



Building our Future²⁰²⁵

Community • Growth • Student Success

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2025

Within 10 Years



**8,000
NEW HOMES**



**3,500
NEW STUDENTS**



**15 SCHOOLS
OVER CAPACITY**

Purpose

PRIMARY GOALS

- Ensure adequate classroom space at all grade levels
- Space for early learning, special education, alternative high school and operational facilities
- To achieve the best possible learning environment for students
- Design equitable learning spaces at the elementary, middle and high school levels



Results

BOARD-APPROVED GOALS

Creation of a 10-year facility plan that addresses:

- Enrollment increases from new construction or changing of boundaries
- Modernization of classroom space
- Needed renovations such as elementary bathrooms
- Curriculum and/or Instructional delivery methods
- Transportation facility needs
- Alternative high school space
- Operational facility needs
- Early learning programming
- Special education programming
- How buildings/schools will be repurposed

Results

BOARD-APPROVED GOALS

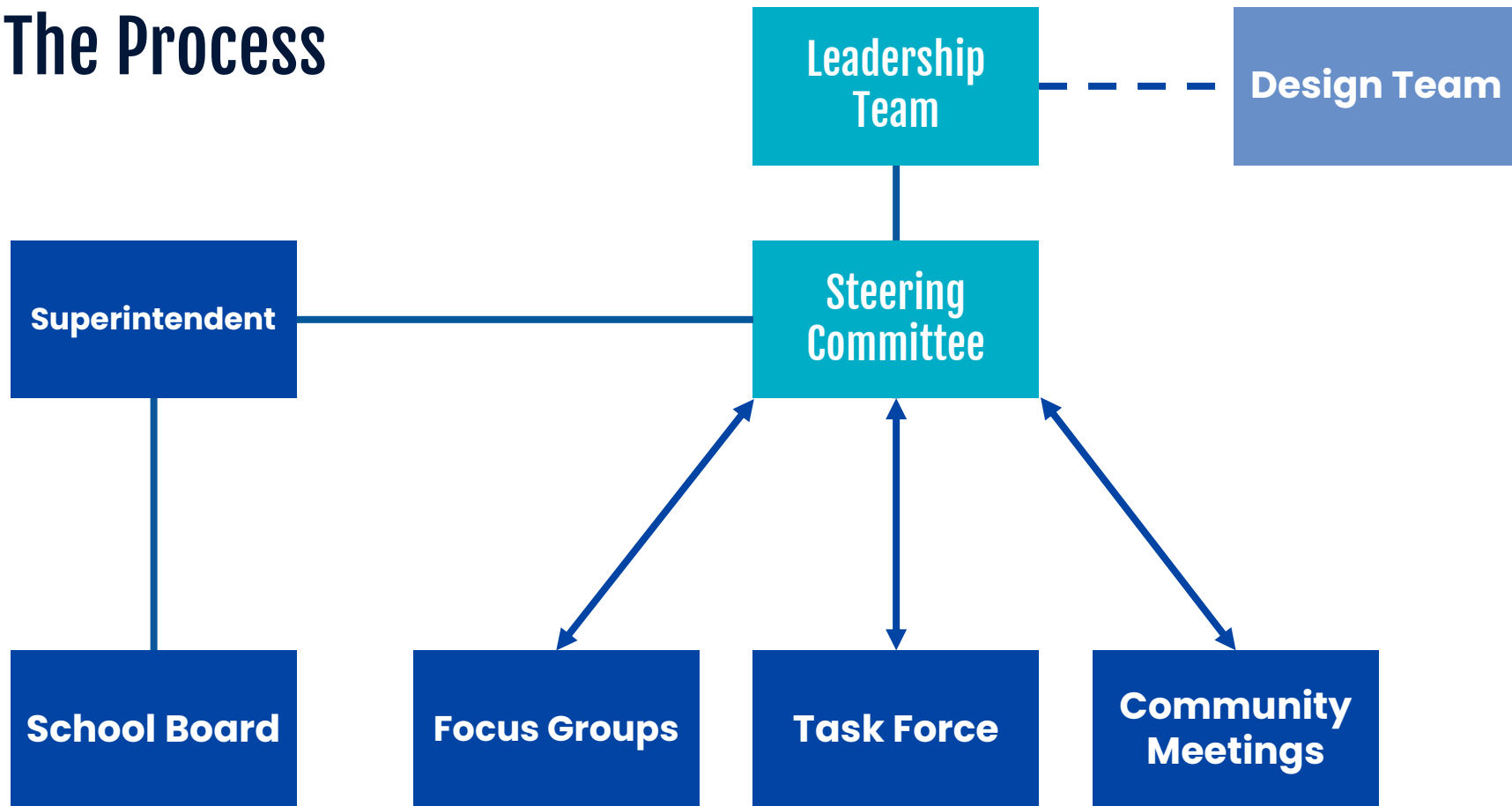
Creation of a 10-year facility plan that addresses:

