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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS – FY2025 TO FY2029**

Attached are the latest five-year enrollment projections for the FY2025 to FY2029 planning period. Table 1 summarizes the projected changes by category.

TABLE 1 – ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

<u>Traditional District Schools</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2028-29</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pre-K	3,567	3,918	351
Elementary	74,960	78,717	3,757
Middle	34,908	36,349	1,441
High	<u>54,480</u>	<u>56,001</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Total K-12	164,348	171,067	6,719
Total PreK-12	167,915	174,985	7,070
<u>Alternative Ed./ESE/Virtual/Charters</u>			
Pre-K	293	295	2
Alternative Ed./ESE	978	1,038	60
Virtual Schools	245	293	48
Charter Schools	<u>22,122</u>	<u>22,984</u>	<u>862</u>
Total K-12	23,345	24,315	970
Total PreK-12	23,638	24,610	972
GRAND TOTAL K-12	187,693	195,382	7,689
GRAND TOTAL PreK-12	191,553	199,595	8,042

Highlights and Trends

1. Enrollment Projection Methodology:

The five-year enrollment projections are calculated via a geographically based cohort survival model, which projects future students by grade. The model is based on three-year historical enrollment as well as birth data to capture the effects of natural trends in student populations. Each school is then analyzed for checks of reasonableness and are adjusted as needed to reflect enrollment changes that are not picked up by the projection model. Some examples where corrections are required include:

- New residential construction
- New residential construction reaching build-out
- Attendance zone changes
- Charter or private school openings/closings
- International immigration trends
- Domestic migration trends
- Changes in economic conditions
- Natural disasters

In addition, projections may be adjusted to reflect annual changes in district programs and/or state mandated plans, these may include:

- Choice programs open to out-of-zone students
- Controlled Open Enrollment (COE)
- Placement of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) clusters
- Placement of PreK units
- Family Empowerment Scholarship
- Other state mandated scholarships
- Other reassignments/assignments

Due to the timeline of charter schools finding a location and building, the district does not know specifically, in some instances, which district schools will lose students to new charters until just prior to the opening of school. Charter schools are not required to provide district staff with a location as late as a month before opening. In addition, some charter schools which are scheduled to open may fail to do so.

2. Education Options:

Families have a multitude of education options in which to choose from, including more than 300 Choice and Career Program offerings in traditional District-operated schools. In addition, there are a number of Florida mandated programs/scholarships such as Controlled Open Enrollment and Family Empowerment Scholarship. Students also have virtual options to choose from, to include the District-run Virtual Instructional Program and Palm Beach Virtual Franchise, and the State-operated Florida Virtual School (FLVS). Annual choice figures are factored into the five-year projections, though, unanticipated choice enrollment pattern shifts are a possibility throughout the five-year timeframe.

3. Projected Enrollment in Traditional District-Operated Schools:

K-12 enrollment in traditional District-operated schools is forecast to increase by 6,719 students during the next five-years. K-5 enrollment in the 110 District elementary schools is predicted to increase by 3,757 students, enrollment in the 33 District middle schools is projected to increase by 1,441 students, and enrollment in the 24 District high schools is forecast to grow by 1,521 students. For the 2024-25 school year, Dr. Joaquín García High will enroll 9-12 grade students after enrolling 9-11 graders as a new school for SY2023-24. Dwight D. Eisenhower K-8 will welcome seventh grade students for August 2024, the school will enroll a full complement of K-8 students by SY2025-26. The District's seven K-8 schools are currently reported at the elementary level.

4. Projected Enrollment for All School Types:

Total K-12 enrollment for all school types is projected to increase by 7,689 students, or about a four percent increase over the five-year period. The largest enrollment increase is forecast at the elementary level. Projected total K-12 grade enrollment by SY2028-29 is 195,382 students; this compares to 187,693 students in SY2023-24, the current school year. Projected SY2028-29 enrollment for PreK-12 grade is 199,595 students, an 8,042-student increase over SY2023-24 enrollment of 191,553 students.

5. Charter School Enrollment:

Following enrollment increases for the past five years, charter school enrollment decreased by nearly 400 students for SY2023-24. The last charter school enrollment decline (779 students) occurred in SY2017-18. Decreases in charter school enrollment were experienced at the elementary and middle school levels, decreasing by 228 and 185 students respectively. Enrollment at charter high schools increased slightly by 15 students. By SY2028-29, K-12 charter school enrollment is predicted to grow by 862 students, increasing 228 students at elementary, 300 students at middle, and 334 students at the high school level. Total K-12 charter enrollment for FY2029 is estimated at 22,984 students or about 12% of total projected K-12 enrollment.

