



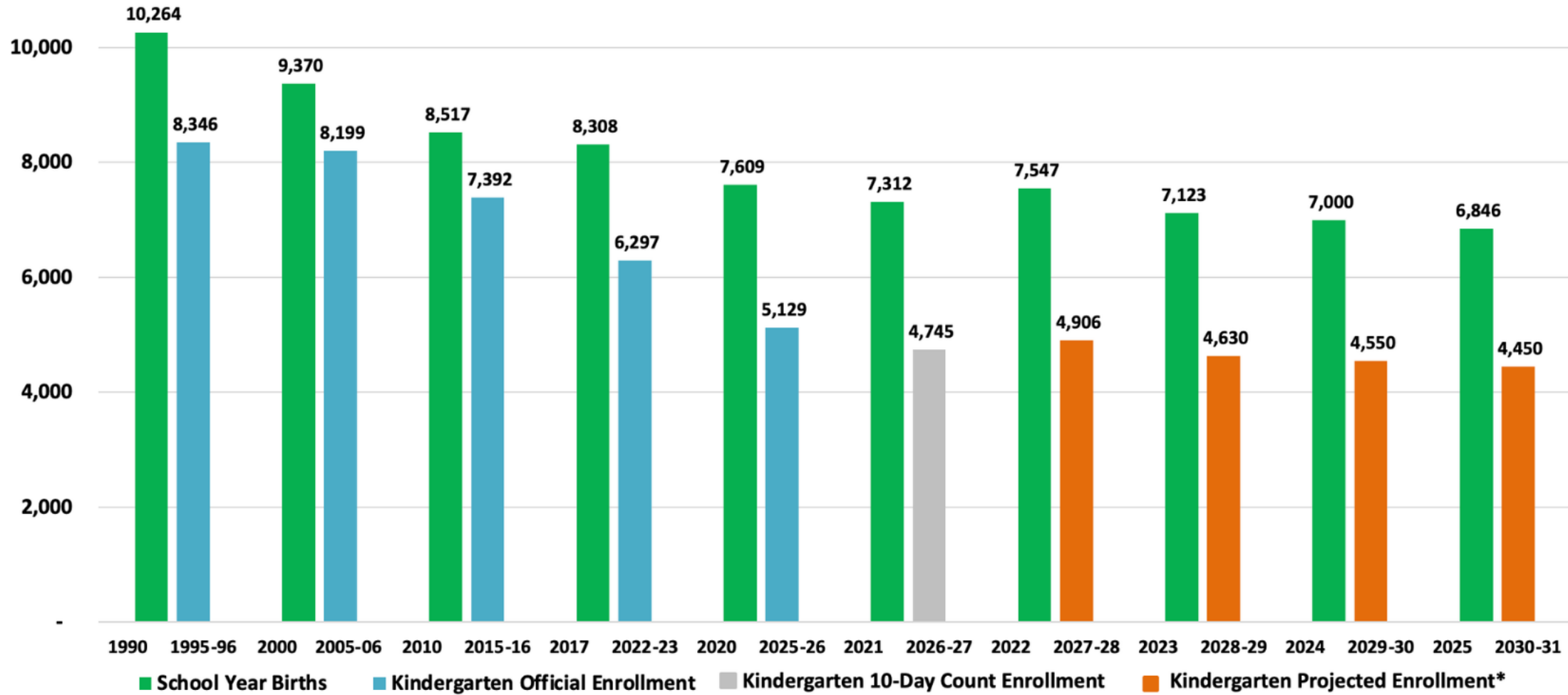
PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

**BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL MEETING
FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS**

PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES

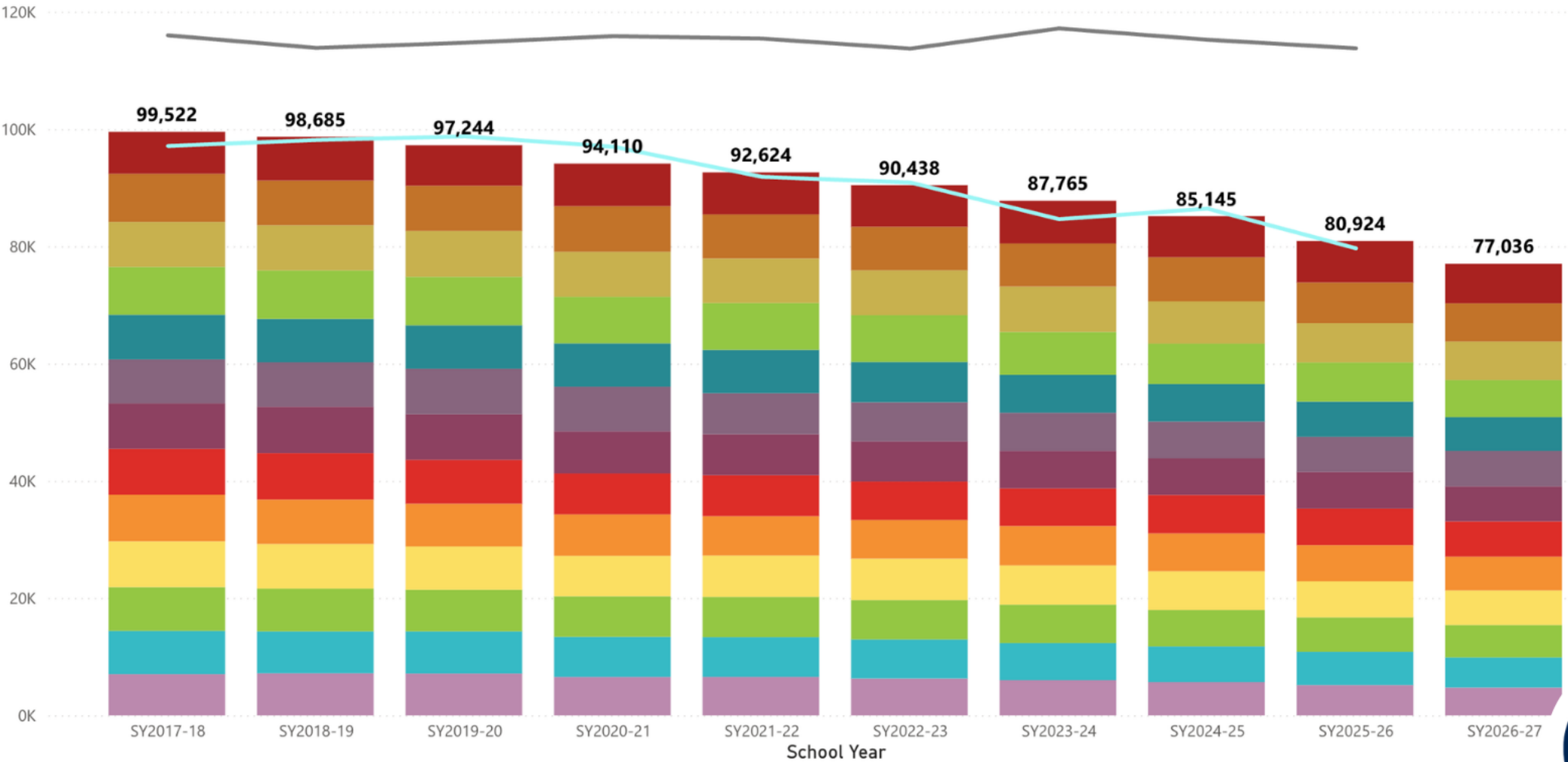


*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.