- Creation of a funding plan to address the costs of the 10-year facility plan which will include bonding, lease levies, and long-term facility maintenance revenue.
- Creation of learning spaces that support:
 - College and career ready students by providing flexible, adaptive spaces for learning
 - Environments that inspire social interactions
 - Diverse instructional styles and accommodate multiple forms of collaboration

The Process

- **Leadership Team:** Guides the process for communications, timelines, meetings, etc.
- **Design Team:** Experts working on potential construction plans, costs and site requirements.
- **Steering Committee:** Administrators who review all input to make a final recommendation to the Superintendent.
- **Task Force:** Staff and community members who serve as an advisory and input group for the Steering Committee.
- **Focus Groups:** Established advisory groups that will provide additional feedback to the Steering Committee.
- **Community Information Sessions:** The opportunity for community members to review the preferred plan and share feedback on the data and decisions to help refine the plan before a final recommendation is sent to the Superintendent for board approval.

The Process



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Timeline

The School Board approved creation of a long-range facility planning process to identify enrollment projections, building capacity calculations, community growth plans and to collect data.

OCT
2018

March–Aug. 2019 The steering committee reviewed and collected enrollment projections, building capacities, community growth plans and other important data.

MARCH
2019

A task force of staff and community members (35+) was created to review enrollment projections, building capacity calculations, community growth plans and collect data in order to provide input on construction options.

JUNE
2019

A steering committee of administrators was created to gather input from stakeholders to help make a final recommendation to the superintendent.

June–Sept. 2019 Facility staff consulted with principals, department leaders, program providers and other internal staff to determine projected facility needs for student learning.

AUG
2019

Focus groups were held with district advisory groups, school staff and city decision-makers to review construction options and provide feedback.

FEB
2020

School construction options were finalized for the community to review.

MARCH
2020

COVID-19 – Long-range facility planning was put on hold. Scheduled community information sessions for feedback on the school construction options were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leadership and steering committees began to regroup to review new data and plans from the previous facility planning process. Home construction and growth continued throughout the pandemic.

MARCH
2021

Facility staff consulted with principals, department leaders, program providers and other internal staff to determine projected facility needs for student learning.

AUG
2021

Steering and leadership committees reviewed the latest Woodbury and Cottage Grove residential building data and projected housing developments.

Long-range Facility Team updated the school board with current and projected enrollment data and housing developments.

**NOV
2021**

The design team and leadership committee revised previous plans to accommodate ongoing growth and new facility and student needs.

**DEC
2021**

New plans, enrollment data and timelines shared with the school board and the original task force for feedback.

**JAN
2022**

The original task force members (staff and community members) revisited the previous construction plans and reviewed new enrollment projections and housing developments.

Planning begins for a bond referendum election for Aug. 9, 2022, pending board approval.

Plan update shared with the school board.

**FEB
2022**

Plans narrowed to one preferred plan and shared with the school board and community.

**MARCH
2022**

Community information sessions scheduled to share the preferred plan and gather feedback.

Request board approval for final long-range facility proposal.

**APRIL
2022**

Request board approval to ask voters to consider construction funding through a bond referendum.

Begin sharing election information, tax impact and sample ballots with voters in preparation for the bond referendum.

**JUNE
2022**

**AUG 9
2022**

Special election for the bond referendum to fund construction in the long-range facility plan.

Earliest completed construction of new buildings and boundary changes.

**FALL
2025**

The Process Post-COVID

- Reviewed pre-covid plans established through community task force, steering committee, leadership team and the design team
- Made adjustments to align with new data:
 - Consultations with principals and department leaders to discover student needs
 - Enrollment projections
 - Building capacity calculations
 - Housing developments
- Three new plans created; currently gathering costs and needs for each plan
- Gathering feedback from the board and task force to establish a preferred plan for presentation to the board and community

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Projected Enrollment

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Over the next 10 years, more than 3,500 potential new K-12 students are expected to move into the district. If we do nothing, current projections show that SoWashCo Schools will have a deficit of nearly 2,500 K-12 seats for students by 2031.



