



Walla Walla Public Schools

COMMUNITY UPDATE – 2025



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Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

Topics

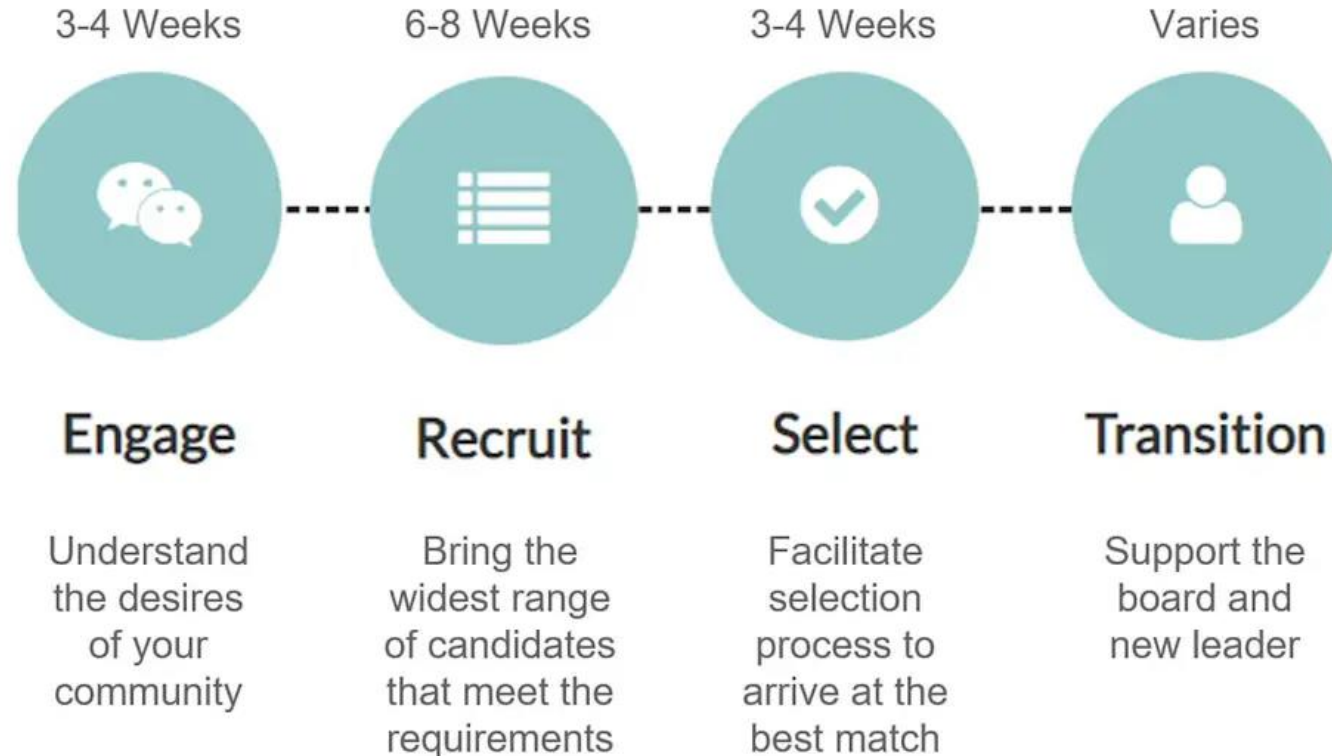
- Superintendent Search Update
- Continued Student Success
- Capital Levy Update
- Challenges Ahead Facing our Schools
- Q and A



Superintendent Search Process

HYA'S SIGNATURE SEARCH PROCESS

HYA | HAZARD
YOUNG
ATTEA
ASSOCIATES



Superintendent Search Timeline

TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
January 21	Planning Meeting with the Board of Directors Individual Interviews with Board Members
January/February	Engagement – Stakeholder interviews; focus groups; forums; survey
January 22	Post Position; Advertise/Market/Recruit; Accepting Applications; Vetting Candidates
February 18	Leadership Profile Report Presented
Mid-March	Presentation of Candidates to the Board Interview Workshop
Late March	Interviews (Semi-Finalists & Finalists)
Early April	Selection of New Superintendent
April - June	Transition Activities July 1 – Contract Begins



Continued Student Success



- ✓ Half of all high school students are enrolled in at least one AP, Honors or College-level course.
- ✓ 1 in 4 high school students enrolled in a CTE class.
- ✓ Over 1 in 5 students graduating with their Seal of Bi-literacy.
- ✓ 95% of all Walla Walla Public Schools students are graduating on time!
 - ✓ Latino students graduating at a rate 15% higher than the state!
- ✓ More WWPS students are attending & persisting at post-secondary schooling after graduation than the state!



