



Enrollment Projections Student Registration

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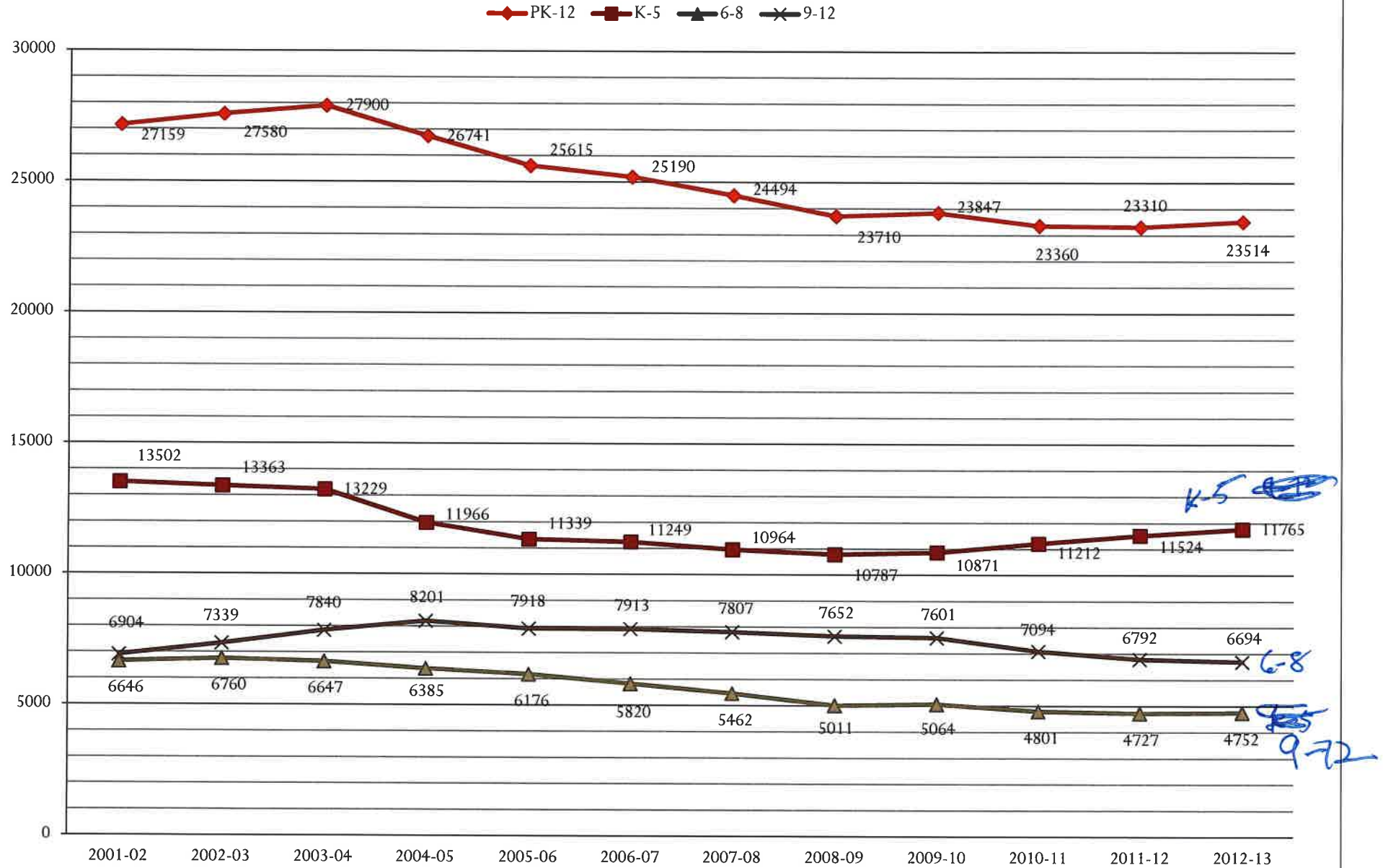
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Historical & Current PPSD Enrollment



Data from Reg System (09/17/2012) & NESDEC (Dec 2011)

Historical Enrollment Data

- Providence Public School enrollment **decreased 16.9%** from 2003-2004 to 2011-2012.
- Enrollment is now starting to grow again.
 - Elementary school enrollment (grades K-5) started to increase in the *2009-2010 school year*.
 - Middle school enrollment (grades 6-8) increased *this year*.

