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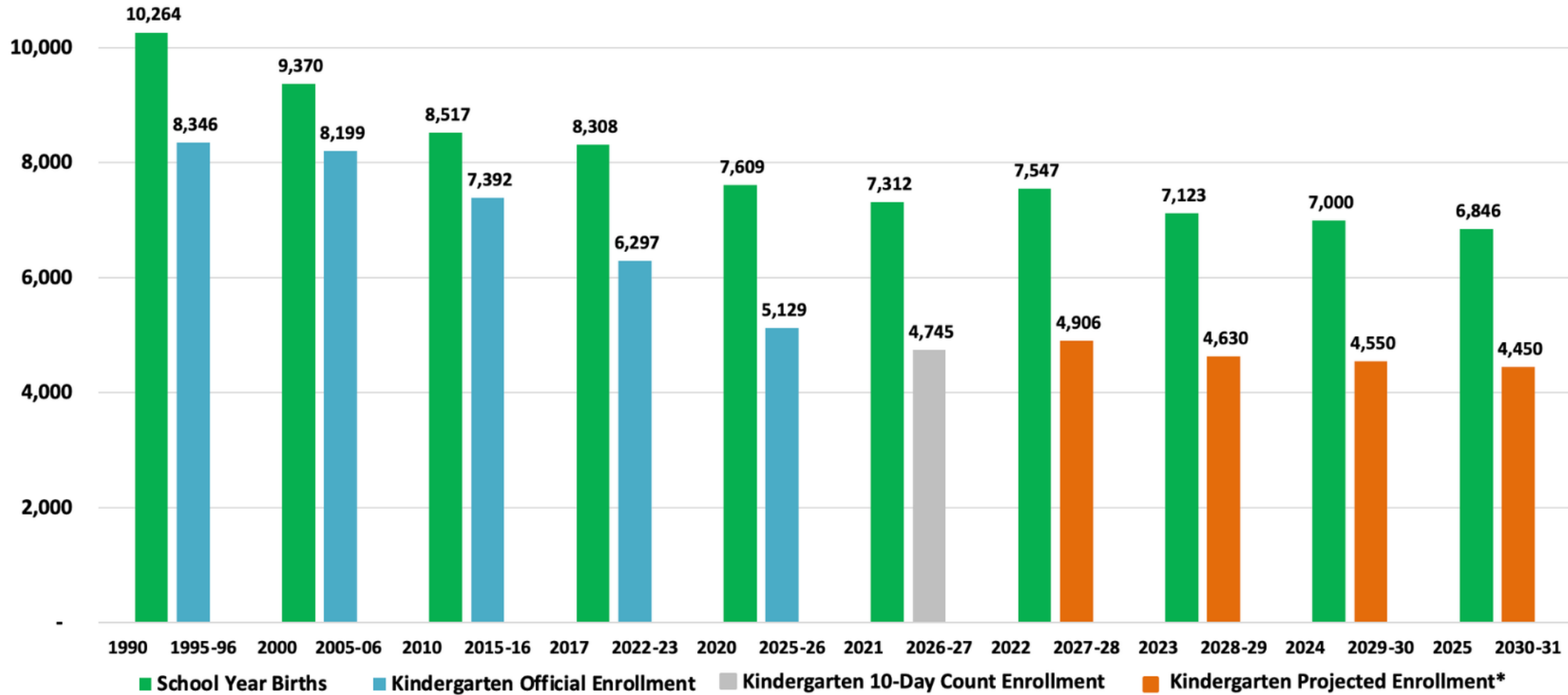
A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