2024 LEVY MEASURES

INVESTING IN
THE SUCCESS
OF OUR
STUDENTS

STRONG

LEVIES
BENEFIT
ALL
STUDENTS

SCHOOLS | FAMILIES | FUTURE

Thank you voters

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LEVY 1

REPLACEMENT
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS &
OPERATIONS "LEARNING LEVY"

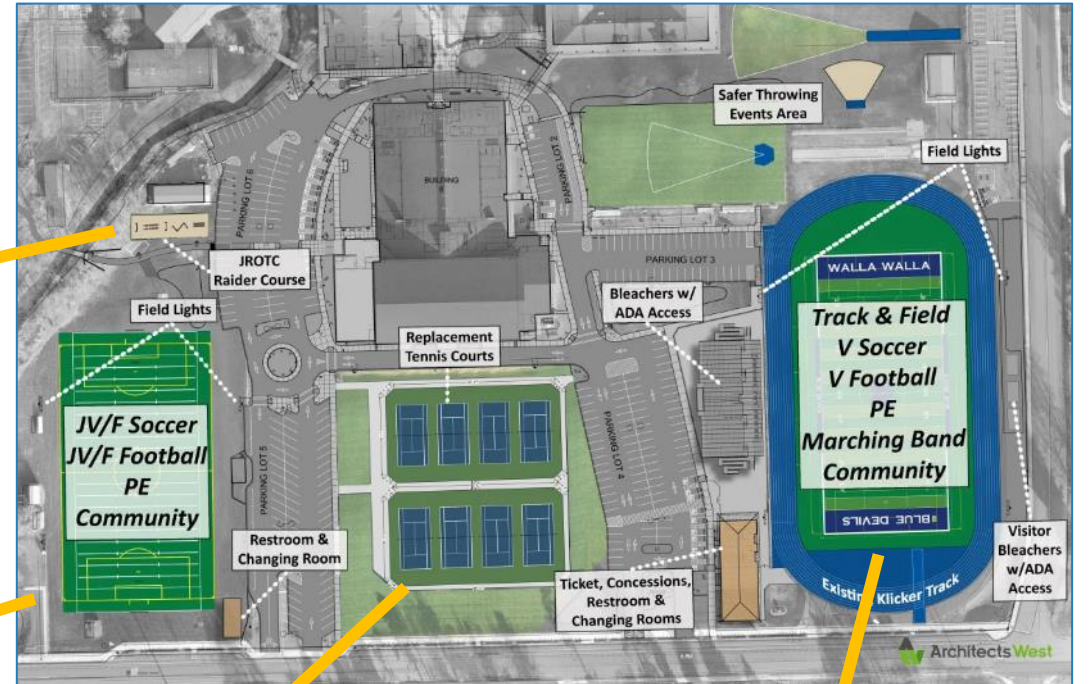


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LEVY 2

OUTDOOR ATHLETIC
& ACTIVITY FACILITIES
CAPITAL LEVY





Blue Devil Stadium and Murr Sports Field Light Improvements Underway!



