



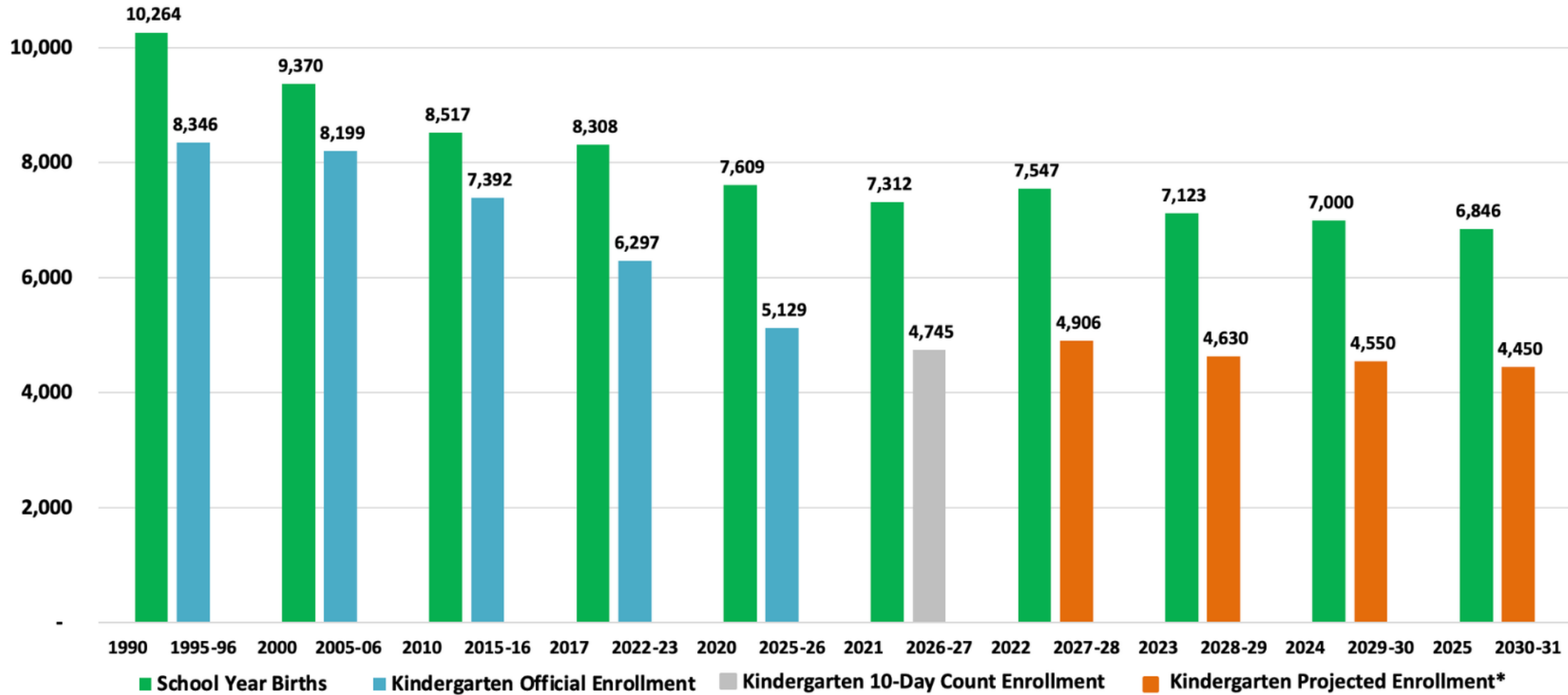
PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

**PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY MEETING
FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS**

PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES

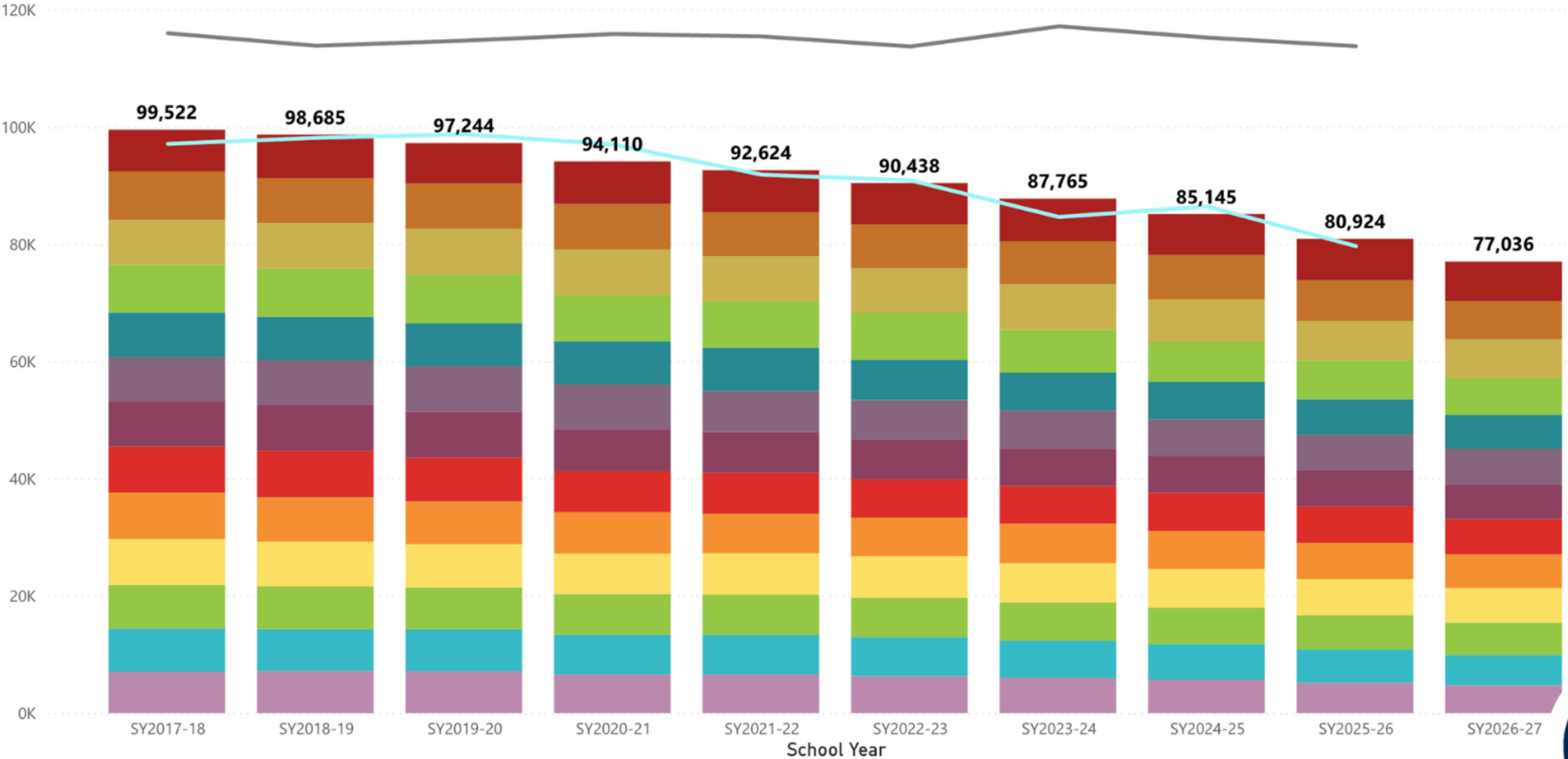


*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.