AZALEA ELEMENTARY

FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES



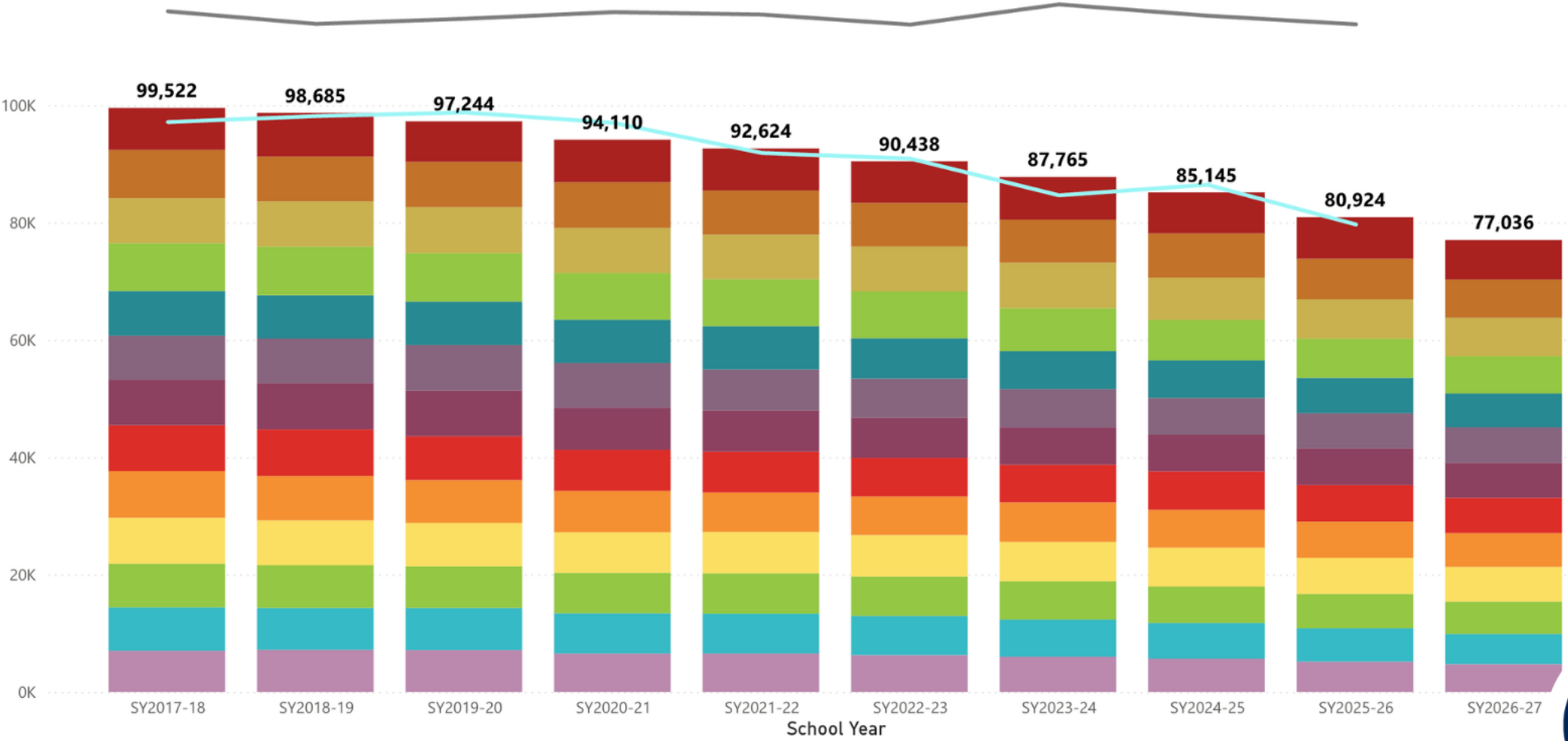
*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.