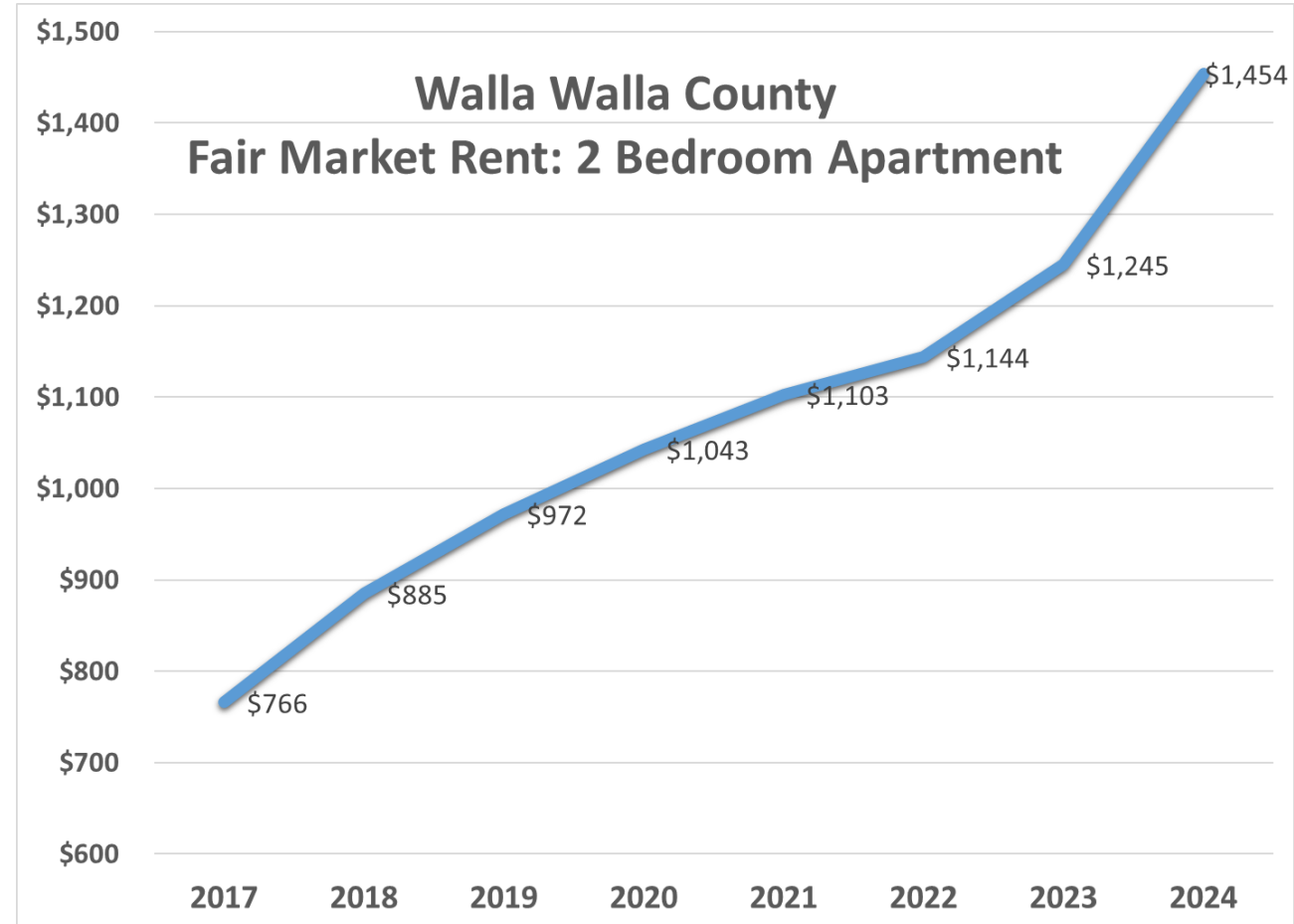
Walla Walla Schools & Community At-a-Glance

District Data

- 7 in 10 in poverty
- 1 in 3 Walla Walla Children are being raised in a single parent household

Community Data

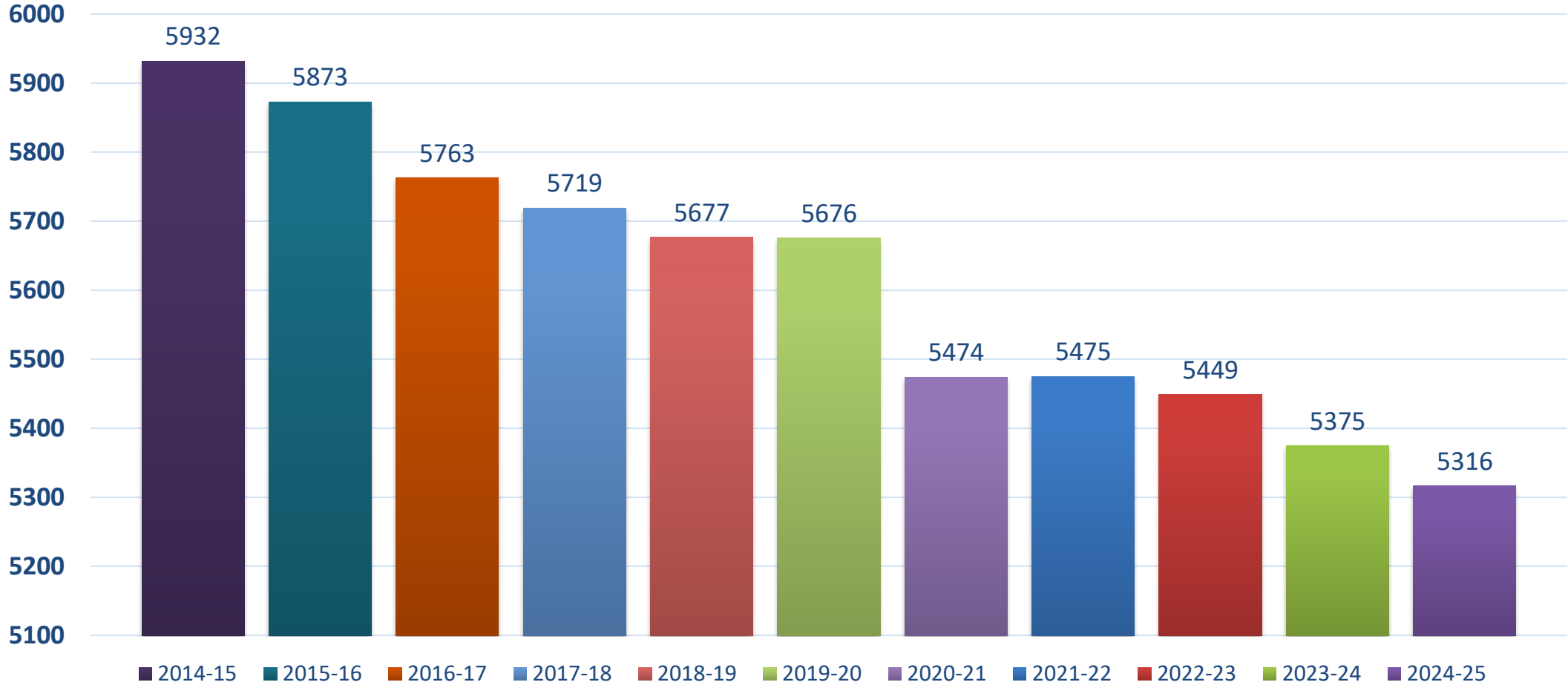
- Housing Affordability Index
 - 69 (130, 7 years ago)
 - 49.5 for first-time homebuyers
- Rental Affordability
 - Half of our renters are paying more than 30% of their annual income on rent
- Child Care Desert
 - 20 licensed child care slots for 431 infants & 63 slots for 905 toddlers (1-2yrs old)