6. Births:

The historical number of births in Palm Beach County are collected from the Florida Department of Health’s Bureau of Vital Statistics. The birth data is then disaggregated into individual elementary school attendance zones utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and then analyzed to project future kindergarten enrollment by school. Following lower recessionary-based birth rates from 2009 to 2011, Palm Beach County experienced increases in birth rates from 2012 through 2018. During this 2012-2018 period, the largest annual increase in births was evidenced from 2014 to 2015 (+440 births). The first birth rate decline since the recessionary years occurred from 2018 to 2019, with the County experiencing a decrease of 327 births. The birth rate decline continued into 2020, with 625 fewer births in Palm Beach County as compared to 2019. From 2020 to 2021, births increased by +377, with a continued increasing trend from 2021 to 2022 (+1,024 births). 2023 birth totals are thus far listed as provisional at the time of this publication, based on the provisional figures, births from 2022 to 2023 are thus far showing a decline of 452.

7. Residential Construction:

Palm Beach County has been experiencing a booming housing market, with many new construction projects currently ahead of previously forecasted scheduling estimates. The five largest approved or planned developments are:

- Westlake (City of Westlake) – 4,046 non-age restricted units (under construction)
- Indian Trails Grove (Unincorporated PBC) – 3,897 units (construction has not yet commenced)
- Avenir (City of Palm Beach Gardens) – 2,940 non-age restricted units (under construction)
- Arden (Unincorporated PBC) – 2,334 units (under construction)
- Alton (City of Palm Beach Gardens) – 2,052 units (under construction)

Attachments:

FY20 to FY29 Actual & Projected Enrollment Summary Table
Elementary, Middle, & High School Five-Year Projections

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY - ACTUAL AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT
FY2020 TO FY2029**

Enrollment Category	ACTUAL ENROLLMENT					PROJECTED ENROLLMENT					Change FY2024 to FY2029
	FY2020 SY2019-20	FY2021 SY2020-21	FY2022 SY2021-22	FY2023 SY2022-23	FY2024 SY2023-24	FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29	
District Elementary Schools*	77,013	72,520	73,130	73,709	74,960	75,756	76,647	77,335	78,010	78,717	3,757
Elementary Alternative Schools	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Elementary ESE/Other Schools	100	134	98	54	38	33	31	36	40	42	
Elementary Virtual Schools	27	87	386	94	53	58	53	61	56	60	
Elementary Charter Schools	9,551	9,461	9,521	9,414	9,186	9,129	9,178	9,258	9,346	9,414	228
Total Elementary Enrollment	86,693	82,202	83,135	83,271	84,238	84,977	85,909	86,690	87,453	88,233	3,995
Elementary Enrollment Increment	-148	-4,491	933	136	967	739	932	781	763	780	
District Middle Schools**	38,819	37,527	36,084	35,538	34,908	34,657	34,916	35,306	35,719	36,349	1,441
Middle Alternative Schools	129	88	163	213	211	203	215	205	213	207	
Middle ESE/Other Schools	74	123	113	79	67	73	66	78	69	75	
Middle Virtual Schools	29	89	162	52	36	45	53	46	50	55	
Middle Charter Schools	5,895	6,003	6,174	6,353	6,168	6,288	6,331	6,448	6,407	6,468	300
Total Middle Enrollment	44,946	43,830	42,696	42,235	41,390	41,266	41,581	42,083	42,458	43,154	1,764
Middle Enrollment Increment	1,292	-1,116	-1,134	-461	-845	-124	315	502	374	696	
District High Schools***	54,159	53,413	53,493	53,986	54,480	54,708	54,888	55,232	55,497	56,001	1,521
High Alternative Schools	405	400	412	489	523	533	540	552	548	557	
High ESE/Other Schools	175	267	231	156	138	150	148	155	161	157	
High Virtual Schools	79	98	152	121	156	166	171	175	170	178	
High Charter Schools	5,910	6,055	6,540	6,753	6,768	6,874	6,952	6,995	7,067	7,102	334
Total High Enrollment	60,728	60,233	60,828	61,505	62,065	62,431	62,699	63,109	63,443	63,995	1,930
High Enrollment Increment	552	-495	595	677	560	366	268	410	334	552	
K-12 District Schools	169,991	163,460	162,707	163,233	164,348	165,121	166,451	167,873	169,226	171,067	6,719
K-12 Alternative Schools	536	488	575	702	735	737	755	757	762	764	
K-12 ESE/Other Schools ‡	349	524	442	289	243	256	245	269	270	274	
K-12 Virtual Schools †	135	274	700	267	245	269	277	282	276	293	
K-12 Charter Schools	21,356	21,519	22,235	22,520	22,122	22,291	22,461	22,701	22,820	22,984	862
Total K-12 Enrollment	192,367	186,265	186,659	187,011	187,693	188,674	190,189	191,882	193,354	195,382	7,689
K-12 Enrollment Increment	1,696	-6,102	394	352	682	981	1,515	1,693	1,471	2,028	
Prekindergarten Enrollment	4,293	3,378	3,612	3,806	3,860	3,935	4,018	4,087	4,154	4,213	
Total PreK-12 Enrollment	196,660	189,643	190,271	190,817	191,553	192,609	194,207	195,969	197,508	199,595	8,042