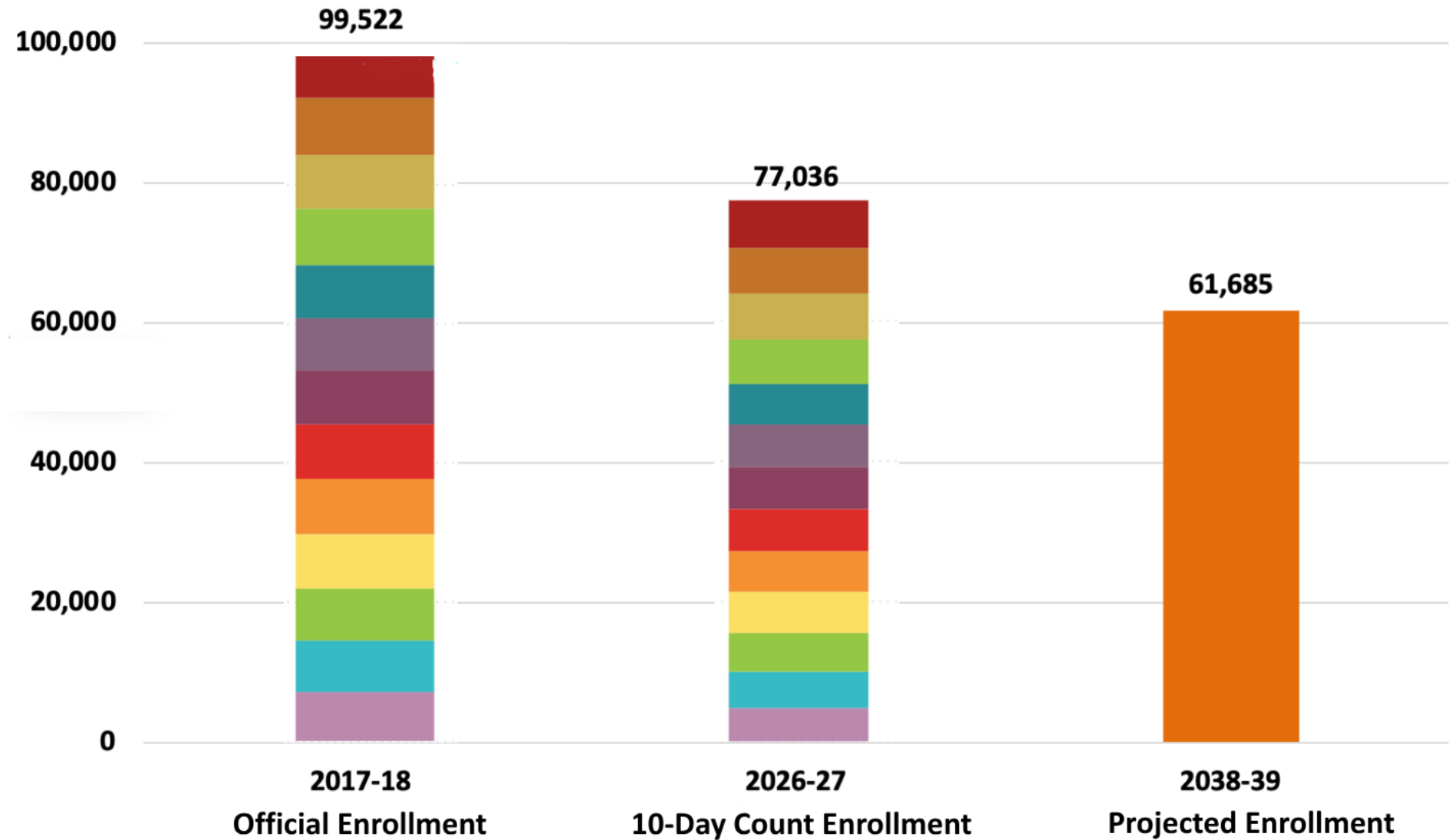
DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