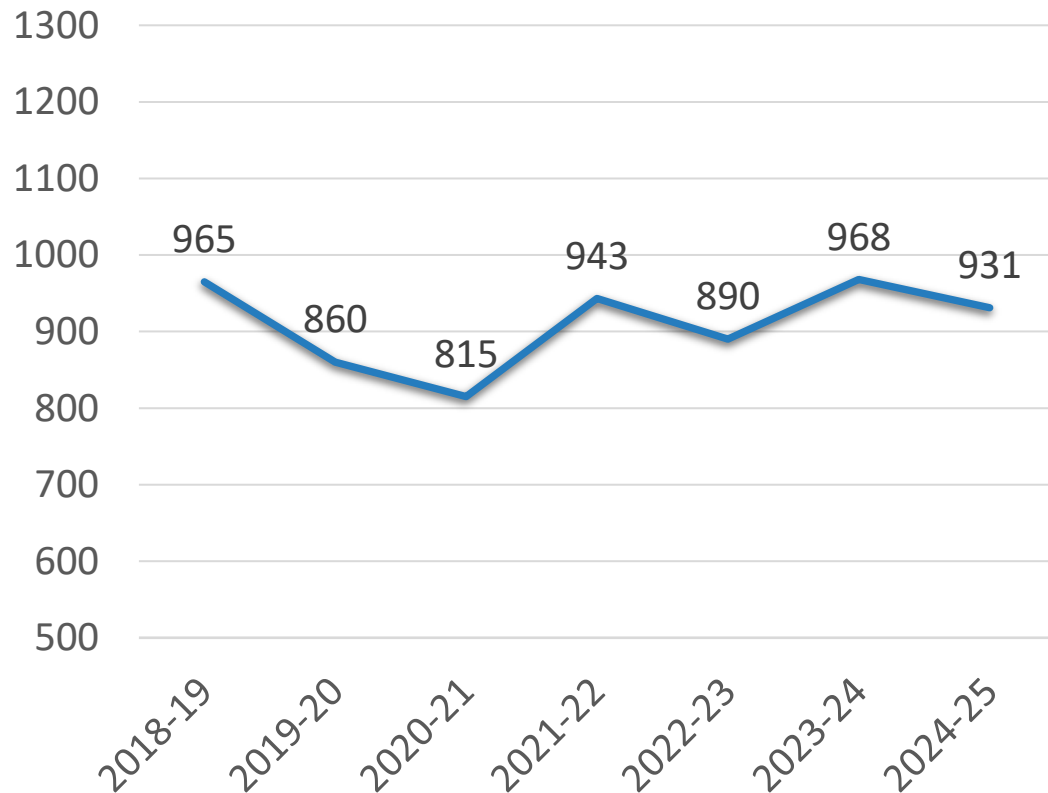
How is This
Impacting Our Local
Schools?

