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Walnut Grove Elementary Boundary Adjustment

Why the need for a boundary adjustment?

The Olathe Public Schools Board of Education voted to close **five elementary schools** and **one middle school** beginning in the 2027-28 school year.

All current K-5 students at closing buildings will be relocated to neighboring school(s).

Goals for Elementary Boundary Adjustments

Long-term Sustainability:

Create boundaries that provide long-term solutions for enrollment projections in all impacted/surrounding buildings

Functional Capacity:

Minimize placing any school receiving students from a closing building above 85% of its functional capacity

What major factors are considered in establishing new boundaries?

Enrollment Information
(Historic trends, current enrollment, and future projections)

Available Space in Building

Student Support Programs
(ELL, Title I Reading/Math, Special Services, Early Childhood, etc.)

Underutilized Classrooms

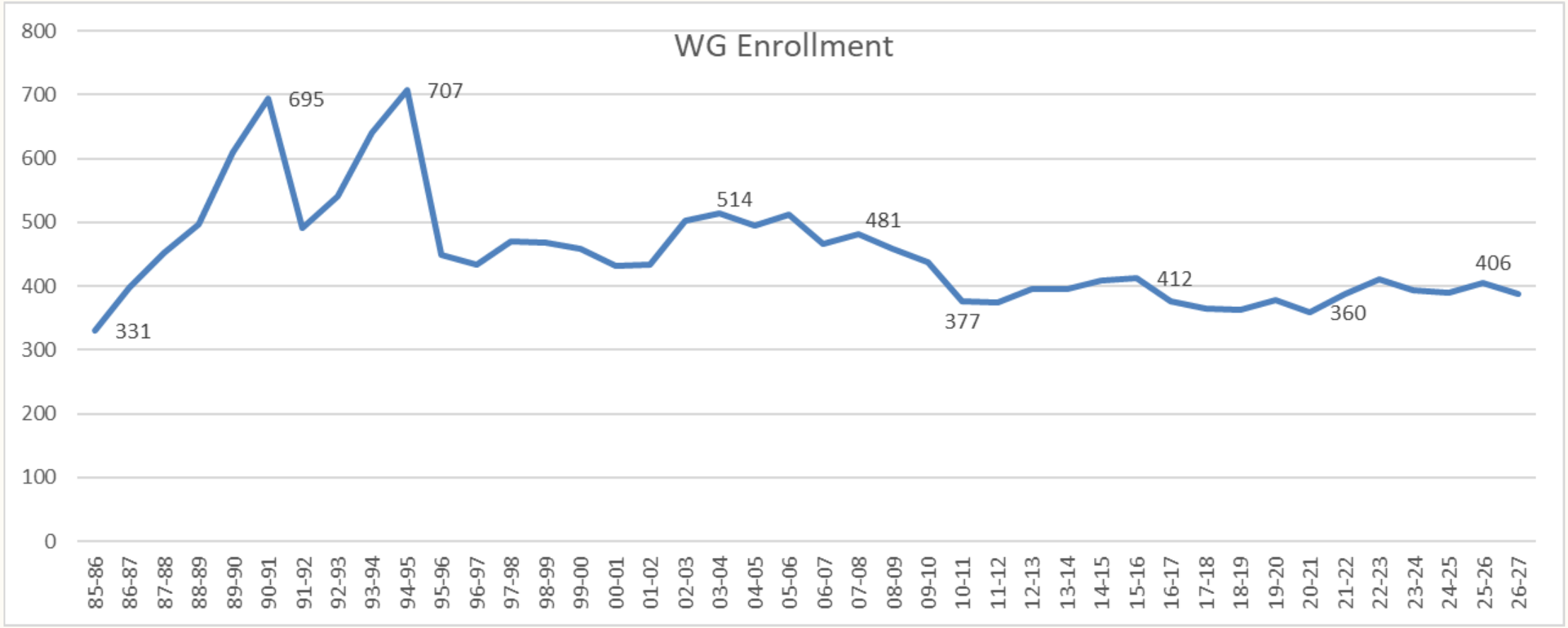
Safety

Feeder Pattern

Walnut Grove Information

2026 Enrollment	388 students
2026 Functional Capacity	572 students
Percent of Capacity	67.8%
Change from 2025	-18 students
Growth Potential	~16 students
Classroom Count	25
Support Programs	Early Childhood & CBR