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

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





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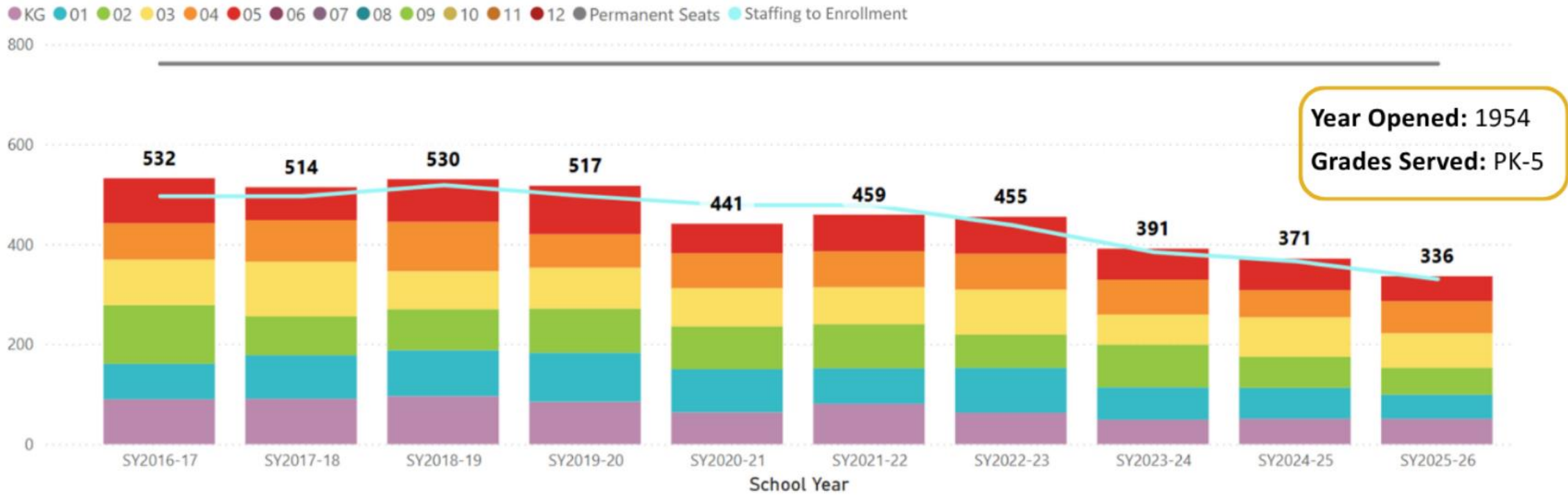
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AZALEA ELEMENTARY

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

TABLE 2: AZALEA 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.



AZALEA ELEMENTARY

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

- This recommendation transitions Azalea Elementary School (AES) to a K-8 school with an expanded zone for the 2027-28 school year and relocates the campus for the 2028-29 school year.
- Annually, all students who attend grade 5 at Azalea Elementary will have the opportunity to continue in the K-8 program through 8th grade.
- The transition to a K-8 school will occur over three years, adding grade 6 in 2027-28, grade 7 in 2028-29, and grade 8 in 2029-30.
- The current full-time Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program at Azalea Elementary will remain at Azalea K-8.
- The new Azalea K-8 will relocate to the current Azalea Middle campus in 2028-29. Transportation may be provided in alignment with School Board policy.



AZALEA ELEMENTARY

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

- This recommendation transitions Azalea Elementary to a K-8 school, similar to the successful expansion model used at Oldsmar and Walsingham Oaks K-8 schools.
- To support a smooth implementation, the K-8 model will be phased in over three years.
- The Azalea K-8 school will be a zoned school. The zone will include the current Azalea Elementary zone and will expand north to Tyrone Boulevard, allowing more students in the surrounding community to attend the new K-8 school.
- Each year during the school choice process, students who do not live within the zone may apply to attend Azalea K-8 through the district's standard Special Assignment Request process. The district's policies will apply to students who do not reside in the Azalea Elementary zone.
- The transition will provide families with a stable K-8 option, reduce student transitions, and create opportunities for stronger academic and extracurricular alignment across grade levels.