Districtwide Enrollment Trends Since 2014

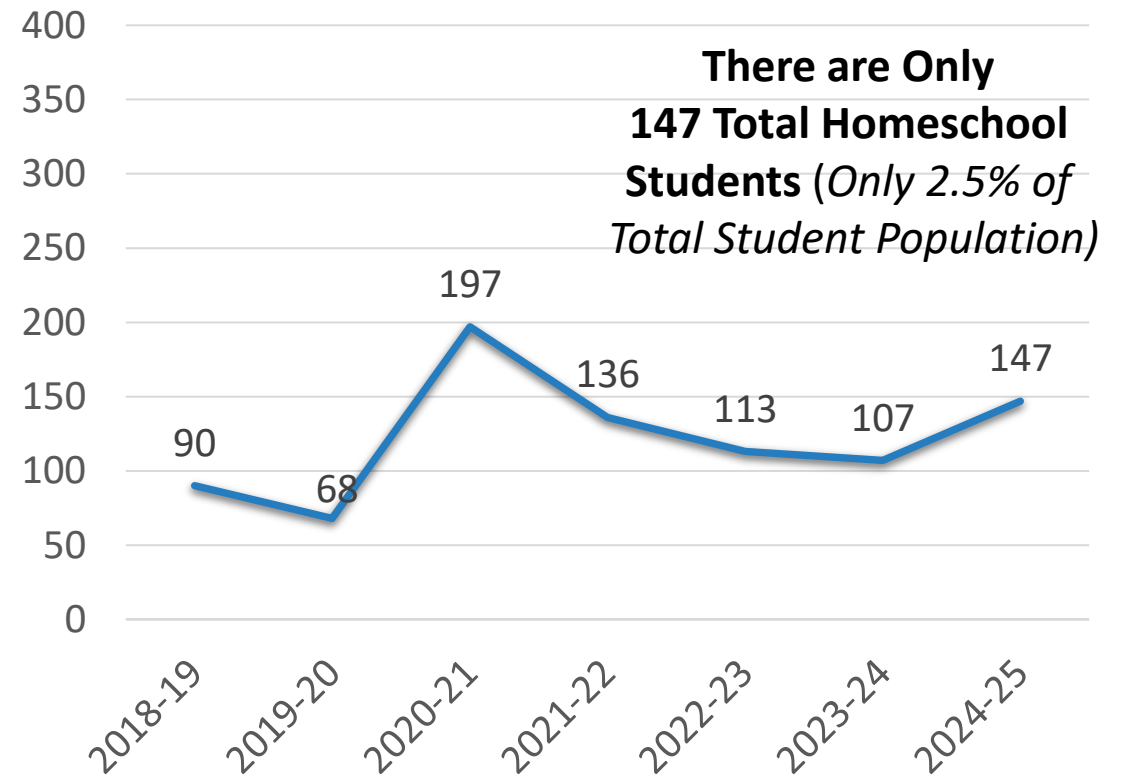


It's Not Due to Private or Homeschool Enrollment. In fact...