3,500+
Students

25,000

Projected Enrollment

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

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2031

Projected District Enrollment

18,271

18,468

19,365

20,137

20,814

21,458

21,856

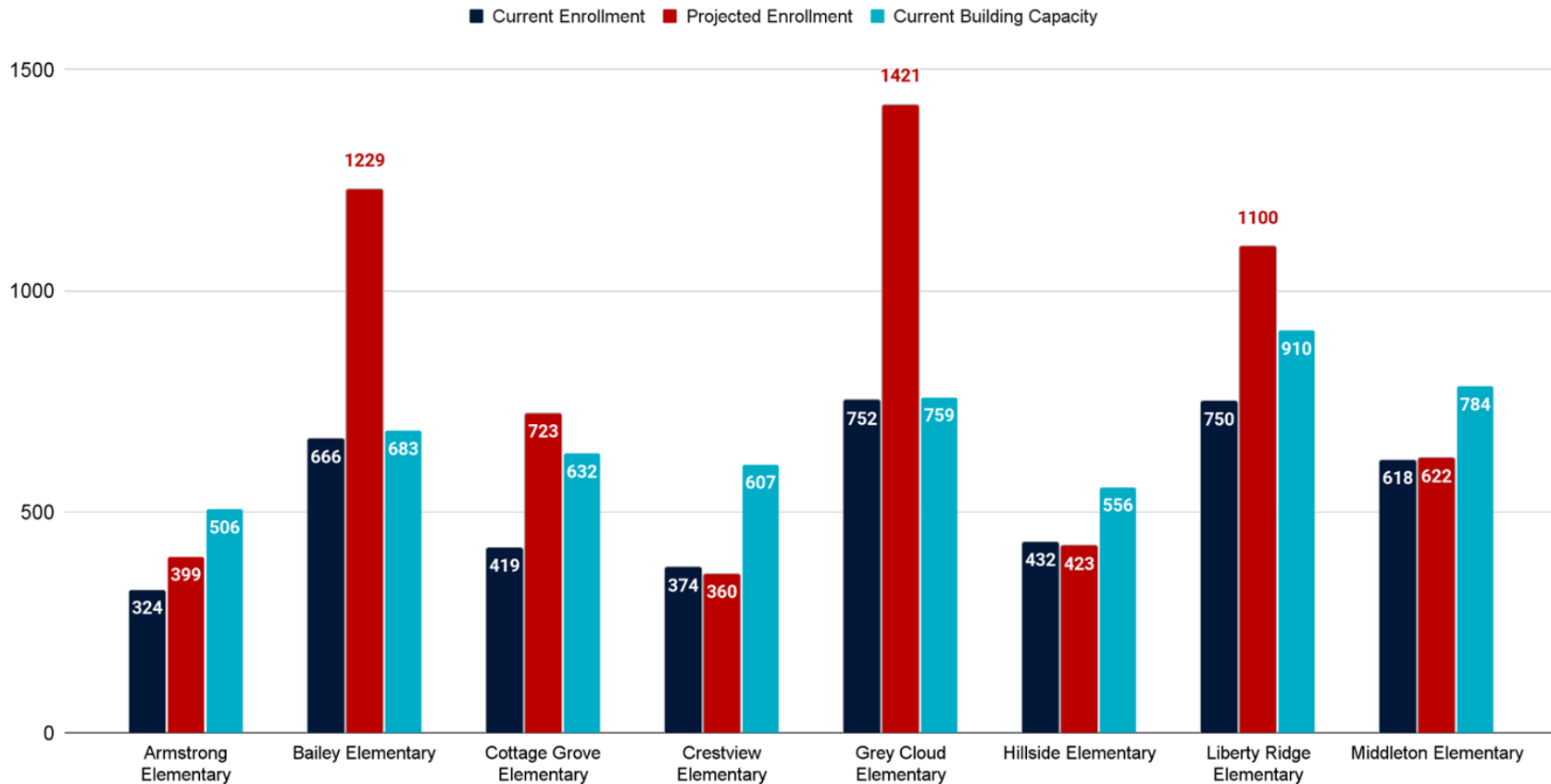
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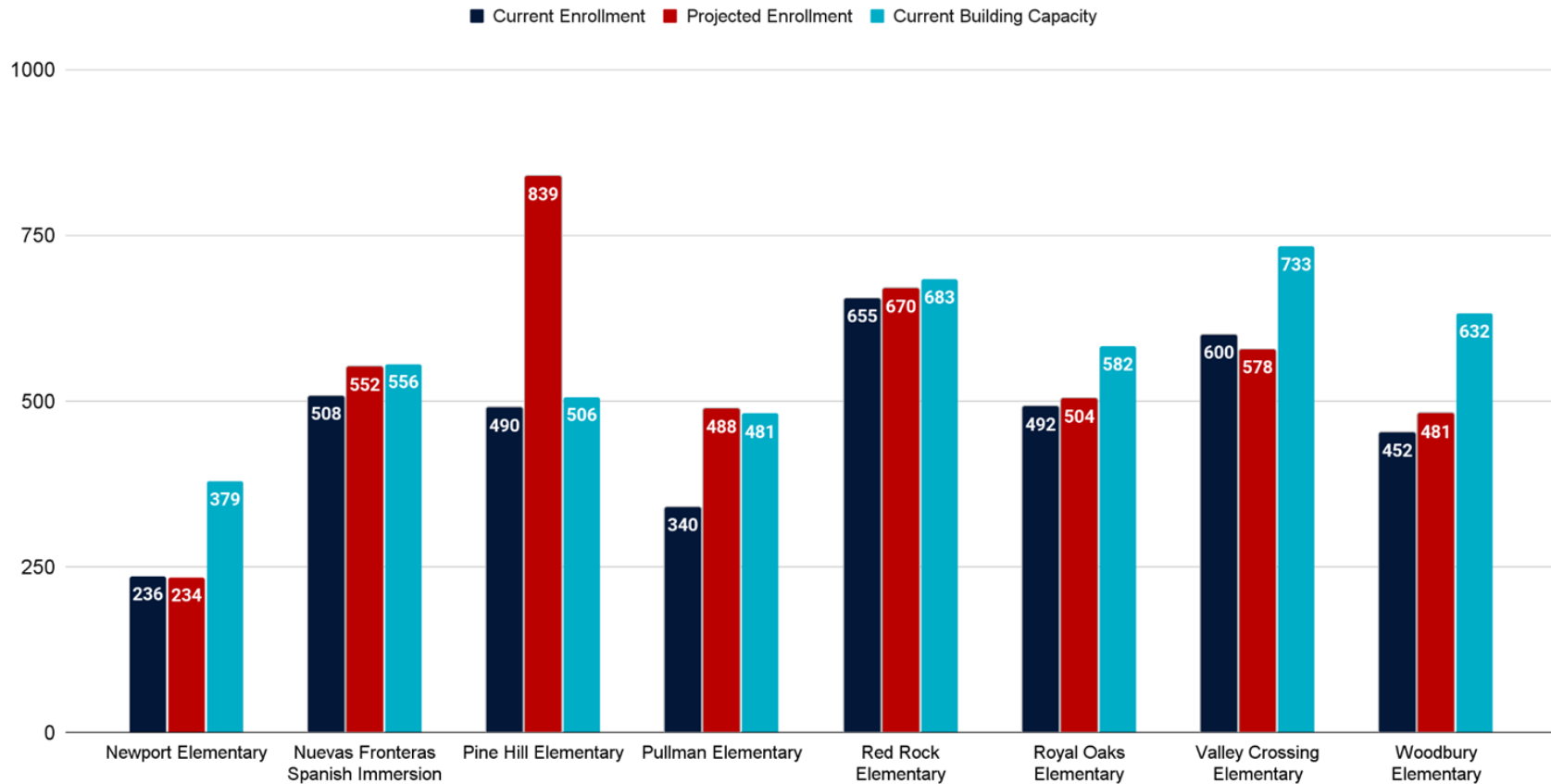
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If We Did Nothing – 10-year Projected Student Enrollment



