



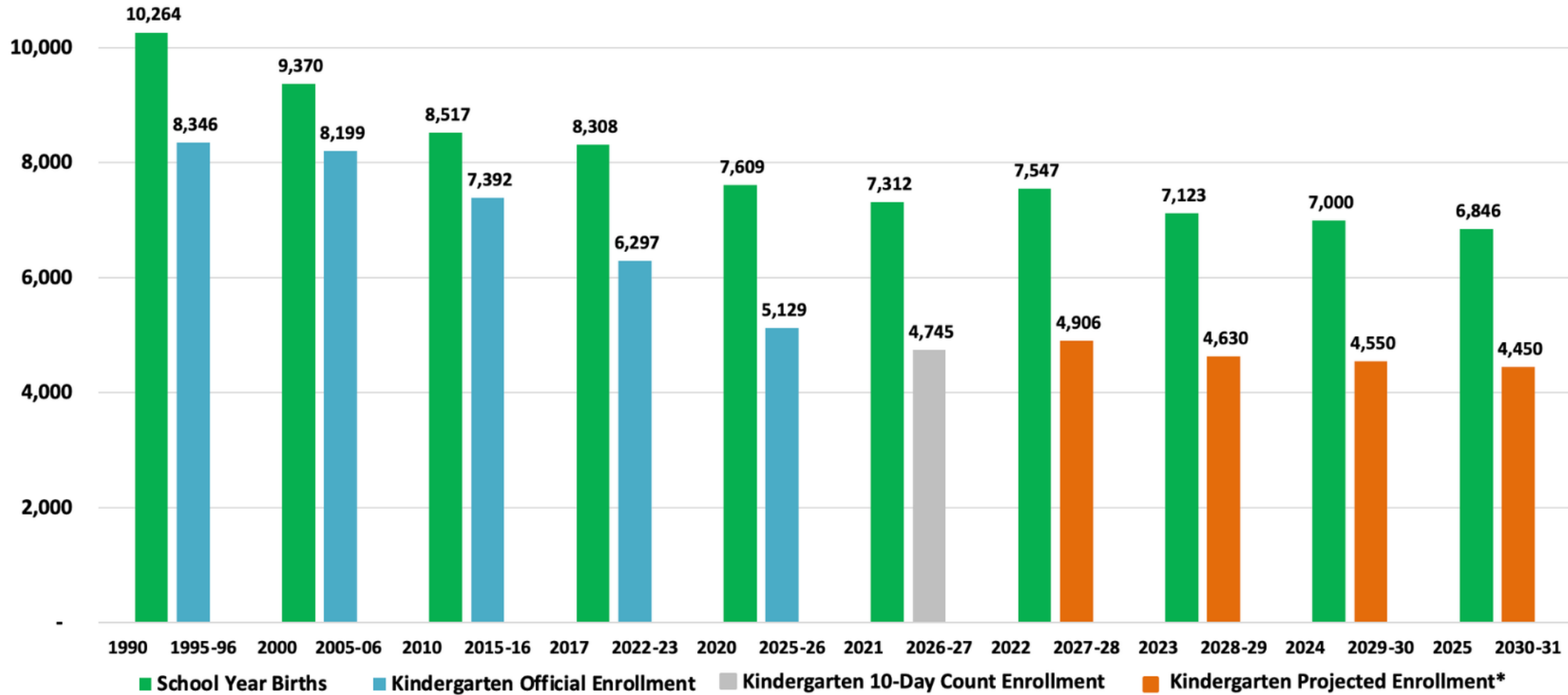
PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

A PORTFOLIO REVIEW OF PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

**KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY MEETING
FALL 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS**

PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

PINELLAS COUNTY BIRTH RATES



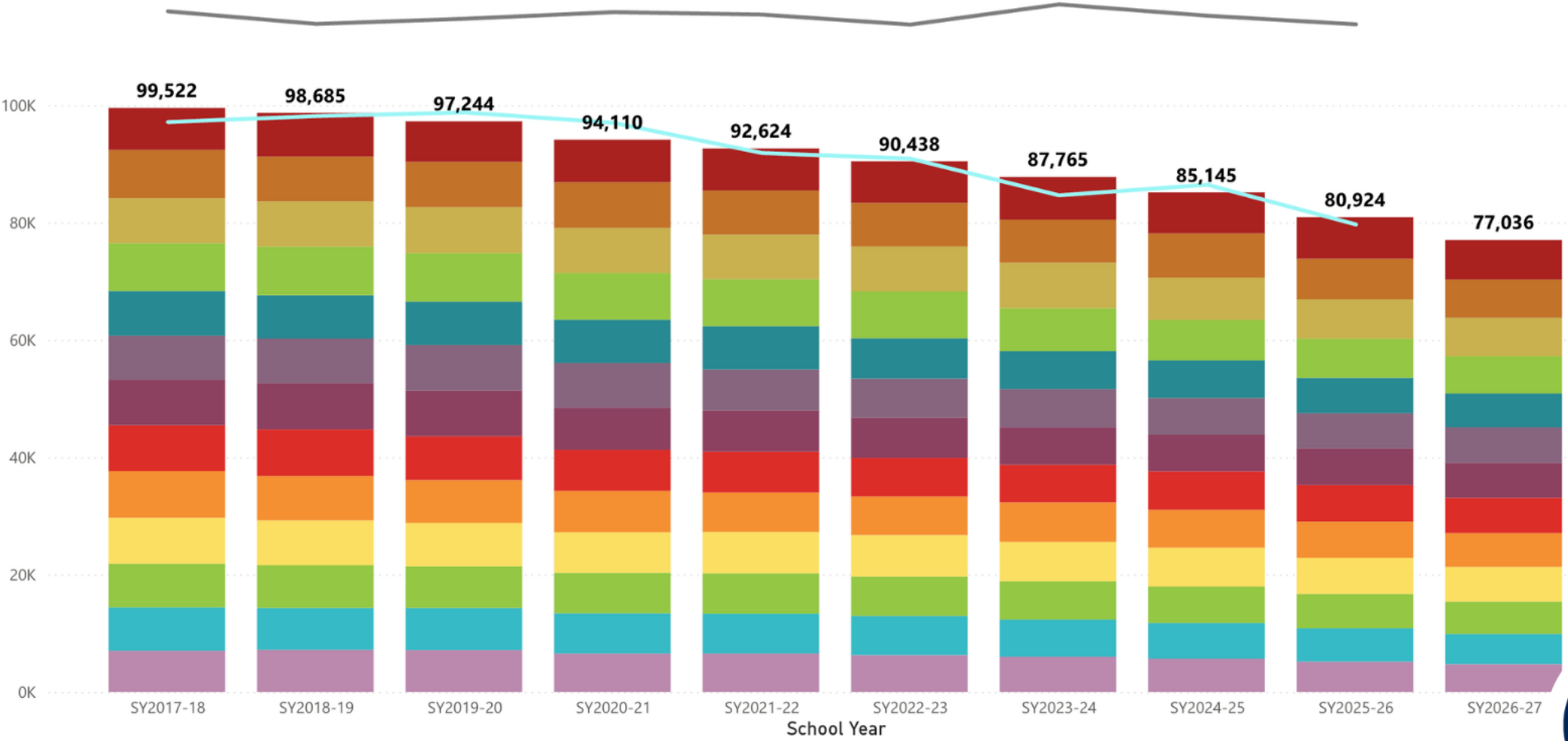
*Projected enrollment based on 65% of births in Pinellas County in the corresponding calendar year.



