



**Northville Public Schools
Enrollment/Projection Committee
Report to the Board of Education
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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

ENROLLMENT/PROJECTIONS COMMITTEE

Charge: This committee will validate both short term (2 years) and long term (5 years) enrollment projections. Through the committee's deliberations, they will arrive at a Districtwide enrollment projection and projections for the elementary, middle and high school level.

Parameters:

The Enrollment/Projections Committee will:

- Employ the services of two enrollment projection consultants and compare the similarities and differences in the respective projections.
- Analyze the enrollment projection findings from the 2003-04 Sinking Fund/Bond Issue Committee's Report to the Board.
- Review past enrollment trends; Districtwide , grade level, grade groupings, and individual schools.
- Have access to the following Reports, 1994 Future Facilities Use Committee, the February 2000 Future Facilities Use Committee, and the 2001 Facility Review Committee.
- Analyze future enrollment trends by District, grade level, grade groupings and by individual school using existing attendance boundaries.
- Reach consensus on a one, two and five year projection.
- Identify the areas where future residential growth will occur.
- Report conclusions to the Board of Education no later than January 2005.

Timelines:

- Begin deliberations in October 2004.
- Report to the Board of Education no later than January 2005.

Committee Membership:

- Interested volunteer staff and community membership not to exceed ten (10) members.
- Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services will serve and the Board's representative and chair.

Process

The Enrollment/Projections Committee met twice during the month of December 2004.

The Committee received and reviewed the following information:

- Sinking Fund/Bond Issue Committee Report
- K-12 Enrollment History
- Student Count Day Enrollment 2004-2005
- Stanfred Enrollment Projections
- Stanfred Projections Past Accuracy
- Education Service, Inc. Enrollment Projections
- Enrollment by subdivision by grade level 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 Report
- Northville Township Project Map
- Novi Sector Proposed Subdivisions
- Grade Level % of Enrollment
- Northville Township Building Permit Information
- Area Private School Enrollment/Construction Reports

The Committee compared the ESI to the Stanfred projections (Attachment A) and found a significant discrepancy between the projections at the elementary level.

Dr. Bruce Van Deusen of Education Service Inc., was invited to the December 13th committee meeting to explain the methodology used to develop District and individual school building projections.

The Committee then reviewed the approved and potential residential developments within the District and concluded the following:

Northville Township

The Six Mile corridor continues as the area of most rapid residential growth in the District (See Township Project Map). The rate of development within the approved subdivisions will produce more children than Ridge Wood will be able to accommodate. (Attachment B)

The State psychiatric hospital property appears to be the last large parcel of property within the township. Since the property has not been sold, the quantity of single and multiple family residences is speculative at this time.

Novi

Attachment C shows approved and proposed residential development in the Novi sector of the District.

The quantity of residences in the proposed developments may change as the projects move through the approval process. The information relative to the number of homes and the timeline for development was updated in November 2004.

Lyon Township

Attachment C shows two major developments. The Kirkway subdivision consists of 179 single family lots, 86 lots will be developed as Phase I beginning in January 2005. The developers expect to sell 15-20 homes per year.

The Windridge development, consisting of 364 single family homes is expected to be developed in the near future.

Salem Township

Large scale developments are not expected in the foreseeable future.

Findings

A review of Stanfred's past enrollment projections show the greatest margin of error has occurred at the elementary level where projections have been consistently lower than the actual count day enrollment. The ESI projection shows a much greater increase in K-5 students than the Stanfred projection. The ESI projection is consistent with the District's past rate of enrollment increases. The Committee believes that the ESI projection more accurately depicts future enrollment trends. (See Attachment D)

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt the ESI "Most Likely" projection for the District and the individual school buildings projections for the next 2-5 years.

The Committee is confident that the variables incorporated into the ESI Projection will provide the most accurate projection.