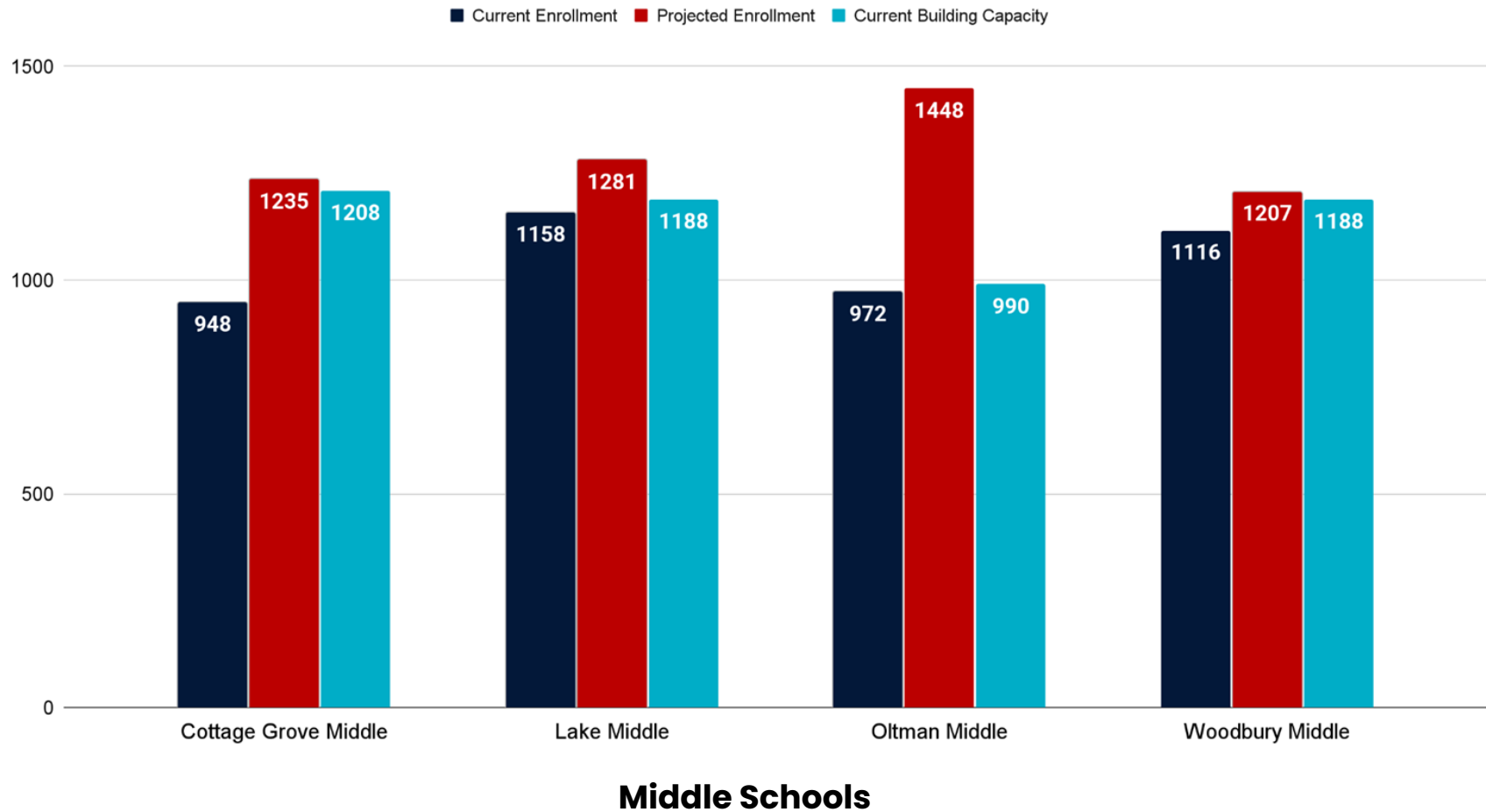
Elementary Schools

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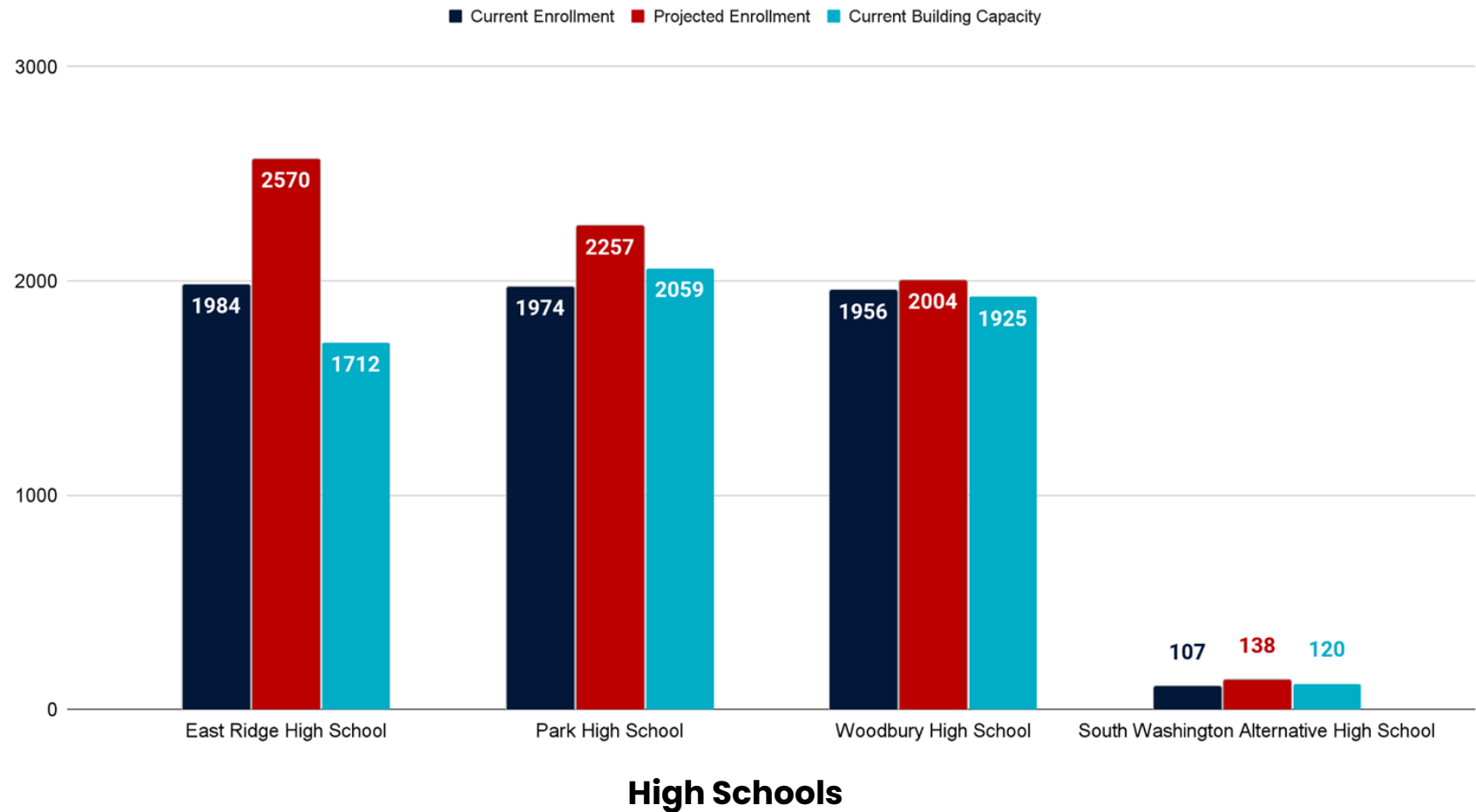