Walnut Grove Historic Enrollment



2026 Walnut Grove Grade Breakdown

Grades	Staffing Guidelines	Students	Sections	Class Size
Grade K	24	48	2	24.0
Grade 1	24	72	3	24.0
Grade 2	24	54	3	18.0
Grade 3	26	59	3	19.7
Grade 4	28	61	3	20.3
Grade 5	28	70	3	23.3
ECSE		24		
Total		388	17	21.4

Current Feeder Pattern

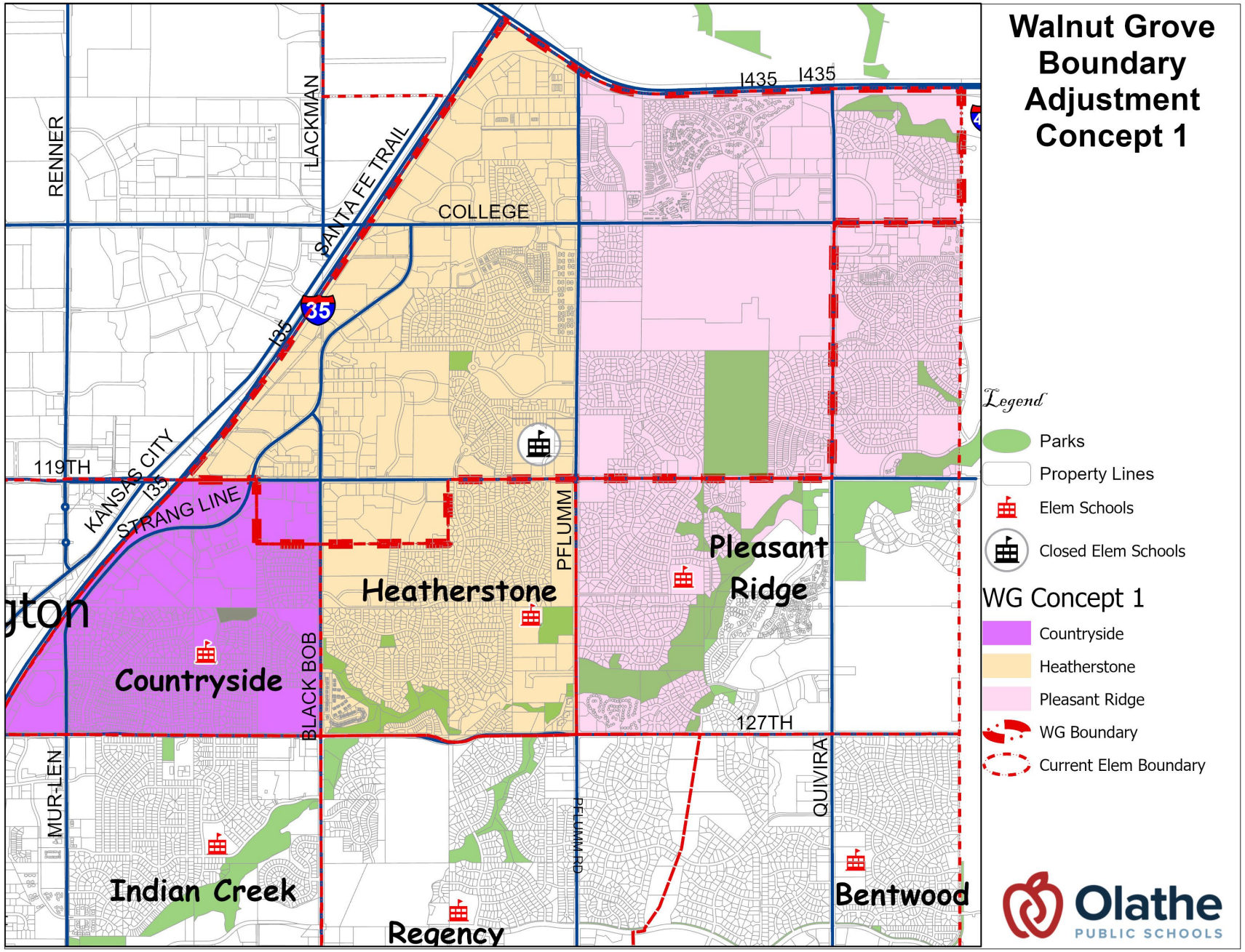
ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH
Walnut Grove	Pioneer Trail	Olathe East