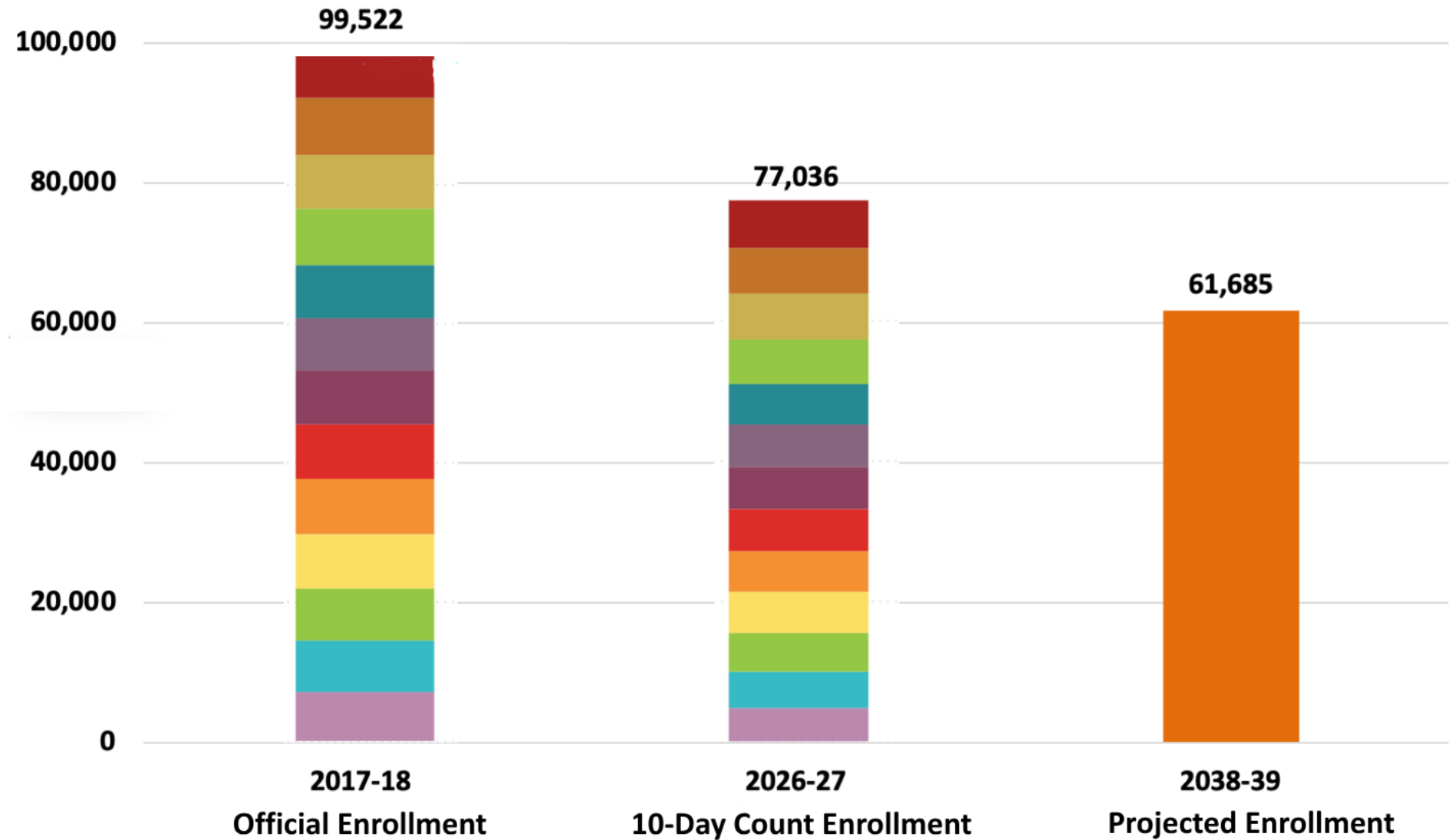


DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

● 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





PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY

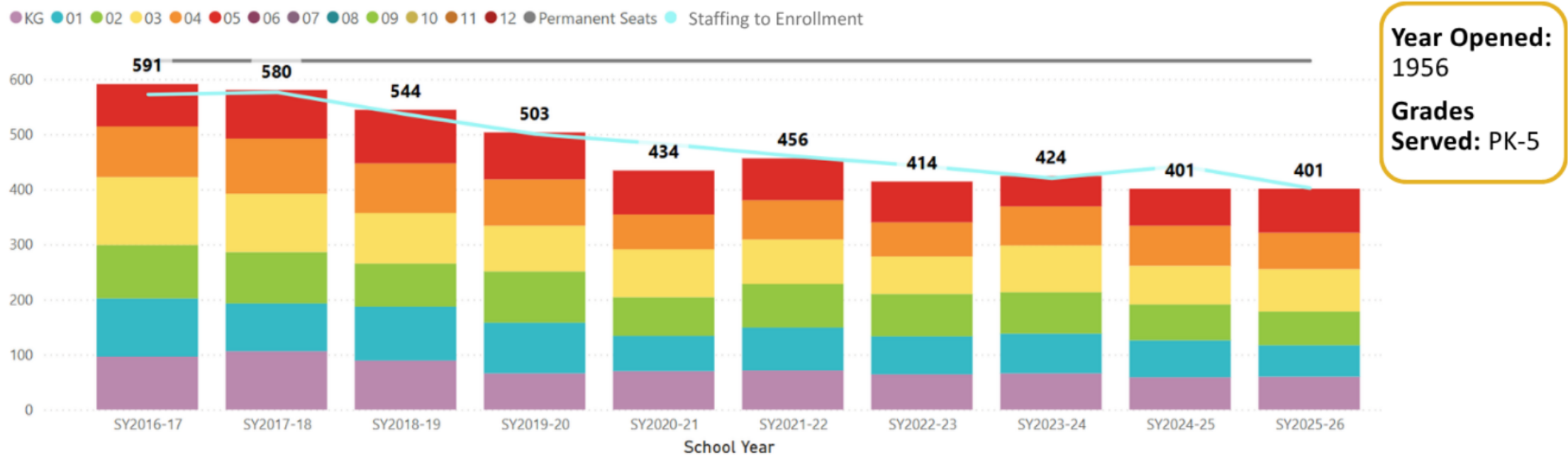
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PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY

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

TABLE 1: PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY 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.



PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY

- This recommendation opens Pinellas Park Elementary School (PPES) as a K-5 fundamental school beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Pinellas Park Elementary will close at the end of the 2026-27 school year.
- The existing school boundary will be rezoned to the nearby Skyview and Lealman Avenue elementary schools.
- The current full-time Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program at Pinellas Park Elementary will relocate to the established program at Seminole Elementary.
- The fundamental school will operate as a District Application Program (DAP) with no zone, and the district's standard fundamental admission priorities will apply.
- For the 2027-28 school year, students currently enrolled at Pinellas Park Elementary will have the choice to opt-in to attend the new fundamental school, agreeing to all fundamental program requirements. Transportation will not be provided.



PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY

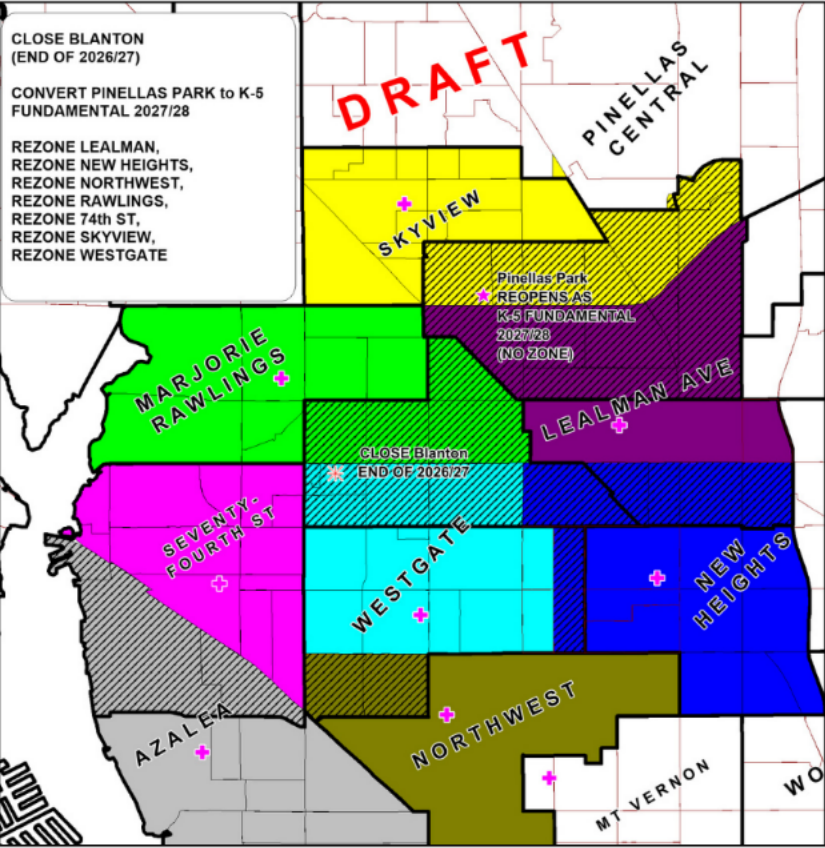


TABLE 2: PROJECTED CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT FOR IMPACTED SCHOOLS

	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Pinellas Park ES	357	633	56%		
Lealman Ave ES	299	541	55%	399 (75% of Zoned Population)	74%
Skyview ES	461	703	66%	602**	88%
Pinellas Park Fundamental				TBD	TBD

*2026-27 Enrollment as of the 10-day count (August 24, 2026).
**Projected enrollment includes currently enrolled students from the closing school who are rezoned to the receiving school, plus the receiving school's current enrollment.

TABLE 3: SCHOOL GRADES OF RECEIVING SCHOOLS

PPES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	2025-26 SCHOOL GRADE
Lealman Ave ES	B
Skyview ES	B

Based on 2025-26 school grade rules, all receiving schools are estimated to remain within two percentage points of the current school grades.