* Elementary school enrollment includes K-5 grade students attending Village Academy, 6th grade students attending Gove Elementary, & 6-8 grade students attending The Conservatory School at NPB, D.D. Eisenhower K-8, Hidden Oaks K-8 School, North Grade K-8, Verde K-8, Addison Mizner School & Plumosa SOA.

** Middle school enrollment includes 6-8 grade students attending Village Academy.

*** High school enrollment includes 9-12 grade students attending Village Academy and 6-8 grade students attending Pahokee Middle-Senior.

† Includes Virtual Instructional Program (VIP) & Palm Beach Virtual Franchise; MSID#'s 7001 and 7004.

‡ McKay Scholarship combined with Family Empowerment Scholarship beginning in SY2022-23 and is no longer included in historical & projected enrollment figures.

Note: PreK enrollment is not included in elementary & high school totals.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School # (MSID)	Region	School	Capacity*	Oct. 2023 PreK	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT WITH PREK					PROJECTED % UTILIZATION WITH PREK				
					FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29	FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29
0911	South	Pine Grove	540	34	351	373	387	411	420	65%	69%	72%	76%	78%
0051	Central	Pine Jog	974	0	847	855	849	848	856	87%	88%	87%	87%	88%
2371	Glades	Pioneer Park	800	52	416	396	407	407	412	52%	49%	51%	51%	52%
2591	North	Pleasant City	386	29	339	328	322	333	343	88%	85%	83%	86%	89%
0871	South	Plumosa School of the Arts K-8	1,183	0	835	851	863	878	894	71%	72%	73%	74%	76%
0791	South	Poinciana	685	0	419	410	404	400	407	61%	60%	59%	58%	59%
0781	Central	Rolling Green	1,109	36	662	651	648	654	661	60%	59%	58%	59%	60%
0341	North	Roosevelt	801	20	352	329	323	330	341	44%	41%	40%	41%	43%
1321	Glades	Rosenwald	314	0	254	263	275	279	275	81%	84%	88%	89%	88%
2741	Central	Royal Palm Beach	846	0	662	655	669	658	675	78%	77%	79%	78%	80%
0881	South	S.D. Spady	697	99	460	471	480	473	484	66%	68%	69%	68%	69%
1961	South	Sandpiper Shores	1,064	9	898	890	913	907	912	84%	84%	86%	85%	86%
1711	Central	Seminole Trails	1,066	35	642	651	645	653	660	60%	61%	61%	61%	62%
2431	Central	South Grade	803	20	607	612	623	622	643	76%	76%	78%	77%	80%
0572	Central	South Olive	709	23	486	497	485	501	512	69%	70%	68%	71%	72%
0771	Central	Starlight Cove	1,086	61	802	825	836	837	850	74%	76%	77%	77%	78%
2691	South	Sunrise Park	1,224	65	1,128	1,163	1,210	1,261	1,304	92%	95%	99%	103%	107%
0281	South	Sunset Palms	1,024	2	954	957	971	963	970	93%	93%	95%	94%	95%
0131	North	The Conservatory School at North Palm Beach (K-8) †	718	15	910	901	908	912	904	127%	125%	126%	127%	126%
2011	North	Timber Trace	1,013	0	827	844	856	862	854	82%	83%	84%	85%	84%
0361	Central	U.B. Kinsey/Palmview	698	20	440	417	409	418	425	63%	60%	59%	60%	61%
1661	South	Verde K-8	1,364	0	1,371	1,362	1,369	1,348	1,355	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%
2811	South	Village Academy (PK-5)	444	131	442	437	434	439	445	100%	98%	98%	99%	100%
0191	North	Washington	514	14	245	255	242	246	253	48%	50%	47%	48%	49%
0031	South	Waters Edge	926	0	718	733	744	756	749	78%	79%	80%	82%	81%
1671	Central	Wellington	1,022	81	924	942	963	976	964	90%	92%	94%	95%	94%
0481	Central	West Gate	1,058	40	723	737	740	733	751	68%	70%	70%	69%	71%
1401	North	West Riviera	729	49	535	524	540	571	558	73%	72%	74%	78%	77%
0351	North	Westward	890	37	536	542	545	538	551	60%	61%	61%	60%	62%
1781	South	Whispering Pines	1,004	0	1,019	1,025	1,020	1,034	1,025	101%	102%	102%	103%	102%
1391	Central	Wynnebrook	861	20	665	643	628	635	640	77%	75%	73%	74%	74%

* Capacity = Permanent Building Capacity + Modular (flat-roofed) units + Concretable (sloped-roof) units; wooden units are not included in Capacity

† School is in second year of transitioning to a K-8. 7th grade to be added in SY2024-2025.

◇ Enrollment includes part-time PreK students; actual utilization levels are lower

‡ School has temporary relocatables (leased units) included in Capacity

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

School # (MSID)	Region	School	Capacity*	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT					PROJECTED % UTILIZATION				
				FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29	FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29
2511	North	Bak Middle School of the Arts	1,418	1,241	1,270	1,295	1,325	1,350	88%	90%	91%	93%	95%
1981	North	Bear Lakes	1,433	800	831	854	845	867	56%	58%	60%	59%	61%
1491	South	Boca Raton	1,417	1,144	1,145	1,162	1,175	1,192	81%	81%	82%	83%	84%
2041	South	Carver	1,552	638	625	611	605	617	41%	40%	39%	39%	40%
1821	South	Christa McAuliffe	1,510	1,173	1,155	1,136	1,151	1,175	78%	76%	75%	76%	78%
1581	South	Congress	1,450	817	808	828	817	842	56%	56%	57%	56%	58%
0541	Central	Conniston	1,181	1,158	1,175	1,174	1,164	1,169	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%
1691	Central	Crestwood	1,657	797	788	794	796	801	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%
2711	South	Don Estridge High Tech Middle	1,254	1,271	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275	101%	102%	102%	102%	102%
2461	South	Eagles Landing	1,682	1,465	1,493	1,528	1,562	1,604	87%	89%	91%	93%	95%
3371	Central	Emerald Cove	1,409	1,255	1,263	1,275	1,280	1,274	89%	90%	90%	91%	90%
0121	North	Howell L. Watkins	1,252	631	612	605	617	613	50%	49%	48%	49%	49%
2621	North	Independence	1,503	1,205	1,237	1,267	1,298	1,325	80%	82%	84%	86%	88%
2701	North	Jeaga	1,258	803	778	795	804	817	64%	62%	63%	64%	65%
0201	North	John F. Kennedy	1,524	814	798	801	812	809	53%	52%	53%	53%	53%
1731	North	Jupiter	1,731	1,351	1,376	1,367	1,392	1,415	78%	79%	79%	80%	82%
0021	Central	L.C. Swain ‡	1,504	1,329	1,362	1,390	1,416	1,438	88%	91%	92%	94%	96%
1232	Glades	Lake Shore	1,457	622	617	613	630	649	43%	42%	42%	43%	45%
2131	Central	Lake Worth	1,429	1,096	1,117	1,130	1,121	1,144	77%	78%	79%	78%	80%
0761	South	Lantana	1,021	765	741	725	743	762	75%	73%	71%	73%	75%
1751	South	Loggers Run	1,281	1,082	1,075	1,088	1,095	1,103	84%	84%	85%	85%	86%
2151	Central	Okeehhelee	1,614	1,462	1,444	1,458	1,447	1,475	91%	89%	90%	90%	91%
1991	South	Omni	1,417	1,017	1,008	1,024	1,046	1,073	72%	71%	72%	74%	76%
2821	North	Osceola Creek	1,124	876	889	924	956	996	78%	79%	82%	85%	89%
0611	Central	Palm Springs	1,754	1,382	1,419	1,445	1,427	1,452	79%	81%	82%	81%	83%
2611	Central	Polo Park	1,413	1,169	1,184	1,174	1,197	1,226	83%	84%	83%	85%	87%
0311	North	Roosevelt	1,551	802	795	812	816	807	52%	51%	52%	53%	52%
2781	South	Tradewinds	1,240	813	787	772	794	811	66%	63%	62%	64%	65%
2811	South	Village Academy (6-8)	325	137	133	135	132	137	42%	41%	42%	41%	42%
1971	North	Watson B. Duncan	1,409	1,115	1,127	1,144	1,175	1,203	79%	80%	81%	83%	85%
1701	Central	Wellington Landings	1,588	1,240	1,289	1,311	1,341	1,377	78%	81%	83%	84%	87%
1721	South	West Boynton	1,284	855	960	1,018	1,066	1,124	67%	75%	79%	83%	88%
2451	North	Western Pines	1,024	1,057	1,048	1,055	1,051	1,060	103%	102%	103%	103%	104%
1921	South	Woodlands	1,610	1,275	1,292	1,321	1,347	1,368	79%	80%	82%	84%	85%