Boundary options

Concepts 1, 2, & 3

Walnut Grove Elementary

Boundary Concept 1


Walnut Grove Boundary Adjustment Concept 1
RENNER
LACKMAN
SANTA FE TRAIL
COLLEGE
I435
I435
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I35
KANSAS CITY
I35
119TH
STRANG LINE
PFLUMM
Heatherstone
Pleasant Ridge
Countryside
BLACK BOB
127TH
MUR-LEN
PFLUMM RD
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WG Concept 1: Walnut Grove split between Heatherstone(HN) and Pleasant Ridge (PR)

Grades	WG Student	HN Student	Concept 1	Section	Class Size
Grade K	23	51	74	4	18.5
Grade 1	34	38	72	3	24
Grade 2	17	47	64	3	21.3
Grade 3	25	39	64	3	21.3
Grade 4	26	45	71	3	23.8
Grade 5	26	48	74	3	24.7
Total	**151**	268	**419**	19	22.1

WG Student	PR Student	Concept 1	Section	Class Size
33	52	75	4	18.8
49	41	77	4	19.3
33	43	66	3	22.0
31	37	59	3	19.7
33	48	70	3	23.3
37	46	73	3	24.3
216	267	**420**	20	21.0

62% Heatherstone's Functional Capacity no ECSE

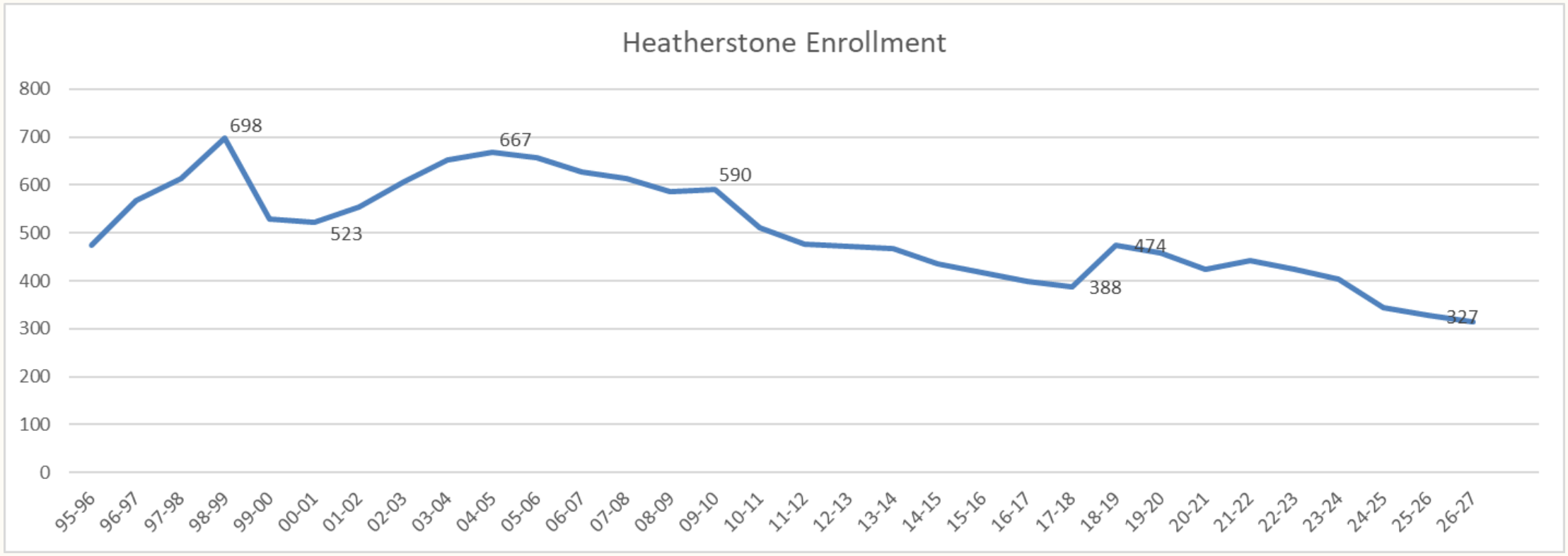
80% of Pleasant Ridge's Functional Capacity no ECSE