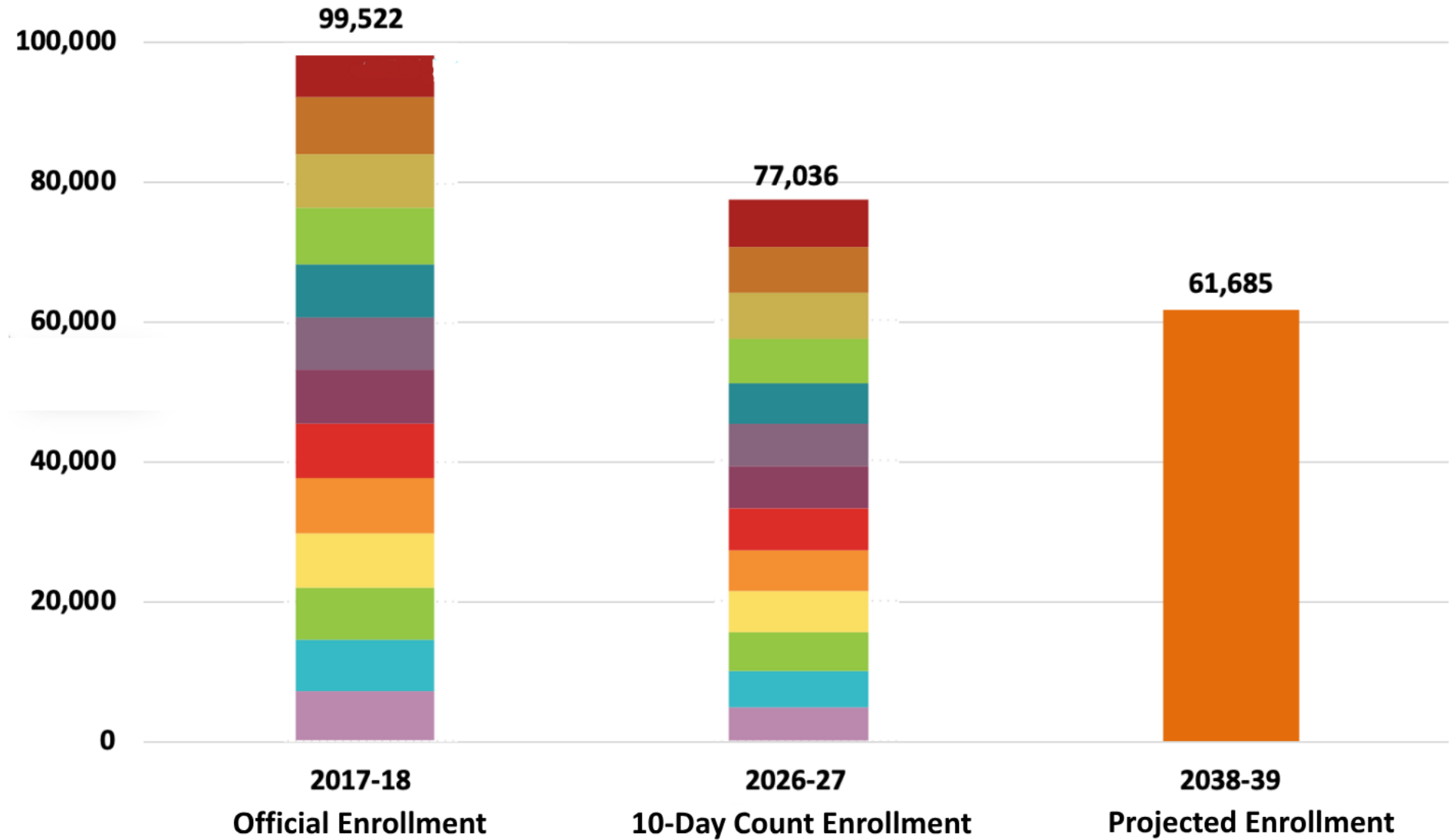


DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

● 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





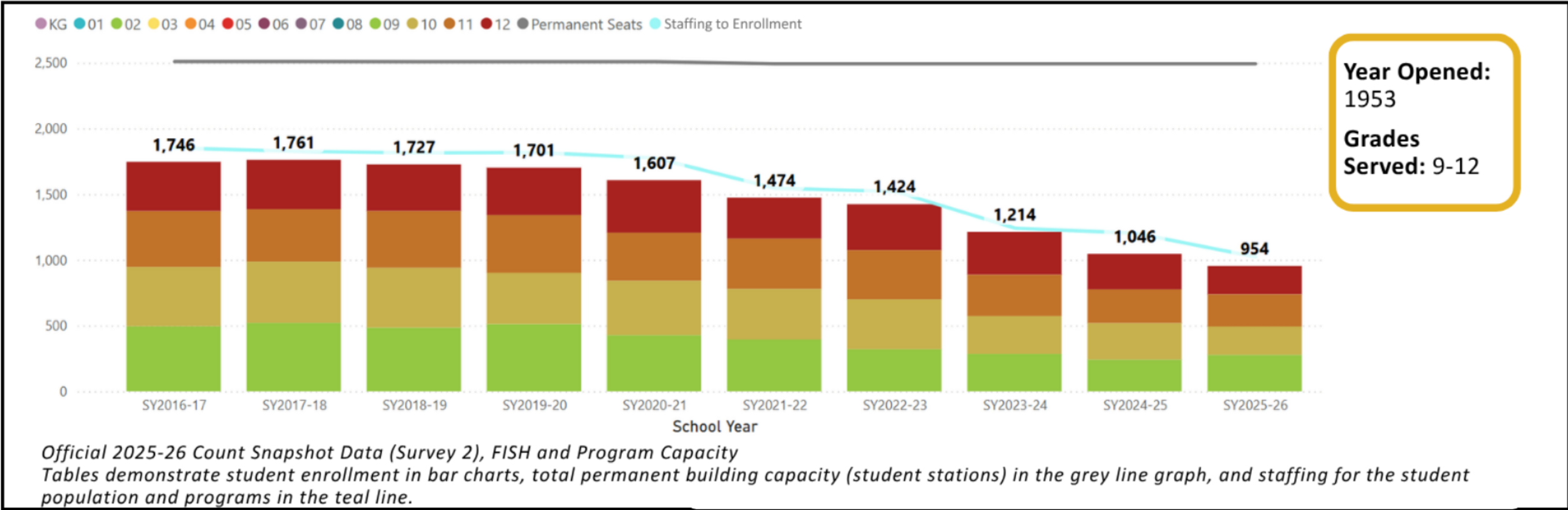
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BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