Elementary Schools

If We Did Nothing – 10-year Projected Student Enrollment



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Currently Over Capacity	Over Capacity Within 2 Years	Over Capacity Within 10 Years
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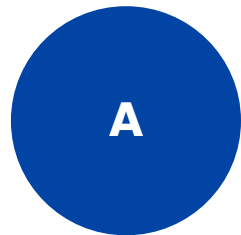


Working Option A

Working Option A – Elementary Schools



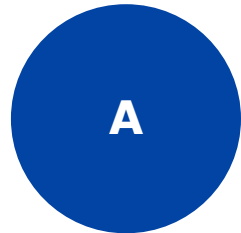
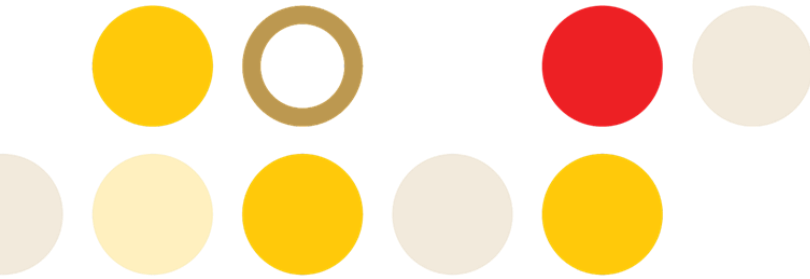
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- Renovation of bathrooms and kitchens for meal service
- Renovation of early learning and special education spaces
- Creation of shared learning spaces for student collaboration
- New elementary school in a central location



Working Option A – Middle Schools



- Construction of classroom additions
- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchen serving areas



Working Option A – High Schools

- Construction of classroom additions
- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchens
- Creation of multipurpose space for online learning
- Renovation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) spaces
- Site redesign to accommodate additional parking, improved traffic flow, increased pedestrian safety and expanded athletic and green space
- Move South Washington Alternative High School to an existing space in the district
- Current high schools increase to 2400 seats each

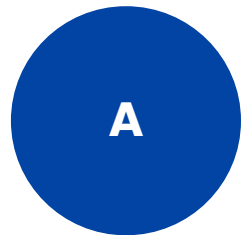
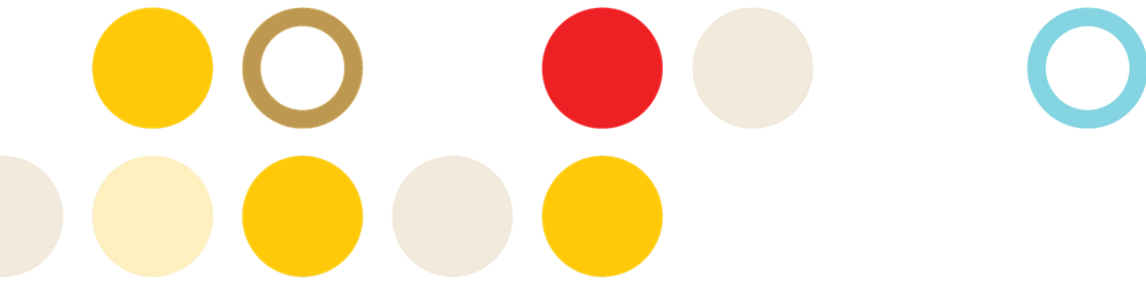
Working Option A – Support Sites