Private School Enrollment

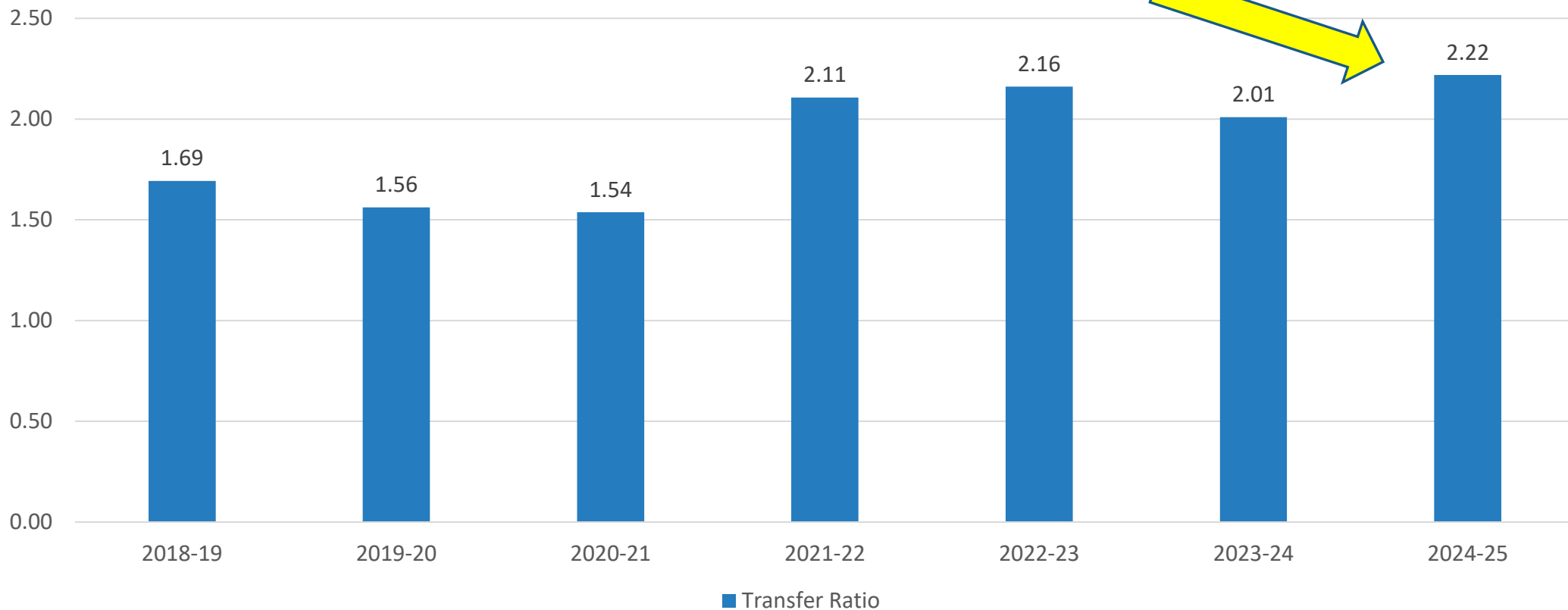



Home School Enrollment



It's Not Because Students Are Transferring out of WWPS to Other Districts. In fact...

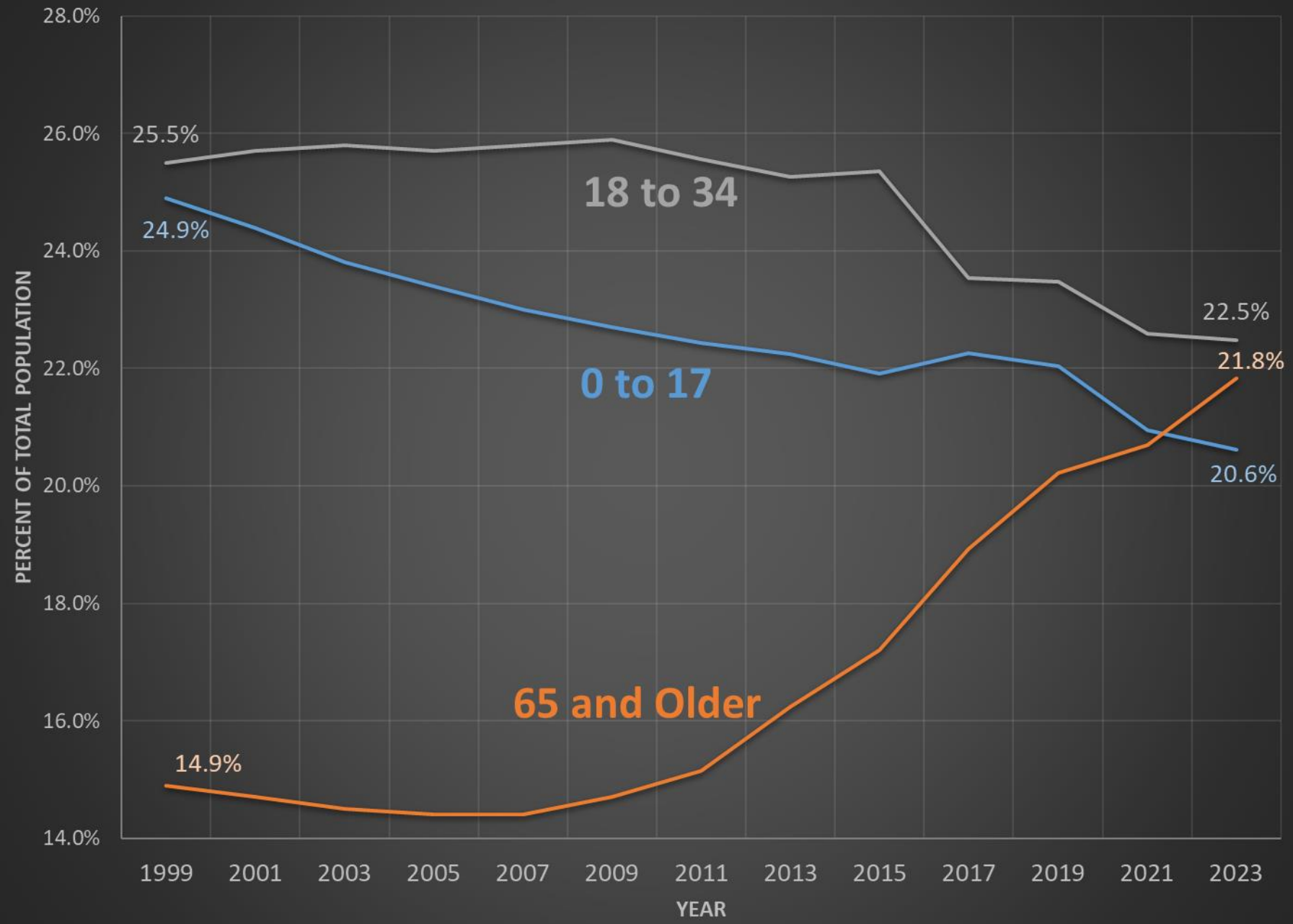
We maintain the largest transfer-in ratio on record this year (2.22:1)



A young girl with long brown hair in pigtails is looking through a large magnifying glass held over her right eye. She has a surprised expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. She is wearing a pink shirt with black polka dots. The background is a plain, light gray.