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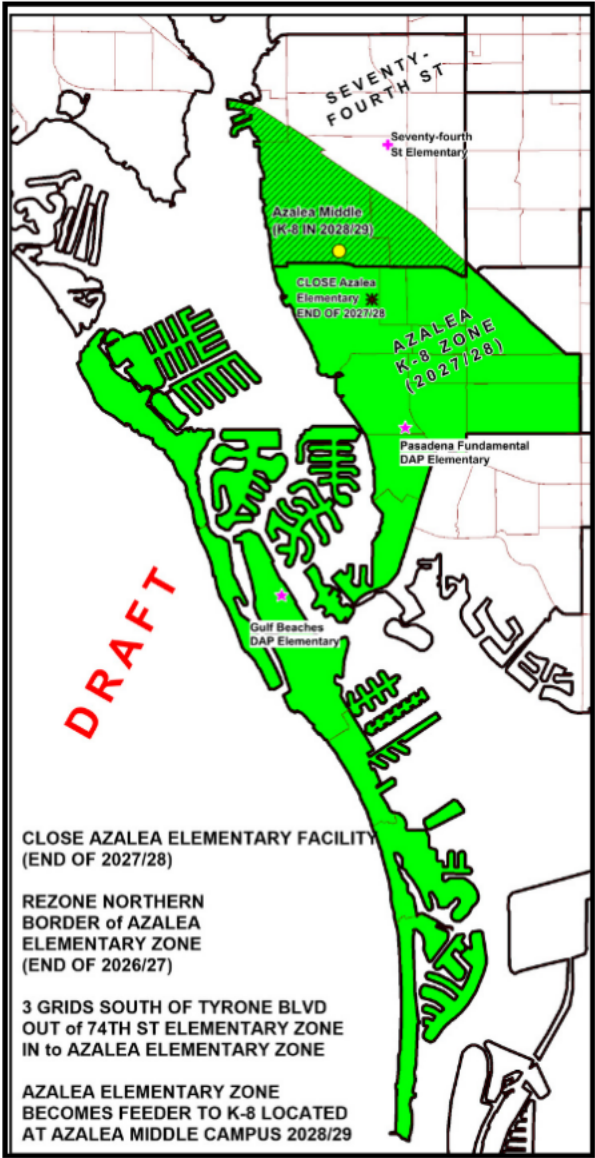


TABLE 2: PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY

	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT**	PROJECTED CAPACITY	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Azalea ES	337	761	44%	664 (75% of K8 Zoned Population)	1,202 (Middle School/K-8 Campus)	55% (Middle School/K-8 Campus)
74th Street ES	376	613	61%	341	613	56%

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



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 K-8 School. 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 AS A K-8?

The bell schedule will be similar to the current Azalea ES schedule. Families should anticipate that middle grades will have ~20 minutes more per day than elementary school, in line with all middle grades. Based on Board approval of the Planning for Progress recommendations, bell schedules for all schools will be brought to the School Board and finalized by Spring 2027.

WILL THE YOUNGEST LEARNERS BE IN THE SAME SPACE AS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS?

No. The design of K-8 sites across the district takes into account separate buildings for older students. This allows for building a campus-wide culture while ensuring safe, developmentally appropriate educational spaces. Construction on the current Azalea MS site for elementary spaces will begin in Fall 2028 in order to open for the 2028-29 school year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MY CHILD IS ON THE ACCELERATED MATH PATHWAY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL; WILL THAT BE OFFERED NEXT YEAR AT AZALEA K-8?

Once course requests have been submitted, Teaching & Learning will review the number of students and determine how those needs can be served. This may be through on-site support at Azalea, sharing of resources with another school, or virtual, depending on the number of students.