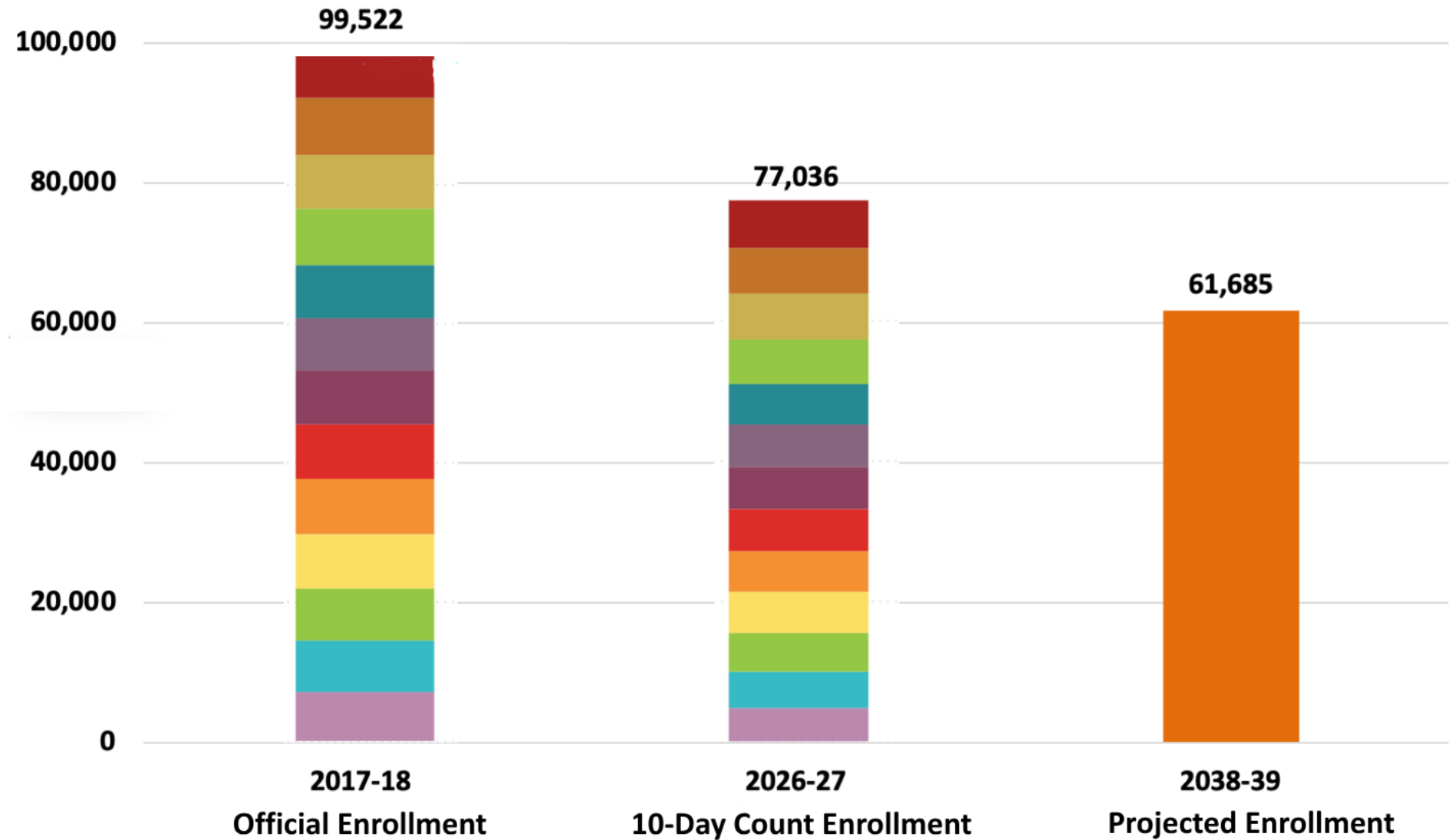
DISTRICT ENROLLMENT & BUILDING CAPACITY

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

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

CLOSE LEALMAN INNOVATION ACADEMY

ADDITIONAL ZONE ADJUSTMENTS TO NORTH, MID AND SOUTH COUNTY SCHOOLS





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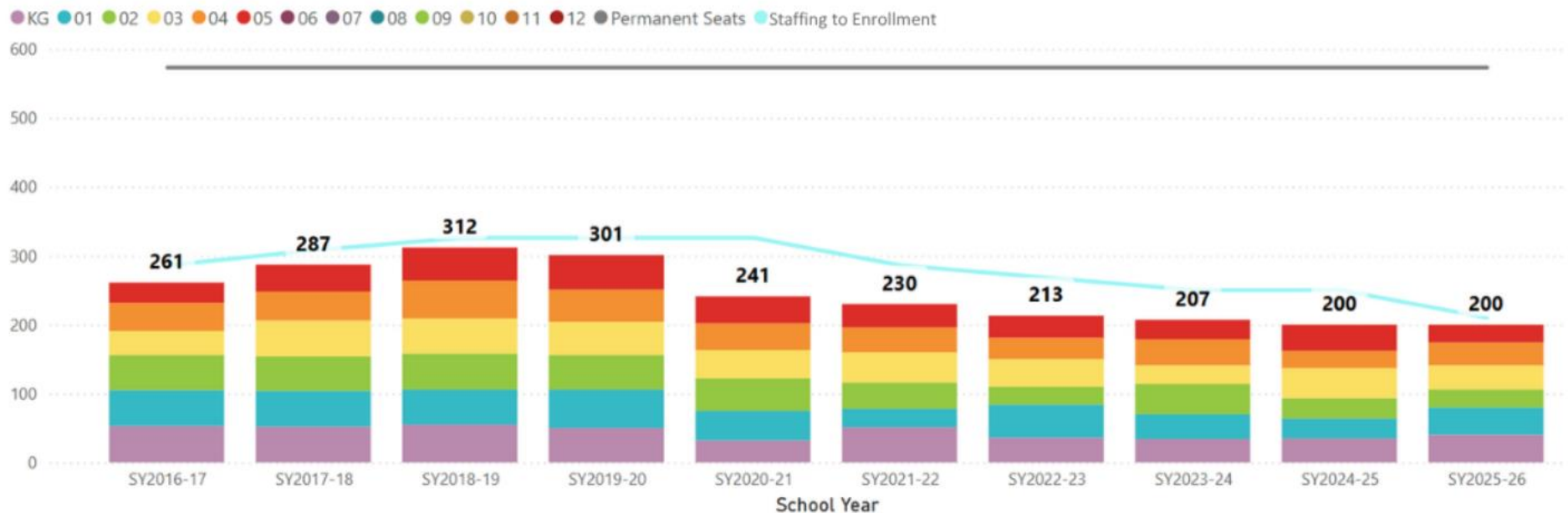
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KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

TABLE 1: KINGS HIGHWAY ES CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT



Year Opened: 1958
Grades Served: PK-5
Site Utilization Impact:
Decreases district student stations by 573

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.



KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

- This recommendation closes Kings Highway Elementary School (KHES) at the end of the 2026-27 school year.
- The majority of Kings Highway Elementary students live in the Sandy Lane (96 students) and Skycrest (29 students) elementary school zones. Most of the remaining students are zoned for nine elementary school zones. All receiving schools have sufficient capacity to accommodate these students.
- The ESE program will transition to Sandy Lane Elementary.
- PreK will remain at Kings Highway Elementary. The recommendation also includes repurposing or leasing the Kings Highway Elementary property for childcare and early learning.
- Kings Highway Elementary earned a B school grade in 2025-26. The recommendation for closure and rezoning is guided by districtwide enrollment trends, facility utilization, and the need to align resources to best serve students across the district.



