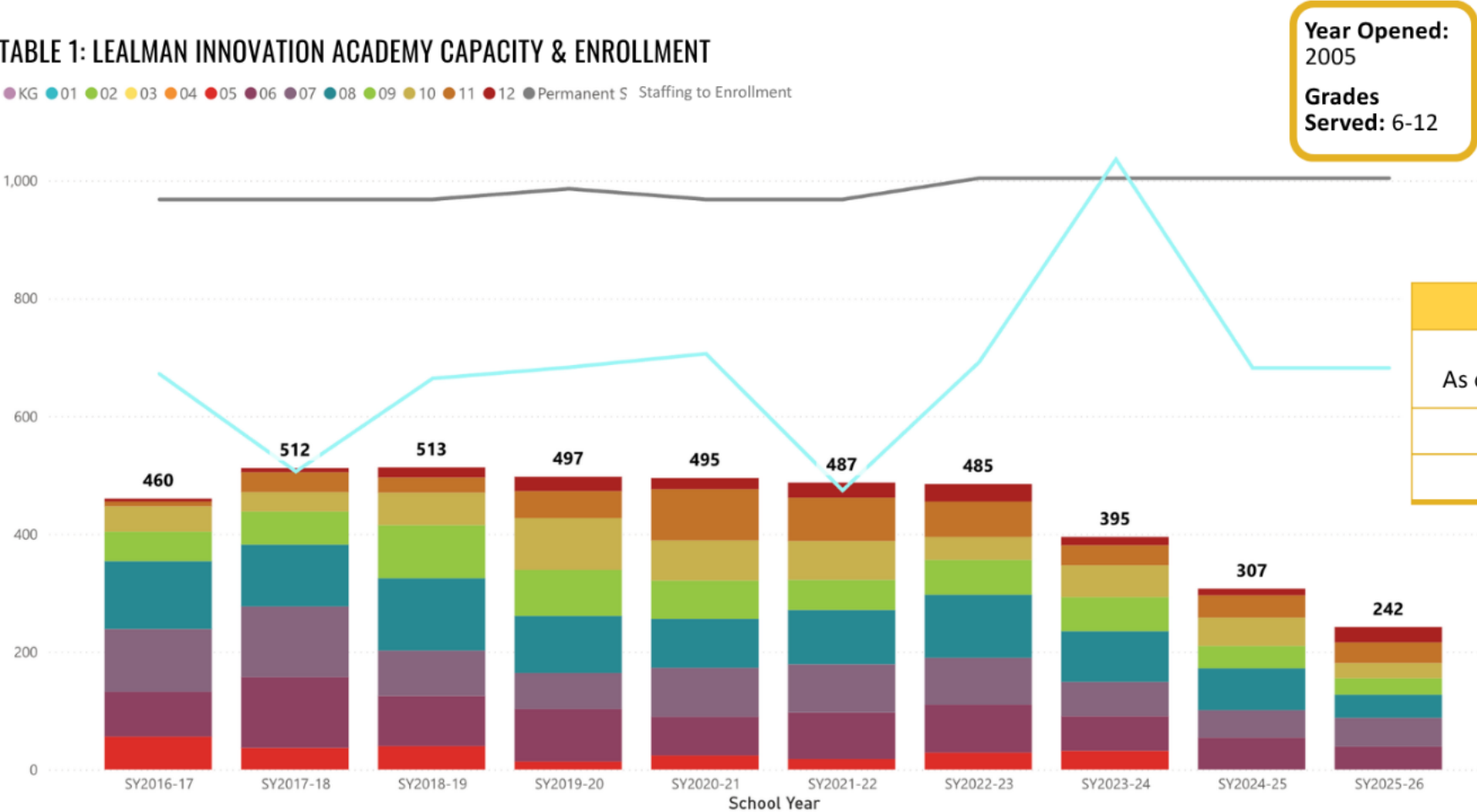
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LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

TABLE 1: LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT

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



LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY	
2026-27 Enrollment As of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026)	201
Permanent Capacity	1,004
Utilization	20%

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.



LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

- This recommendation closes Lealman Innovation Academy at the end of the 2026-27 school year.
- Current students will receive individualized consultation to identify supports at the appropriate middle or high schools.
- The district has the capacity to serve all students currently enrolled at Lealman Innovation Academy at traditional high schools, either through established on-site Educational Alternative Services (EAS) programs or at a designated EAS site located in Mid County. Transportation provided in accordance with School Board policy.
- The closed Lealman Innovation Academy property will be leased to Feeding Tampa Bay.