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HIGH SCHOOLS

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					FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29	FY2025 SY2024-25	FY2026 SY2025-26	FY2027 SY2026-27	FY2028 SY2027-28	FY2029 SY2028-29
0395	North	Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts	1,220	0	1,364	1,372	1,375	1,378	1,380	112%	112%	113%	113%	113%
0862	South	Atlantic	2,446	0	1,801	1,842	1,825	1,856	1,890	74%	75%	75%	76%	77%
0961	South	Boca Raton	2,936	0	2,840	2,817	2,849	2,875	2,902	97%	96%	97%	98%	99%
2361	South	Boynton Beach	2,529	0	1,525	1,514	1,537	1,524	1,556	60%	60%	61%	60%	62%
1561	Central	Dr. Joaquín García	2,546	0	2,384	2,530	2,524	2,491	2,512	94%	99%	99%	98%	99%
0581	Central	Forest Hill	1,842	0	2,005	1,921	1,866	1,871	1,895	109%	104%	101%	102%	103%
2301	Glades	Glades Central	1,551	0	879	871	892	881	896	57%	56%	58%	57%	58%
1361	Central	John I. Leonard	3,140	0	3,192	3,167	3,174	3,188	3,211	102%	101%	101%	102%	102%
0081	North	Jupiter	3,342	0	3,112	3,132	3,185	3,174	3,217	93%	94%	95%	95%	96%
0691	Central	Lake Worth	2,836	11	2,592	2,629	2,654	2,627	2,660	91%	93%	94%	93%	94%
2181	South	Olympic Heights	2,267	14	2,260	2,234	2,276	2,318	2,366	100%	99%	100%	102%	104%
1771	Glades	Pahokee Middle-Senior	1,973	0	937	947	953	936	940	47%	48%	48%	47%	48%
2631	Central	Palm Beach Central	2,744	0	2,752	2,710	2,736	2,763	2,774	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%
1371	North	Palm Beach Gardens	2,853	0	2,456	2,486	2,512	2,554	2,614	86%	87%	88%	90%	92%
1851	North	Palm Beach Lakes	2,794	0	2,816	2,777	2,810	2,855	2,841	101%	99%	101%	102%	102%
2001	South	Park Vista	3,156	0	2,891	2,938	2,966	3,018	3,046	92%	93%	94%	96%	97%
2331	Central	Royal Palm Beach	2,717	0	2,334	2,355	2,380	2,354	2,388	86%	87%	88%	87%	88%
1611	South	Santaluces	2,606	11	2,504	2,476	2,456	2,478	2,503	96%	95%	94%	95%	96%
3861	North	Seminole Ridge	2,359	0	2,301	2,358	2,416	2,432	2,463	98%	100%	102%	103%	104%
1681	South	Spanish River	2,574	24	2,772	2,754	2,735	2,761	2,740	108%	107%	106%	107%	106%
0151	North	Suncoast	1,714	0	1,577	1,580	1,585	1,590	1,595	92%	92%	92%	93%	93%
2811	South	Village Academy (9-12)	434	131	62	55	48	47	51	14%	13%	11%	11%	12%
2191	Central	Wellington	2,709	0	2,822	2,878	2,909	2,927	2,945	104%	106%	107%	108%	109%
3251	South	West Boca Raton	2,311	0	2,295	2,289	2,279	2,287	2,299	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
2201	North	William T. Dwyer	2,424	8	2,303	2,324	2,358	2,380	2,401	95%	96%	97%	98%	99%

* Capacity = Permanent Building Capacity + Modular (flat-roofed) units + Concretable (sloped-roof) units; wooden units are not included in Capacity