TABLE 4: NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY ZONE

PPES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	PPES ENROLLED*	PPES ZONED# (2025-26)
Lealman Ave ES	176	324
Skyview ES	141	252

*Number of PCS students who live in the zone and currently attend PPES.
Number of PCS students who live in the PPES zone.



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?

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

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).

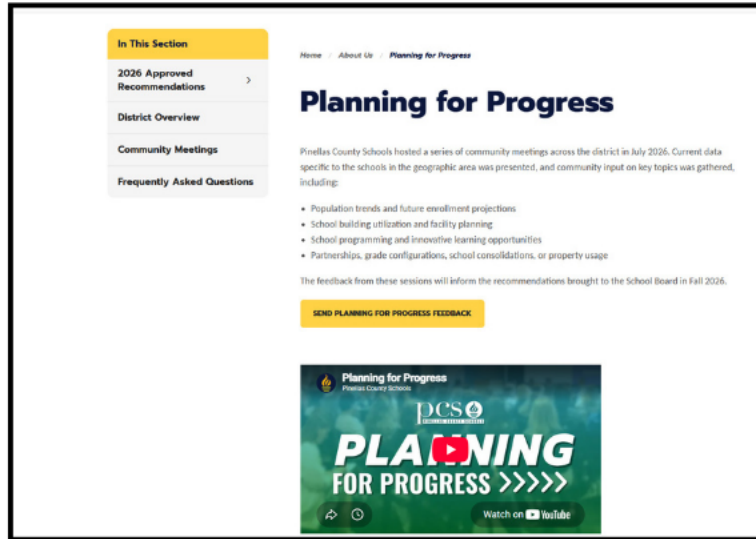
WHAT IS A FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL?

Fundamental schools emphasize a structured, traditional approach to education. These programs feature clear expectations, routines, and accountability measures for both students and parents.

CAN MY STUDENT AT PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY GO TO THE NEW FUNDAMENTAL K-5 SCHOOL?

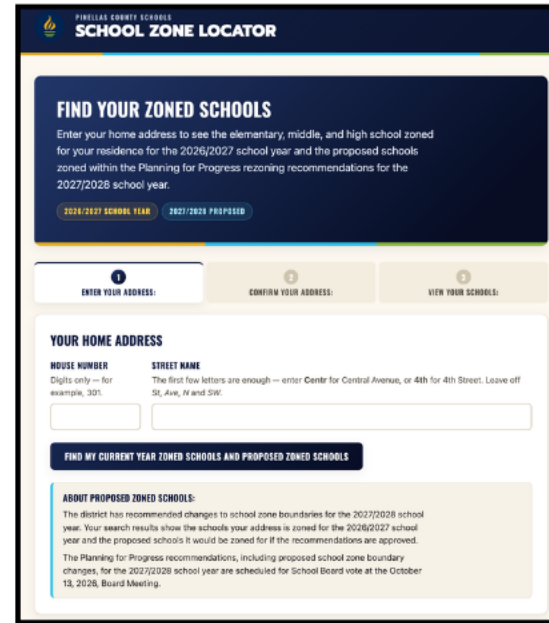
Yes. If the Board approves the recommendation, the student assignment office will communicate the process with school leaders and directly with all current Pinellas Park Elementary families to ensure all families have the opportunity to opt-in to the new Fundamental K-5 school.

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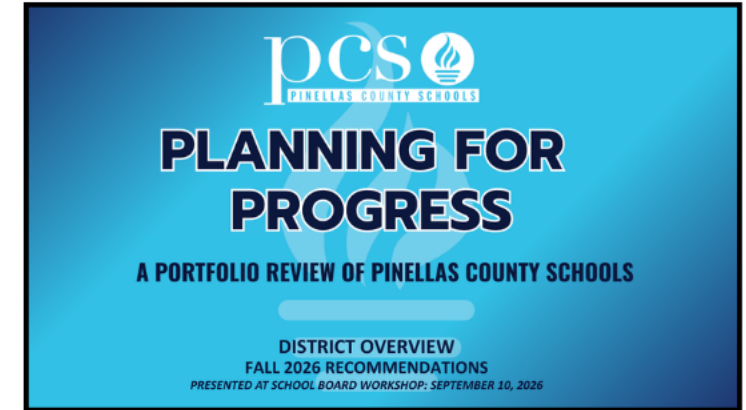
WEBSITE

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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