CREATE A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BOCA CIEGA HIGH FOR THE 2028-29 SCHOOL YEAR



BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

CREATE A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BOCA CIEGA HIGH FOR THE 2028-29 SCHOOL YEAR

- The district is committed to partnering with local employers, colleges, and community leaders to provide meaningful real-world experiences that prepare students for college, careers, and life.
- If approved by the Board, the district will initiate a year-long planning and community engagement process to design academic programs that align with the interests and needs of students, families, and the community.
- Current Center for Wellness and Medical Professions District Application Program (DAP) will remain and be enhanced.
- Additionally, a portion of the campus will be re-parcelled to establish a separate address for building 4, which will serve as the relocation site for Azalea Middle School and reduce the permanent capacity of the Boca Ciega High campus.



BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

- The technical high school at Boca Ciega High will be a college- and career-focused public high school that combines rigorous academics with hands-on, real-world learning experiences.
- Building on and expanding the renowned Center for Wellness and Medical Professions, the school will provide students with access to specialized Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways aligned with high-demand industries.
- Starting in Spring 2027 and continuing throughout the 2027-28 school year, the school and community will engage in a transition process to identify pathways for the technical high school.
- The fundamental program will begin to phase out over the next three school years. Starting in 2027-28, the fundamental program will no longer accept new applicants to the fundamental program at Boca Ciega High.



BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

- Students currently zoned for Boca Ciega High will remain zoned for the technical high school and will be offered a traditional high school experience, including athletics and extracurricular activities, enhanced with embedded CTE pathways.
- If a student is zoned for Boca Ciega High and does not wish to attend the technical high school, a transportation zone will be established, and transportation will be provided to a designated traditional high school starting in the 2028-29 school year.
- The technical high school will be available to students throughout the south county application area through the District Application Program (DAP) process, providing more students with access to specialized college and career pathways starting in the 2028-29 school year.



BOCA CIEGA RECOMMENDATION

HIGH-LEVEL BY SCHOOL YEAR

2027-28

- Planning year for Boca Ciega's transition to become a zoned Technical High School.
- Phase out of the Fundamental program begins (e.g., not part of the DAP Choice process for new students).
- Building 4 on the Boca Ciega campus transitions to support relocation of Azalea MS.

2028-29

- Technical High School phase in begins with incoming freshman class.



BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

BOCA CIEGA HS CAMPUS	
2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	967
PERMANENT CAPACITY	2,492
UTILIZATION	39%
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	807
PROJECTED CAPACITY	1,066
PROJECTED UTILIZATION	76%