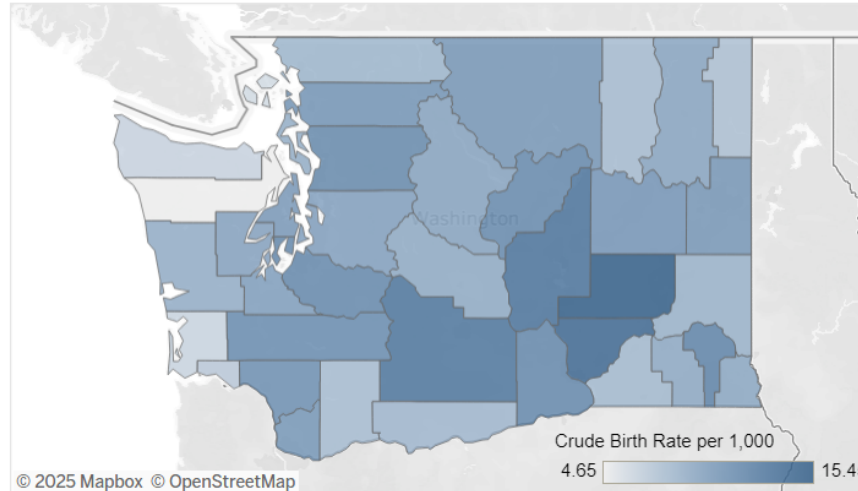
What Appears
to be the Culprit
for Such a
Precipitous
Decline of
Students?