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

GIVEN THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF STUDENTS, HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ASSIGNED TO NEW SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS?

Individualized support will be provided for students and families to determine the best school/program that meets their needs.

WILL STAFF MEMBERS LOSE THEIR JOBS?

No staff member will lose their job as a result of the recommendations.

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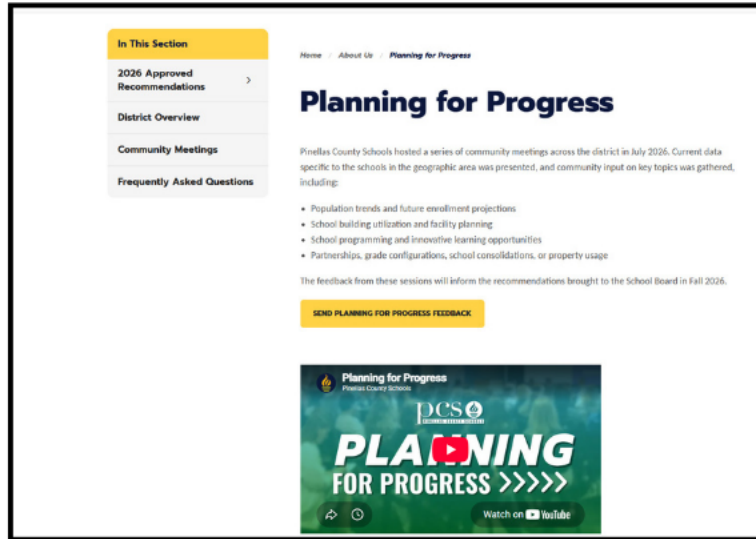
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IF THE BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION, DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO GO TO THE NEW ZONE SCHOOL, OR CAN MY FAMILY ENTER THE PCS SCHOOL CHOICE/DAP PROCESS FOR THE 2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR?

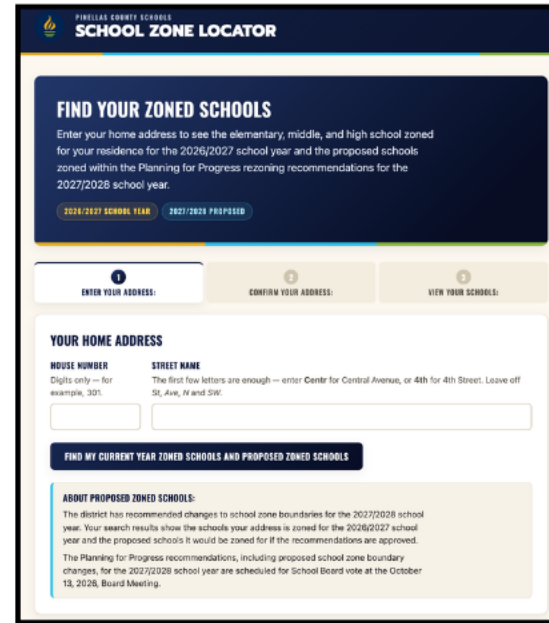
Families who do not wish to attend the new zone school can enter the upcoming PCS District Application Program (DAP) choice process, which includes all magnet programs and special attendance requests (SAR).

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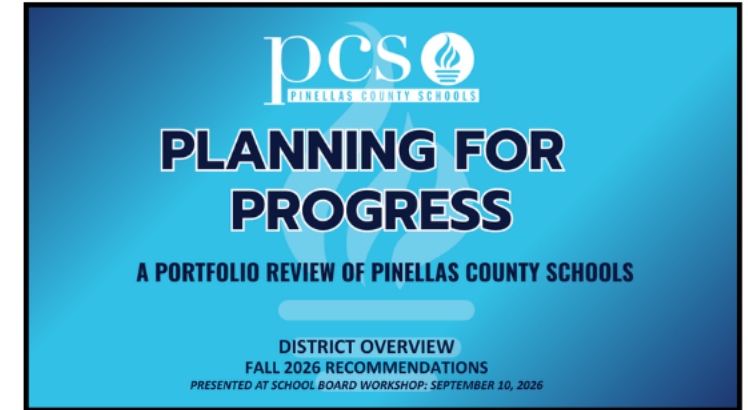
WEBSITE

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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