2026-27 Information

Heatherstone Information

2026 Enrollment	315 students
2026 Functional Capacity	673 students
Percent of Capacity	46.8%
Change from 2025	-12 students
Growth Potential	+13 students
Classroom Count	31
Support Programs	Early Childhood & SER

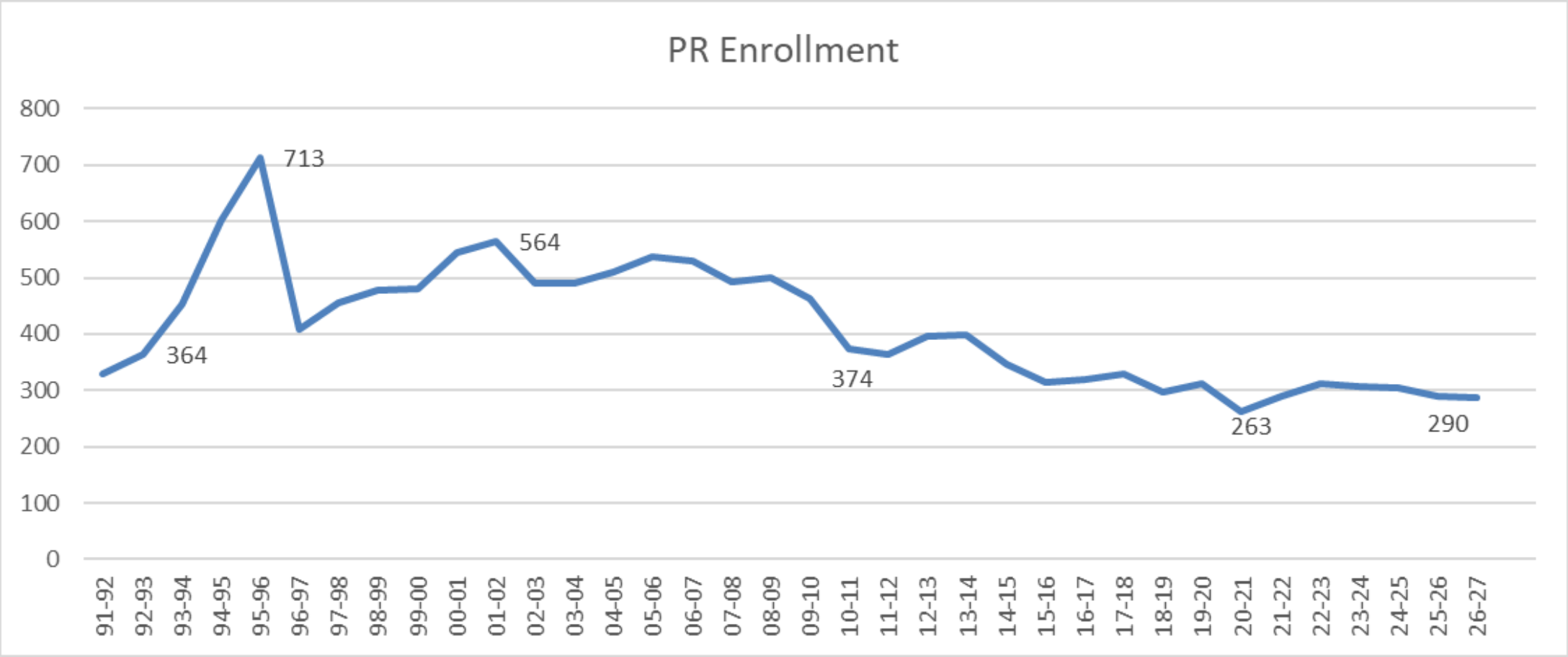
Heatherstone Historic Enrollment



Pleasant Ridge Information

2026 Enrollment	287 students
2026 Functional Capacity	522 students
Percent of Capacity	55.0%
Change from 2025	-3 students
Growth Potential	~2 students
Classroom Count	22
Support Programs	Early Childhood & Autism