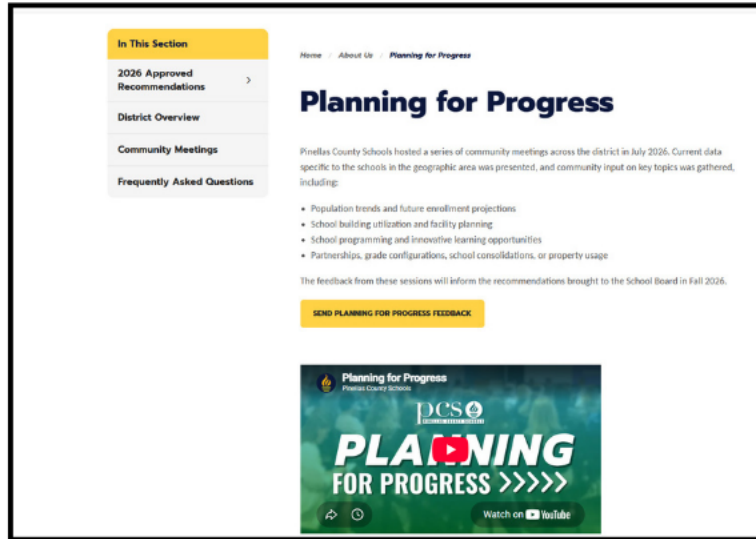
WILL THE ESE PROGRAM REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL?

Yes. Currently, these academic programming opportunities will remain as part of the K-8, allowing students to have a K-8 experience.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR AND ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES WILL THE K-8 HAVE NEXT YEAR?

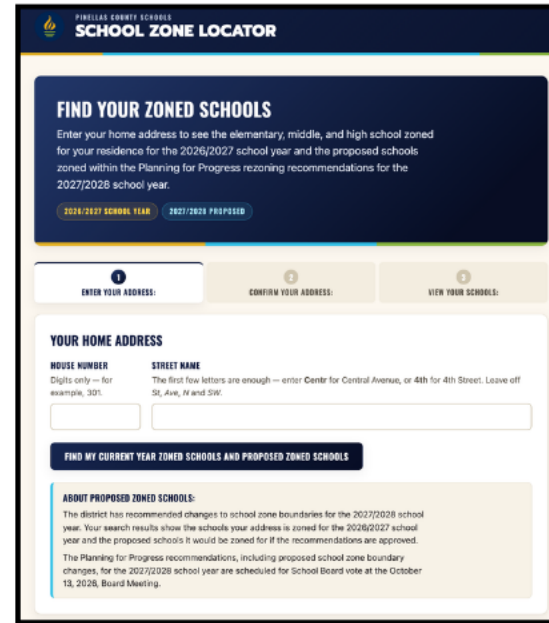
Extracurricular activities (e.g., clubs, athletics) and electives will be determined based on student interests and requests. The relocation of the K-8 in the 2028-29 school year to the current middle school site ensures that the facilities can fully support traditional middle-grades opportunities, such as athletics, and provide ample space for all extracurricular activities.

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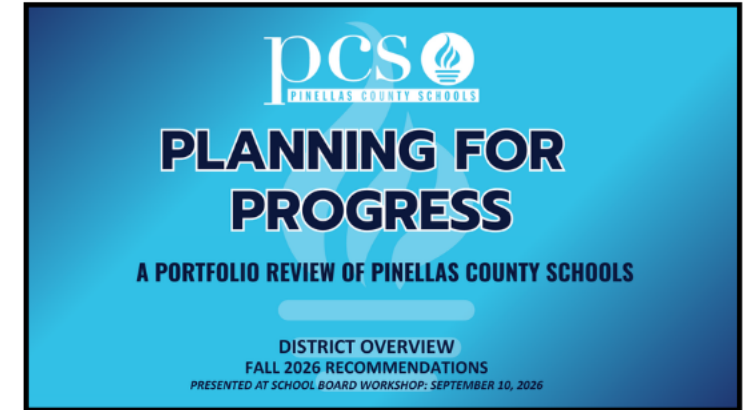
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BY RECOMMENDATION: ONE-PAGERS, FAQs,
COMMUNITY MEETING DATES & LINKS TO
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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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