There are
Simply Less
Students and
Young
Families in
Our
Community

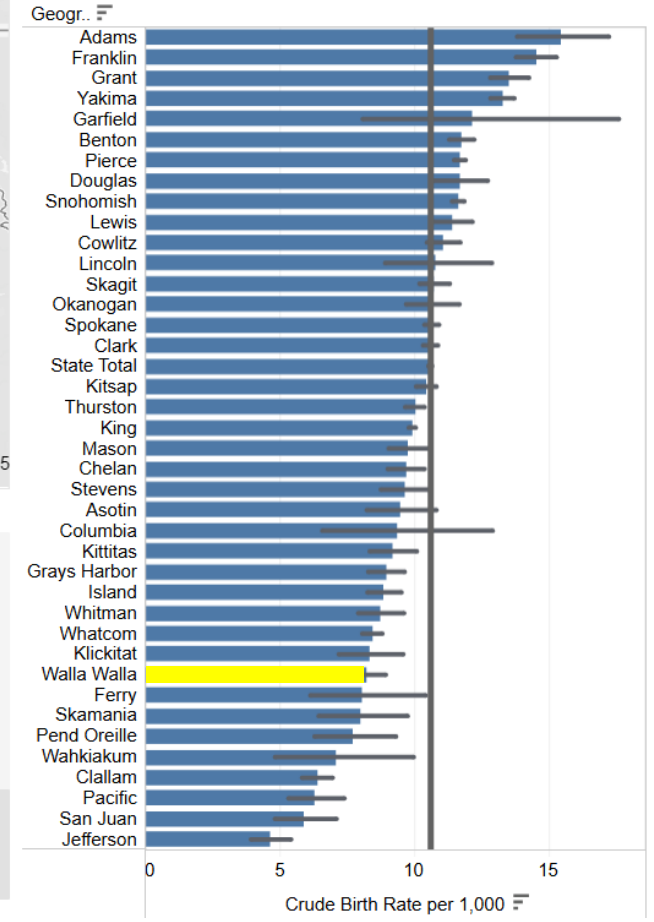


As a Result: Steep Decline in Birth Rates

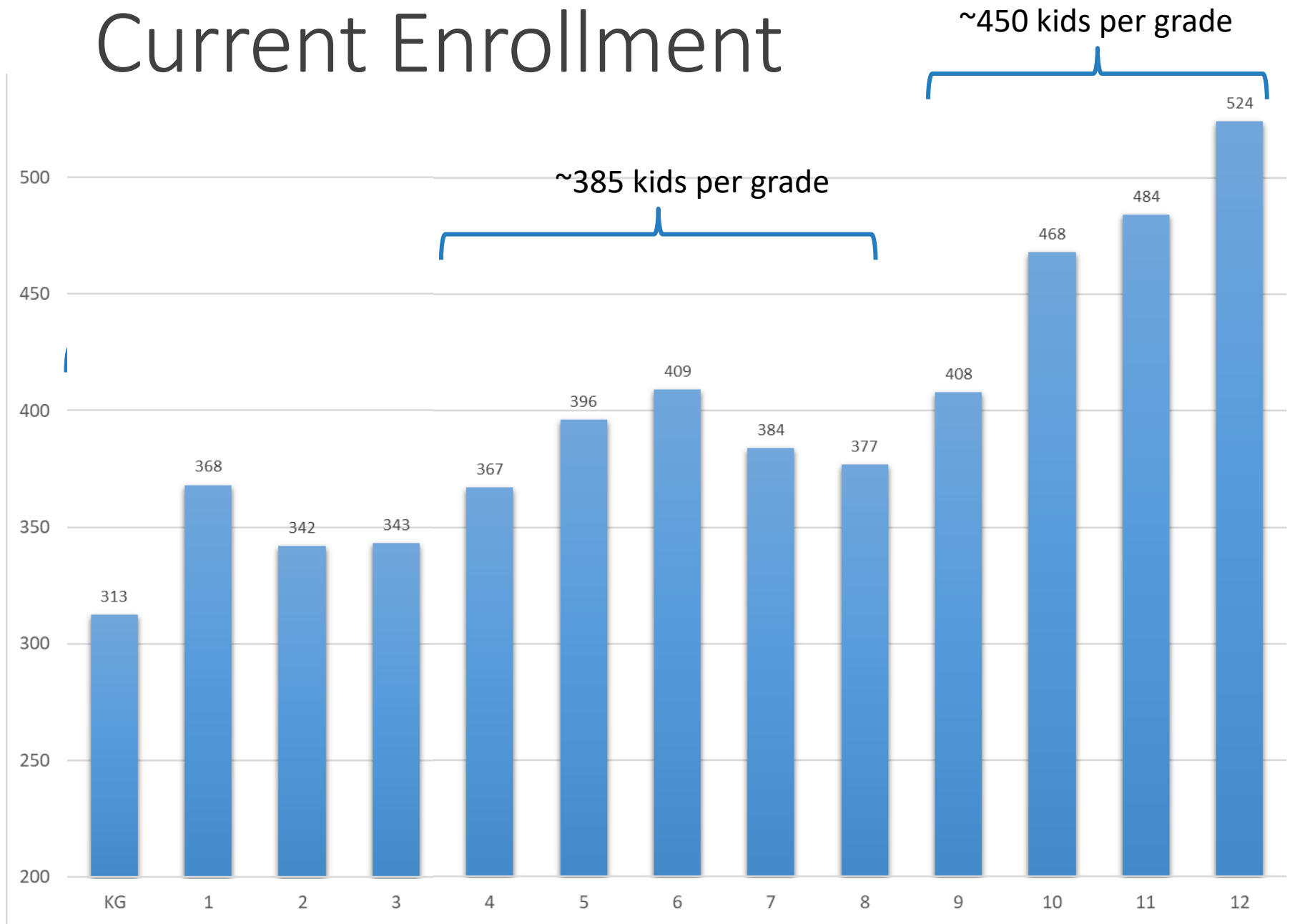
- Birth rates in Walla Walla County have declined by approximately 25% in 7 years.
- 8th lowest in Wa. State.



Geography	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
San Juan	107	102	110	100	85	84	74	83
Skagit	1,411	1,393	1,350	1,392	1,387	1,430	1,510	1,442
Skamania	95	89	109	100	93	100	49	36
Snohomish	9,855	9,756	9,339	9,669	9,754	9,877	10,031	9,743
Spokane	5,865	5,846	5,718	5,809	5,728	5,886	6,096	6,002
Stevens	453	458	407	375	429	432	438	429
Thurston	3,011	3,126	2,942	3,063	3,105	3,071	3,193	3,058
Wahkiakum	32	29	26	21	36	27	11	22
Walla Walla	514	604	559	618	604	613	660	666
Whatcom	1,955	2,022	2,003	1,992	2,161	2,164	2,276	2,364
Whitman	418	375	378	348	361	418	407	409
Yakima	3,449	3,383	3,563	3,489	3,688	3,788	3,930	3,991



Current Enrollment



What Are The Implications and What Can We Do About it?

- How do we maintain the coveted electives and programs at elementary and middle school levels (e.g. HiCap, orchestra, band, choir, advanced courses, foreign language, dual, CTE...) if our student population continues to recede?
- Is it possible to continue the comprehensive high school offerings our community has come to expect for decades once the small classes reach their doorstep?
- How can we come together as a community to help tackle some of the key drivers that are impacting our ability to recruit young families to our community?



Any Questions or Suggestions?