Pleasant Ridge Historic Enrollment



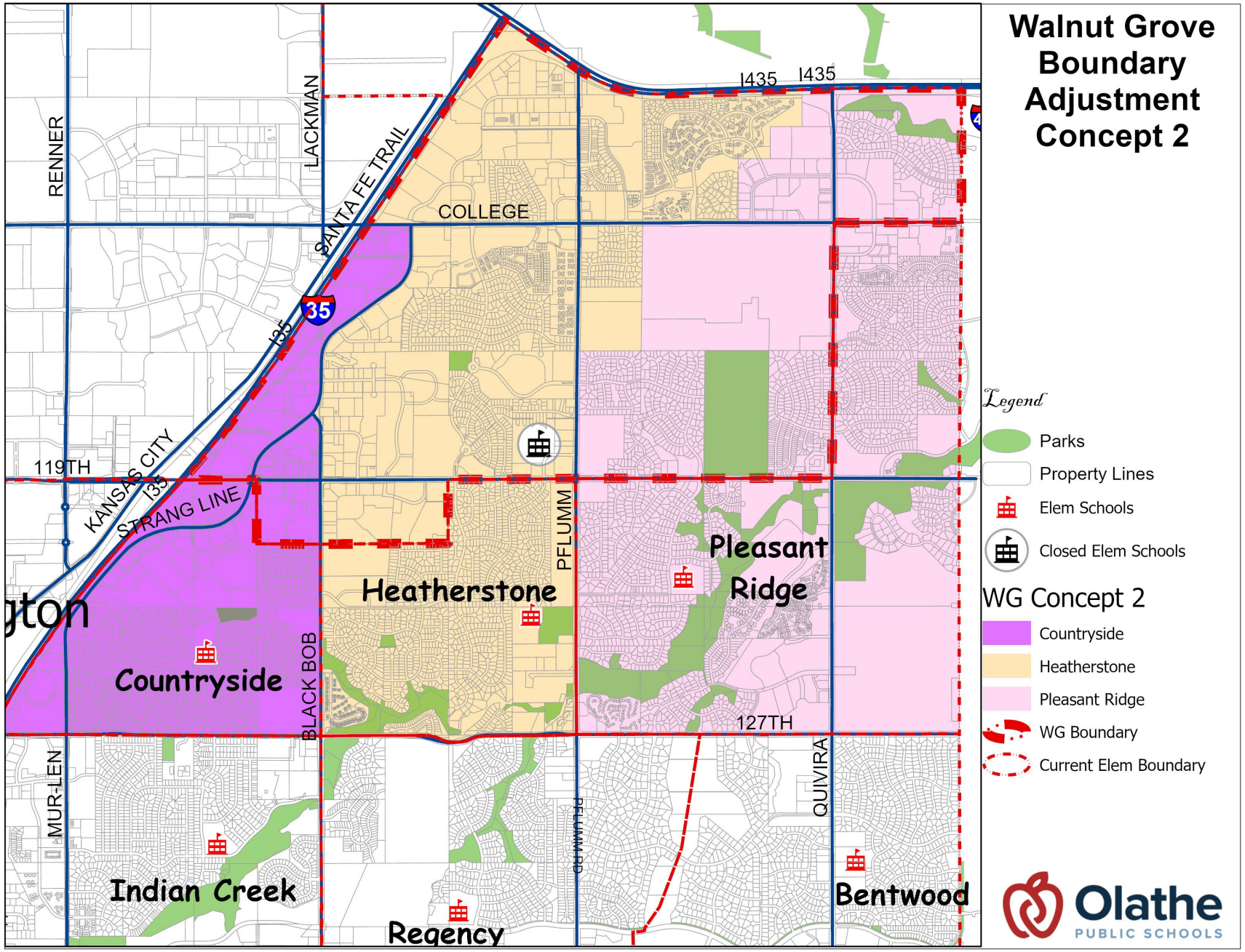
WG Concept 1: Five-year Enrollment Estimate