Transportation

- Construction of a centralized transportation and operations center
- Sell current transportation center

Support Sites

- Construction of a centralized district service center with consolidation of district program center
- Sell current district service center and district program center

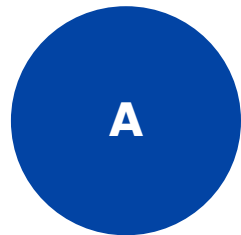
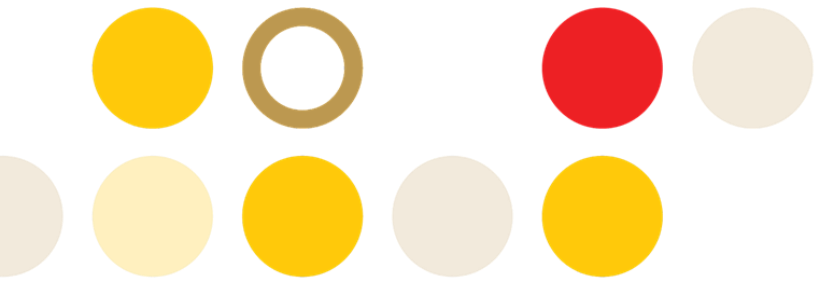


Working Option A – Considerations



\$425 MILLION

- **Elementary School:** Capacity increase from 9,989 to **11,270**
- **Middle School:** Capacity increase from 4,574 to **5,405**
- **High School:** Capacity increase from 5,696 to **7,155**
- South Washington Alternative High School: Capacity increase from 120 to **300**
- Smallest impact on attendance boundaries for elementary and high school levels, no change to middle school



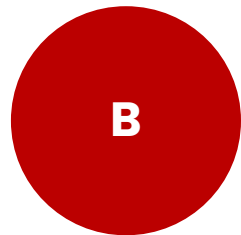
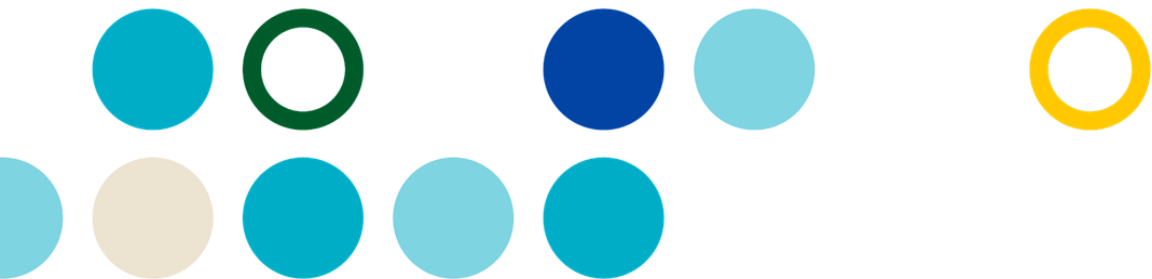


Working Option B

Working Option B – Elementary Schools



- Construction of classroom additions
- Renovation of bathrooms and kitchens for meal service
- Renovation of early learning and special education spaces
- Creation of shared learning spaces for student collaboration
- New elementary school in a central location
- Construction of early learning and kindergarten buildings at some school sites



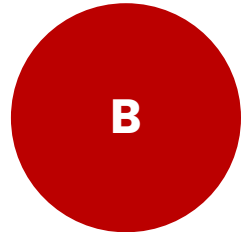
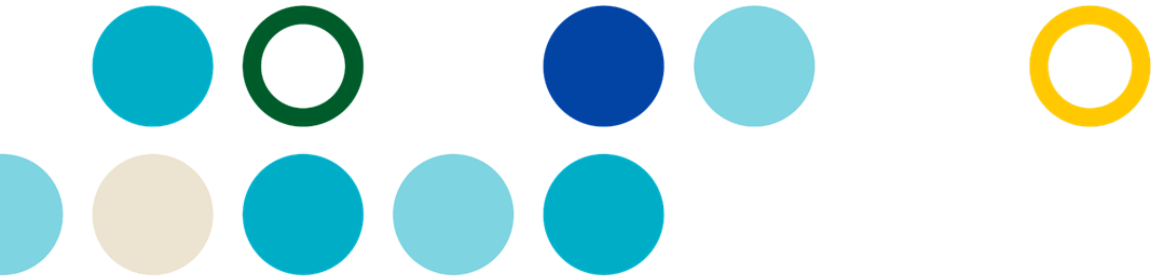
Working Option B – Middle Schools

- Construction of classroom additions
- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchen serving areas



Working Option B – High Schools

- Construction of classroom additions
- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchens
- Creation of multipurpose space for online learning
- Construction of a new high school (850 seats) on a campus
 - Current high schools increase to 2200 seats each



