

## **Troy Schools Capacity Management Discussion**

Open-ended question to Troy Schools Elementary Superintendent, Mike Williams:

**Describe the period of growth for Troy Schools over the past few decades and what the school board did to accommodate it?**

- Period of largest growth between 1975 and 1990; Troy opened several new schools and closed others.
- Process: Administrators make formal recommendations to the board, followed by public hearing and then board decision.
- Re-districted 5 to 6 times over that period.
  - Started with assigning walkers to neighborhood schools.
  - Split non-walking large subdivisions by semi-major road.
- Short-term actions taken while building new schools
  - Utilized portables extensively
  - Opened old buildings
    - Consolidated kindergarteners across city in one building

Misc info:

- Current class sizes
  - K, 1, 2 : 18-24 per class
  - 3, 4, 5: 20-26 per class
- Mike's experience with "No Vacancy"
  - Not tried at Troy – they place emphasis on moving neighborhoods together
  - Was attempted, to his knowledge, at Utica and the community was "outraged"