School	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2031 Percent Functional Capacity
Heatherstone	315	461	452	452	442	439	65.2%
Pleasant Ridge	287	434	421	426	427	419	80.3%
Walnut Grove	388						

Enrollment number and estimates on this page include Early Childhood (ECSE) numbers at receiving schools, does not include ECSE from sending school.
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Boundary Concept 2


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WG Concept 2: Walnut Grove split between Heatherstone(HN) and Pleasant Ridge (PR)

Grades	WG Student	HN Student	Concept 2	Section	Class Size
Grade K	38	51	89	4	22.5
Grade 1	61	38	99	4	24.8
Grade 2	34	47	81	4	20.3
Grade 3	38	39	78	3	26.0
Grade 4	40	45	85	4	21.3
Grade 5	49	48	97	4	24.3
Total	**260**	268	**528**	23	22.9

WG Student	PR Student	Concept 2	Section	Class Size
18	52	70	3	23.3
22	41	61	3	20.3
16	43	59	3	19.7
18	37	55	3	18.3
19	48	67	3	23.3
14	46	60	3	20
107	267	**374**	18	20.7

78% Heatherstone's Functional Capacity no ECSE

70% of Pleasant Ridge's Functional Capacity no ECSE

2026-27 Information

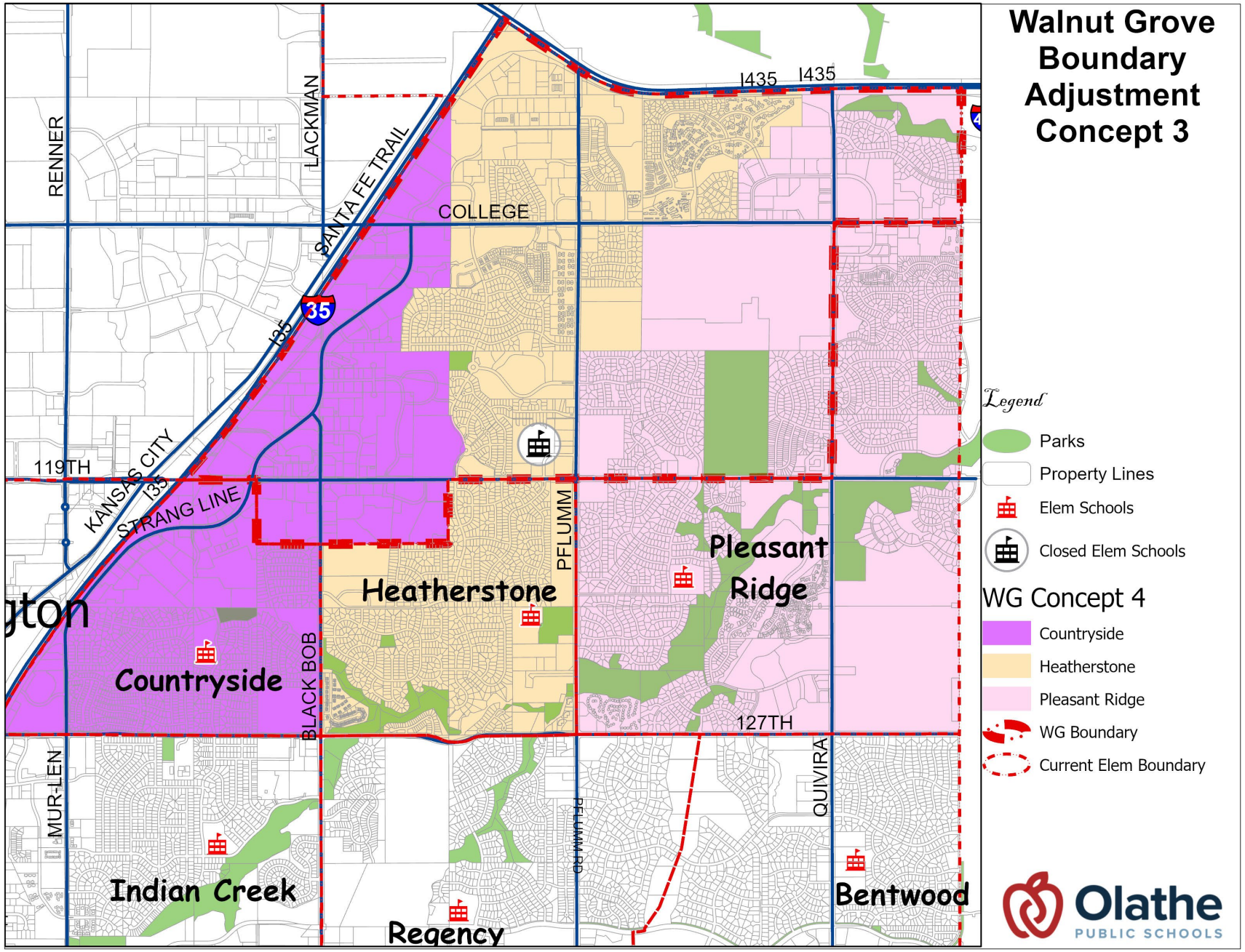
WG Option 2: Five-year Enrollment Estimate