KINGS HIGHWAY ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT**	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Kings Highway ES	168	573	29%		
Sandy Lane ES	328	588	56%	424	72%
Skycrest ES	377	797	47%	406	51%

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

Projected enrollment includes currently enrolled students from the closing school who are zoned to the receiving school, plus the receiving school's current enrollment.

KHES STUDENTS REZONED TO:	2025-26 SCHOOL GRADE
Sandy Lane ES	A
Skycrest ES	A

Based on 2025-26 school grade rules, receiving schools are estimated to maintain their school grades.



ADDITIONAL ZONE ADJUSTMENTS

NORTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

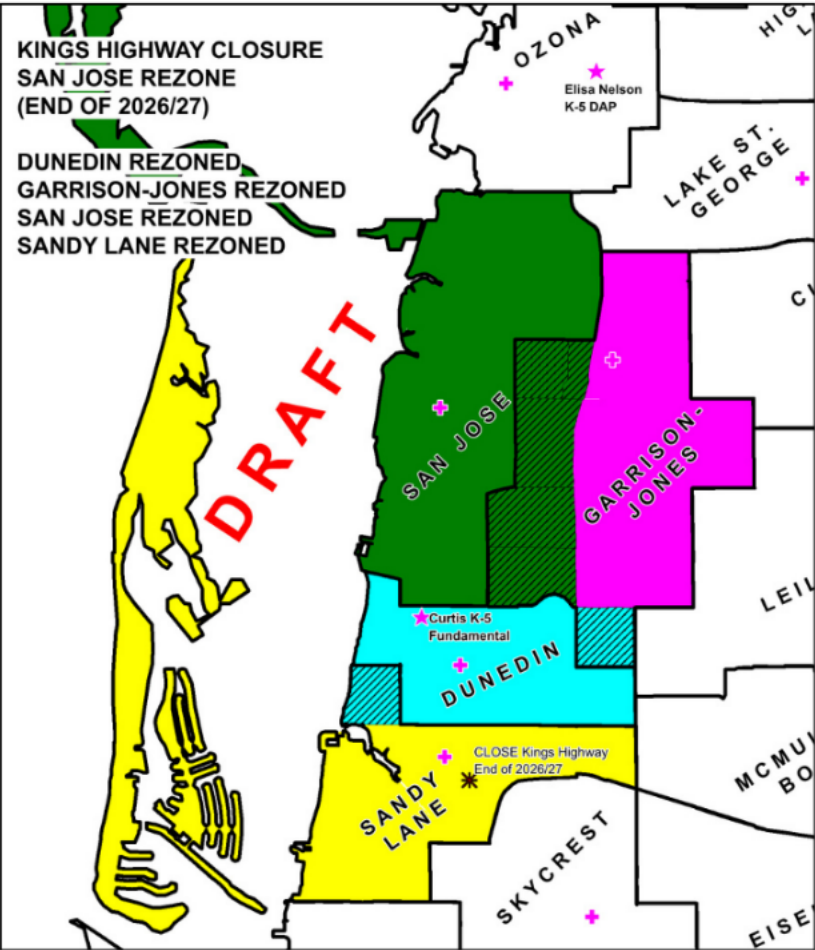


TABLE 1: CAPACITY & ENROLLMENT FOR IMPACTED SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	2026-27 ENROLLMENT*	PERMANENT CAPACITY	UTILIZATION	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT**	PROJECTED UTILIZATION
Dunedin ES	356	728	49%	460	63%
Garrison-Jones ES	439	602	73%	TBD (Based on District Application Program Enrollment)	
San Jose ES	272	511	53%	337	66%
Sandy Lane ES	328	588	56%	424	72%

*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.
Note: Sandy Lane's projected enrollment accounts for the current enrollment of Sandy Lane and the current Kings Highway students who are zoned for Sandy Lane.

TABLE 2: SCHOOL GRADES OF IMPACTED SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	2025-26 SCHOOL GRADE
Dunedin ES	A
Garrison-Jones ES	A
San Jose ES	A
Sandy Lane ES	A

Based on 2025-26 school grade rules, all impacted schools are estimated to remain within 1 percentage point of the current school grade.