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Enrollment Projections

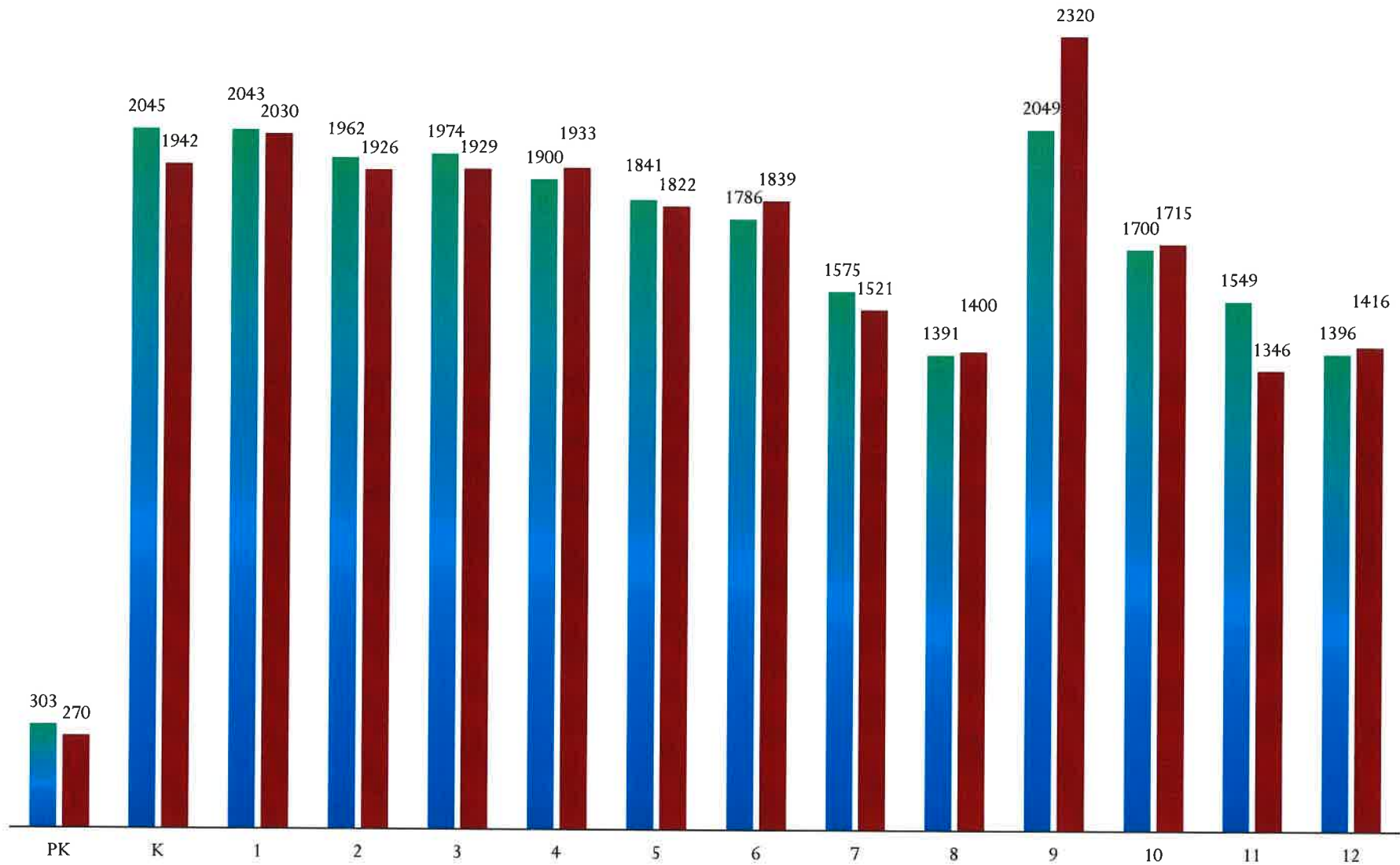
- The school department commissions projections from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) annually. These projections show a *slow but continued increase* in enrollment.
- We have already exceeded last year's projections for the current year:
 - 103 students over in K,
 - 54 students over in grade 7,
 - 203 over in grade 11.
 - Grade 9 was a notable exception, enrolling 271 less students than projected by NESDEC.

*Current year school data is from our internal Reg system as of
09/17/2012.*

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PPSD Enrollment by Grade

■ 2012 Current Enrollment ■ 2012 Enrollment Projections - NESDEC



Forward Challenges

- We currently have 1,841 5th grade students who will enter middle schools next year.
- They will be replacing 1,391 8th grade students who will be going on to high school next year.
- We traditionally lose about 100 students total from 6th and 7th grade as they move on to the following year.