School	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2031 Percent Functional Capacity
Heatherstone	315	565	571	575	565	562	83.5%
Pleasant Ridge	287	394	381	386	387	379	73.6%
Walnut Grove	388						

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Boundary Concept 3


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KANSAS CITY
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WG Concept 3: Walnut Grove split between Countryside (CS), Heatherstone(HN) and Pleasant Ridge (PR)

Grades	WG Student	HN Student	Concept 3	Section	Class Size
Grade K	34	51	85	4	21.3
Grade 1	50	38	88	4	22.0
Grade 2	30	47	77	4	19.3
Grade 3	35	39	74	3	24.7
Grade 4	36	45	81	4	20.3
Grade 5	42	48	90	4	22.5
Total	**227**	268	**495**	23	21.5

WG Student	PR Student	Concept 3	Section	Class Size
18	52	70	3	23.3
22	41	61	3	20.3
16	43	59	3	19.7
18	37	55	3	18.3
19	48	67	3	23.3
14	46	60	3	20
107	267	**374**	18	20.7

74% Heatherstone's Functional Capacity no ECSE

72% of Pleasant Ridge's Functional Capacity no ECSE

2026-27 Information

WG Concept 3: Walnut Grove split between Countryside (CS), Heatherstone (HN) & Pleasant Ridge (PR)

Grades	WG Student	CS Student	Concept 3	Section	Class Size
Grade K	4	46	50	3	16.7
Grade 1	11	35	46	2	23.0
Grade 2	4	50	54	3	18
Grade 3	3	61	64	3	21.3
Grade 4	6	48	54	2	27.0
Grade 5	7	60	67	3	22.3
Total	**35**	300	**335**	16	20.9