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

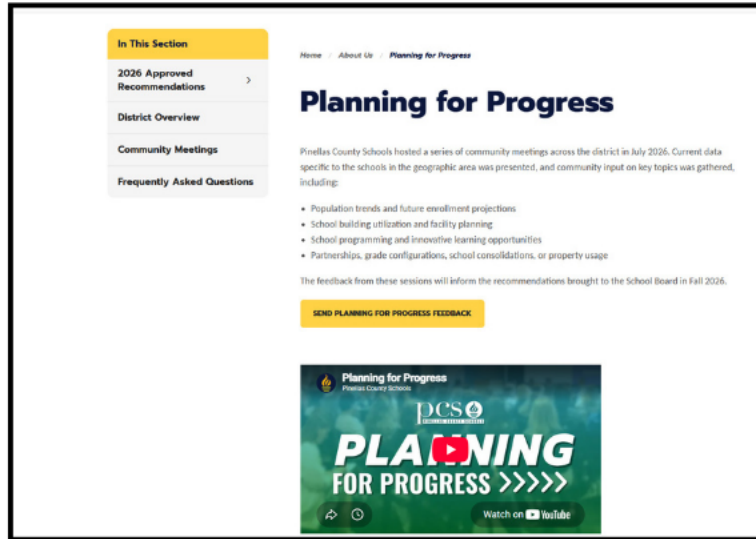
Opportunity for Public Comment and Board Vote on Recommendations and Policy First Reading

SPRING-SUMMER 2027

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL BOARD-APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS

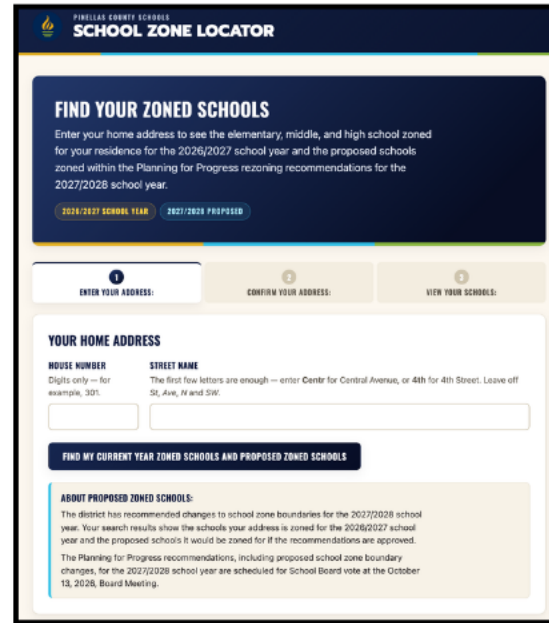


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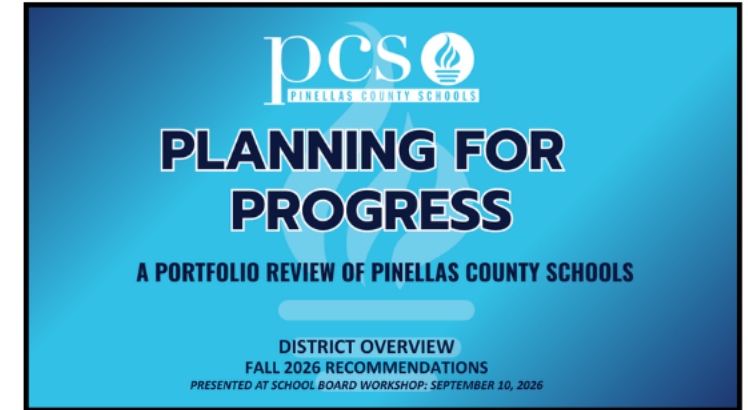
WEBSITE

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



PLANNING FOR PROGRESS

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).