Working Option B – Support Sites

New high school campus to include:

- South Washington Alternative High School
- Next Step program
- Pathways program
- SoWashCo Online learning and staff space
- A centralized district service center

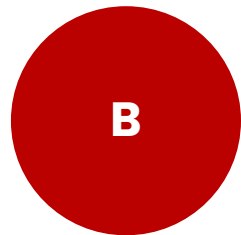
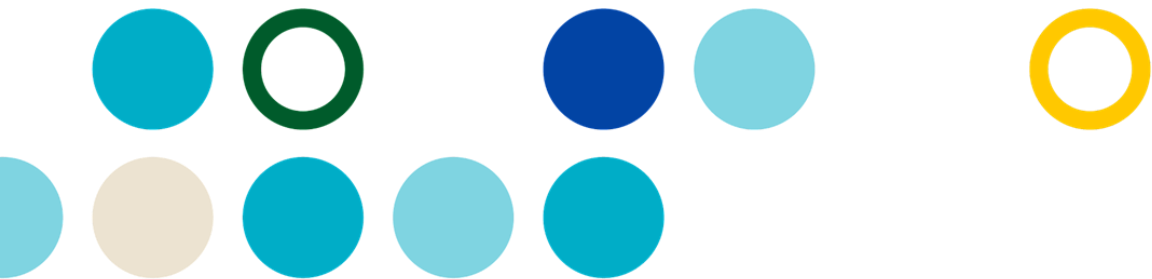
Transportation

- Construction of a centralized transportation and operations center
- Sell current transportation center

Working Option B – Considerations

\$500 MILLION

- **Elementary School:** Capacity increase from 9,989 to **11,848**
- **Middle School:** Capacity increase from 4,574 to **5,405**
- **High School:** Capacity increase from 5,696 to **7,141**
- South Washington Alternative High School: Capacity increase from 120 to **200**
- Minimal impact on attendance boundaries for elementary schools, no change to middle and high schools



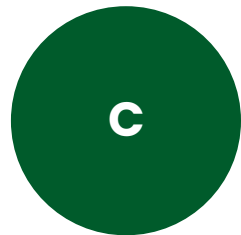


Working Option C

Working Option C – Elementary Schools



- Construction of classroom additions
- Renovation of bathrooms and kitchens for meal service
- Renovation of early learning and special education spaces
- Creation of collaborative learning spaces
- New elementary school in a central location
- Renovation of an existing school to serve as central early learning center
(Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), preschool, Pre-K)



Working Option C – Middle Schools

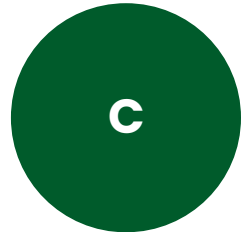
- Construction of classroom additions
- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchen serving areas



Working Option C – High Schools



- Expansion of cafeterias and kitchens
- Creation of multipurpose space for online learning
- Renovation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) spaces
- Construction of a new high school (1700 seats)
 - Current high schools decrease to 1700 students each



Working Option C – Support Sites

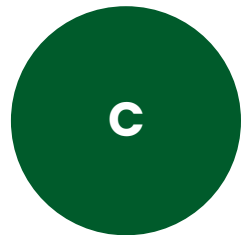


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- A centralized district service center

Transportation

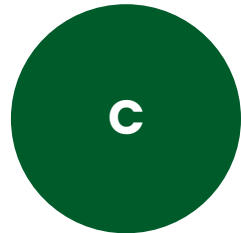
- Construction of a centralized transportation and operations center
- Sell current transportation center



Working Option C – Considerations

\$580 MILLION

- **Elementary School:** Capacity increase from 9,989 to **11,190**
- **Middle School:** Capacity increase from 4,574 to **5,405**
- **High School:** Capacity increase from 5,696 to **7,496**
- South Washington Alternative High School: Capacity increase from 120 to **200**
- Most expensive plan
- Feeder system for schools
- Extensive boundary changes for elementary, middle and high school levels



Working Options – Totals

Total

\$425,000,000

Working Option A

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Total

\$500,000,000

Working Option B

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Total

\$580,000,000

Working Option C

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Construction funding
does not take money
away from
education funding.




Bonds for Buildings

WHAT IS A BOND REFERENDUM?

- A bond referendum gives voters the opportunity to decide if South Washington County Schools should be authorized to raise construction funding through the sale of bonds.
- Bonds allow the District to borrow money that it then pays back over time.
- This is the only method to raise enough funds for new construction.

Next Steps

- Review feedback from the school board and task force
 - Steering committee narrows working options to one preferred plan
 - Gather community, staff and advisory group feedback on preferred plan
 - Present final plan for approval in April
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