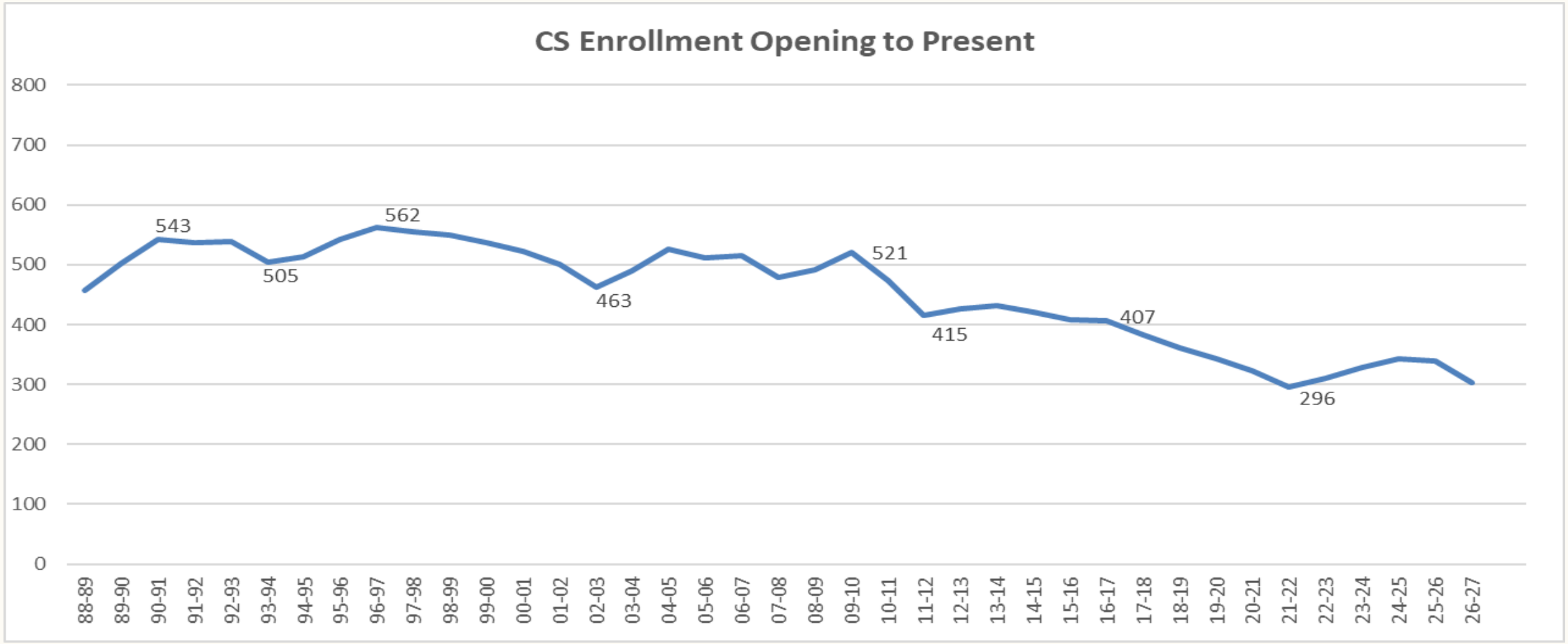
54% of Countryside's Functional Capacity

2026-27 Information

Countryside Information

2026 Enrollment	303 students
2026 Functional Capacity	617 students
Percent of Capacity	49.1%
Change from 2025	-36 students
Growth Potential	0 students
Classroom Count	27
Support Programs	Title 1 Reading & Math, ELL, & CBR

Countryside Historic Enrollment



WG Option 3: Five-year Enrollment Estimate

School	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2031 Percent Functional Capacity
Countryside	300	322	314	294	282	291	48.2%
Heatherstone	315	530	536	540	530	527	78.3%
Pleasant Ridge	287	394	381	386	387	379	73.6%
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Transportation Information

Transportation Eligibility

- **Free Bus Service**: Available to students residing 2.5 miles or more from their assigned elementary school.
- **Payride Option**: Offered on a space-available, first-come, first-served basis for students residing between 1.0 and 2.49 miles from their assigned elementary school.
- **Transportation Variance**: Offered on a space-available, first-come, first-served basis for students that reside less than 1.0 miles to their assigned elementary school and reside within a designated Transportation Variance area.

Transportation Variance Criteria

The district may designate a Transportation Variance when conditions within an attendance area create significant concerns for students walking to school. Key factors considered include:

- Roadway speed limits and traffic volume;
- Availability of sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure;
- Complex street crossings, including wide or multi-lane roadways; or
- Railroad crossings and other unique hazards.

The presence of a trained crossing guard is considered an effective safety measure and generally removes the need for a transportation variance at a crossing location.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Busing Costs (2026/2027)** – Busing for students under 2.5 miles from their home to school is $340 per student for the year. There is a 25% discount for early registration. Families that qualify for free/reduced lunch and meet bus eligibility are eligible for free bus service.
- **Crossing Guard** – School district and City staff will cooperatively determine where to locate the crossing guards across multiple boundary changes.

Next Steps

- Boundary meetings for impacted buildings
- District administration will make a boundary recommendation at the December Board of Education meeting
- The Board of Education will be asked to take action on new boundaries at their January 2027 meeting
- Schools involved in the new boundaries will have dedicated transition teams and ongoing communication to assist with the transition for the 2027-28 school year

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Questions?