This is a net increase of 350 students in our middle schools next year.

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Forward Challenges

- The school department is currently evaluating options to accommodate these extra 350 students next year. Some options are:
 - Additional classrooms in current middle schools.
 - Relocation of some specialty programs to high schools.
 - Utilization of space in other city buildings.

*No options have been ruled in or out
and all remain on the table.*

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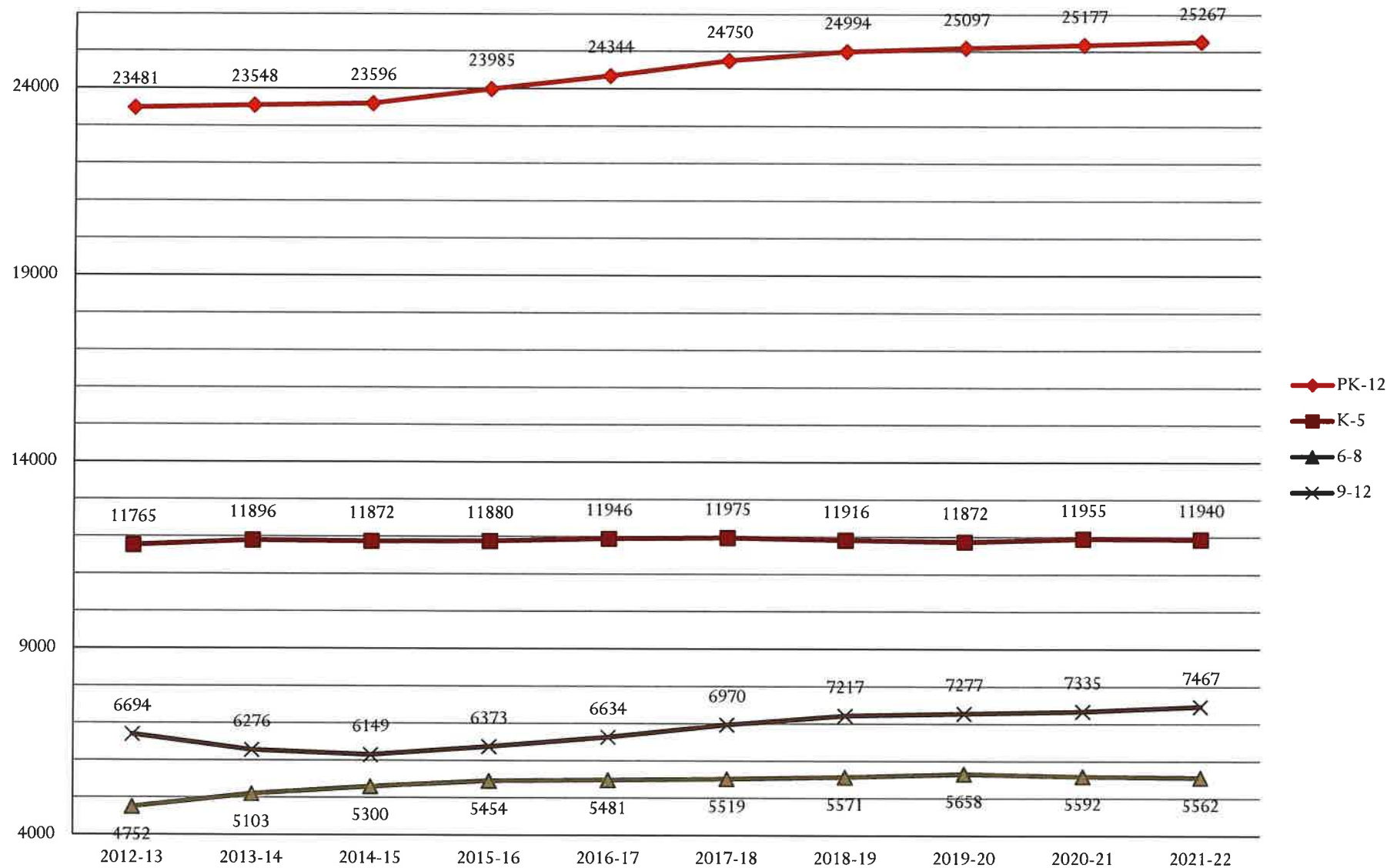
Forward Challenges

- We believe that our enrollment growth will continue over the next three years and beyond.
 - The increase in elementary school enrollment that started in 2009-2010 will continue and propagate into the higher grades.
 - We will have approximately 700 more middle school students in three years than we do now.
 - High school enrollment will be down for the next two years as the smaller classes exit the middle schools, but will then begin to increase again.