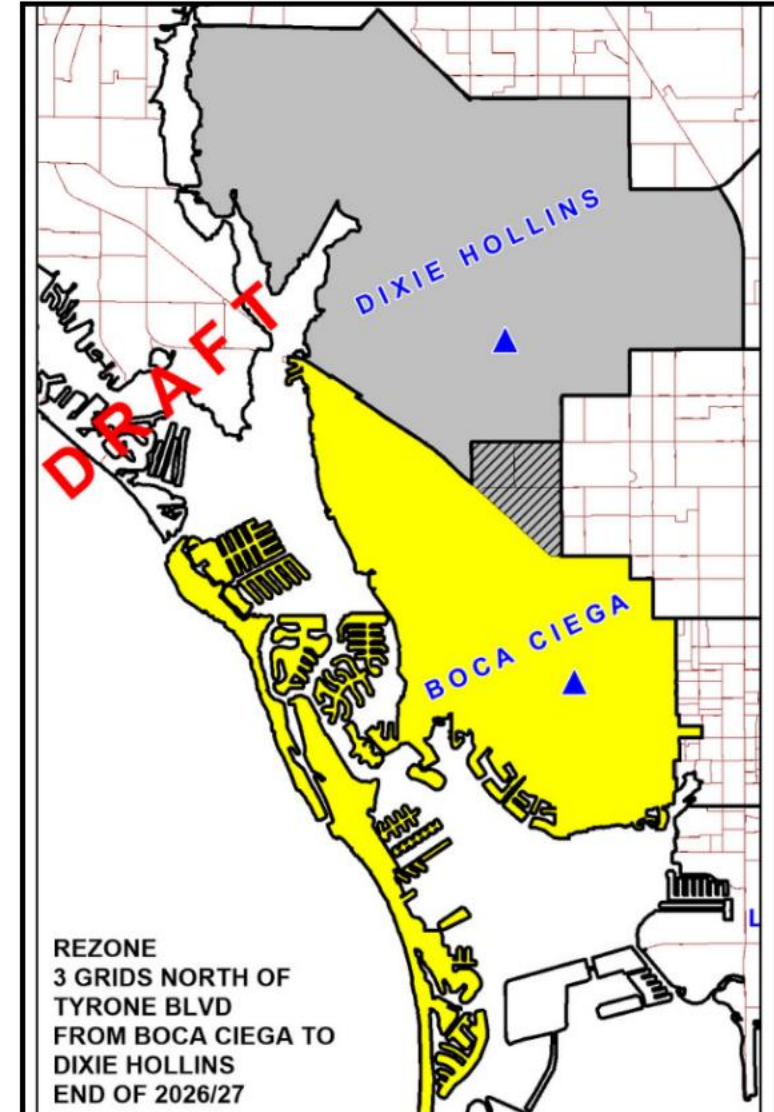
**2026-27 Enrollment as of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026).*



BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

ZONE CHANGE RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation aligns with middle school feeder patterns, as the grey-shaded area is zoned for Tyrone Middle School.



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 transitions the school to a technical high school. 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.

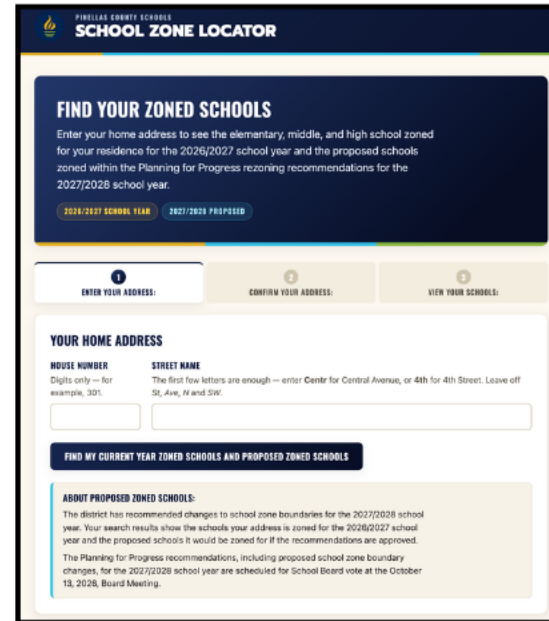
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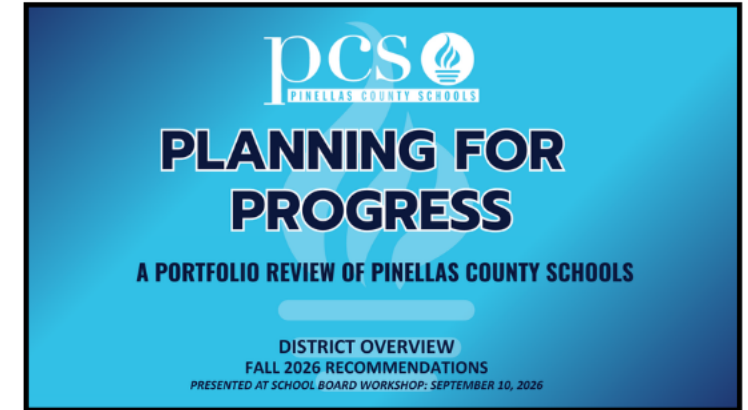
BY RECOMMENDATION: ONE-PAGERS, FAQs,
COMMUNITY MEETING DATES & LINKS TO
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FEEDBACK BUTTON



SCHOOL LOCATOR

CURRENT & PROPOSED SCHOOL ZONES



VIDEOS

BY RECOMMENDATION &
GEOGRAPHIC AREA

SEND PLANNING FOR PROGRESS FEEDBACK

ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS

