



CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Ms. Sullivan,

Carson City School District recently had a third-party, Davis Demographics, complete a student enrollment projection through the 2029-2030 school year. They consider where current students live and their grade level, historical trends of change in grade levels year-to-year, current housing developments and their timeline for completion, and estimates on how many students we would expect to yield from these new developments over time. Based on all of this information, they expect to see the number of students to decline over the next years. I will say that the decline is likely overstated somewhat because of the anomalous drop in enrollment in the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID being averaged in. However, we have seen that our elementary grade class sizes have been on a slight downward trend even prior to COVID.

For example, Carson High School started the current year with about 2300 hundred students, and by the 2029-2030 school year that is expected less than 2000 students as these smaller classes filter through.

With that said, there continues to be growing interest at the federal and state level to expand pre-kindergarten opportunities, which may backfill some of that space at elementary schools if funding arrives. However, that would not change expectations for enrollment at the middle school and high school buildings.

As we have available bonding capacity, we may still look to improve or add facility space to enhance current educational programming opportunities for our students, but in the near term it looks unlikely that would be due to enrollment/capacity issues. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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