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PPSD Enrollment Projections

*Modified NESDEC Projections
Accounting for Current Year Increase*



Student Registration & Placement

- Quick Facts

- Director of Student Placement: Dr. Jose Gonzalez

- ✿ 1 Placement Specialist

- ✿ 1 Placement Analyst

- ✿ 6 Placement Officers

- ✿ 2 Clerical Staff

- ✿ 3 Teachers

- ✿ 2 Nurses

- ✿ 1 Guidance Counselor

- The Registration and Placement Center is open six days a week and until 6:00 p.m. on weekdays during the run up to the beginning of school and for the several weeks following the start of school.

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Student Registration

Registration is an ongoing process that **does not stop** when the school year starts.

Registration has enrolled 1,948 new kindergarten students so far for this school year.

Registration has enrolled 690 transfer students for this school year.

We are opening THREE kindergarten classes this week – and may need more if the students keep coming!

Data from Reg as of 09/18/2012

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How do we open classrooms?

- When we need new classrooms, there are several considerations:
 - Which schools have room?
 - Which schools have the programs (e.g., Bilingual, ESL, Special Education) that the students need?
 - Is there a particular neighborhood where the new students reside?
 - Can we easily provide transportation to the students who need it?

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Student Placement

The current School Board policy *for break grades (K, 6, and 9) only*:

- Assign **80%** of seats to **neighborhood students**.
- Assign **20%** of seats to **non-neighborhood students**.

“Students of equal priority with same preference for the same school are randomly ordered for purposes of determining assignment.”

Students that do not get their first choice may be placed on the waiting list.

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Student Placement

- In non-break grades – or after the choice deadline passes - students are assigned to neighborhood schools only, provided space is available.
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- Often, space is NOT available, particularly in smaller facilities; for example, Vartan Gregorian, Anthony Carnevale, Reservoir, and E-Cubed.

In some areas, neighborhoods are growing, meaning more demand for these schools.

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Student Transfers

- Students may be placed on a transfer list to any school.
- There are priorities for transfer requests:
 - ✿ Neighborhood child with siblings in the school.
 - ✿ Neighborhood child with no siblings in the school.
 - ✿ Non-neighborhood child with siblings in the school.
 - ✿ Non-neighborhood child with no siblings in the school.

In some cases (e.g., Nathan Bishop, Vartan Gregorian) waiting lists can be 50 or more students long in some grades.

Enrollment Shifts and Placements

- A shift in enrollment numbers year-to-year affects how classes are distributed at schools.

Student Enrollment			
	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	1578	1730	9.6%
7th Grade	1337	1514	13.2%
8th Grade	1643	1330	(19.1%)
Total	4558	4574	0.4%

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Middle School Breakdowns

Delsesto Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	346	389	12.4%
7th Grade	231	331	43.3%
8th Grade	354	229	(35.3%)
Total	931	949	1.9%

Gilbert Stuart Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	252	283	12.3%
7th Grade	236	233	(1.3%)
8th Grade	261	223	(14.6%)
Total	749	739	(1.3%)

Nathan Bishop Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	230	234	1.7%
7th Grade	213	226	6.1%
8th Grade	247	214	(13.4%)
Total	690	674	(2.3%)

Nathaneal Greene Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	300	348	16.0%
7th Grade	323	307	(5.0%)
8th Grade	317	321	1.3%
Total	940	976	3.8%

Esek Hopkins Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	185	208	12.4%
7th Grade	110	182	65.5%
8th Grade	197	135	(31.5%)
Total	492	525	6.7%

Roger Williams Enrollment - September 17

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Percent Change
6th Grade	265	269	1.5%
7th Grade	224	237	5.8%
8th Grade	267	210	(21.3%)
Total	756	716	(5.3%)

Current Enrollment Challenges

- Kindergarten – Bilingual, ESL, and regular education
- 1st Grade – ESL
- 2nd Grade – Bilingual
- 3rd Grade – ESL
- 6th Grade – ESL & Bilingual
- High School, all grades – ESL

More classrooms & resources may be needed as enrollment continues to increase.

Thank you!

Questions?

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