

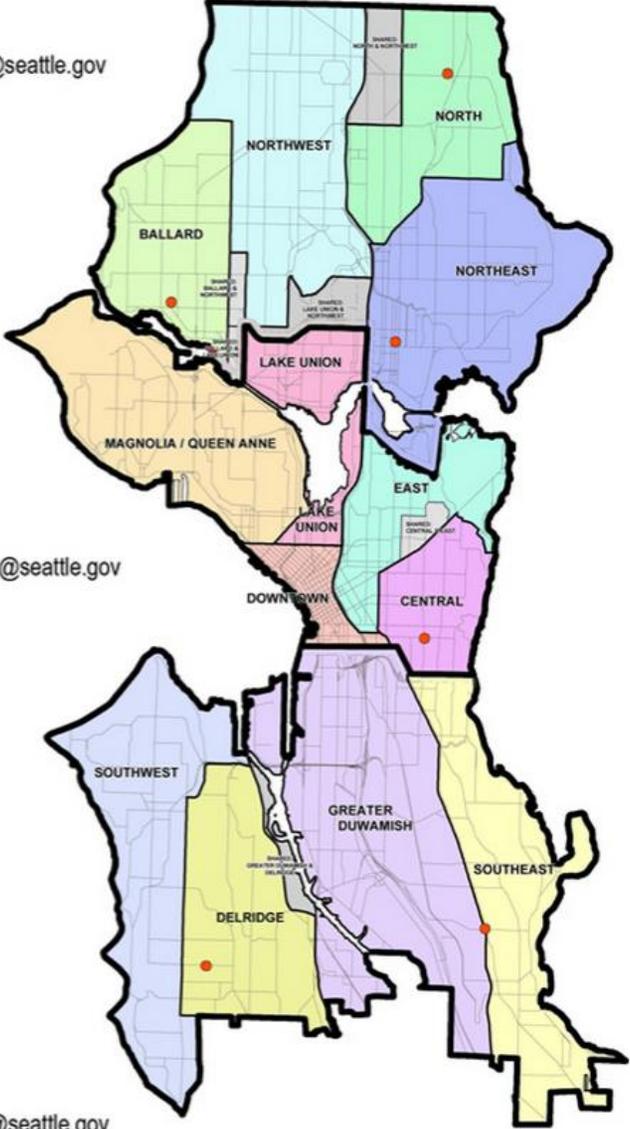


Planning for Seattle's Growing Neighborhood Schools

Presentation to Seattle City Neighborhood Council - 4/27/2015
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The health of our neighborhoods is critically tied to the health of neighborhood schools.

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Layer 1--Investments “we” make for Seattle Schools’ Buildings?

LOCAL FUNDING

- ▶ **Building Excellence Levy (BEX) – every 6 years**
 - ▶ BEX IV approved in February 2013
 - ▶ improve, modernize, and expand 17 schools.
 - ▶ *Largest EVER --\$694.9 million*
- ▶ **Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics (BTA) – every 6 years**
 - ▶ BTA IV Slated for February 2016
 - ▶ Undetermined project list and \$\$ amount
 - ▶ nominations accepted through 4/30/2015
- ▶ **Developer Impact Fees- *NOT YET***

WA STATE FUNDING

- ▶ School Construction Assistance Program
 - ▶ some (~20% per project) “match” provided
 - ▶ McCleary Decision (State’s PARAMOUNT Duty is Basic Ed)
 - ▶ Some bills proposed for limited funding fo K-3 classrooms
 - ▶ SPS has a capital “ask” of \$34 million for 2015
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- ▶ *That is 5,528 more kids than expected = about 10 school buildings*

School Closures

2004 “Potential School Consolidation –
Beginning a Community Conversation”

Capacity Analysis

6. Keeping 5% extra space, how many buildings do we need by 2012?

Building	Buildings Needed	Current Buildings	Difference
Elementary	61.6	70	-8.4
Middle	11.2	18	-6.8
High	10.7	11	-.3

*School Sizes: Elementary (400), Middle (800), High (1200)



2000-2010 School Closures– 12 buildings

Building Name	Year closed	Year re-opened
Martin Luther King	2007	SOLD
EC Hughes	2007	TBD
View lands	2007	2011
Rainier View	2007	2011
Fairmont Park	2007	2014
John Marshall	2007	2014
Columbia	2007	2014 (?)
Genessee Hill	2009	2015
Old Hay	2009	2010
Mann	2009	planned for 2014
TT Minor	2009	2016
Van Asselt	2009	2014



Over-crowded buildings

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Surging enrollment blindsides Seattle schools

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2 of 8 Schmitz Park Elementary, West Seattle: A student leaves the main school building and heads for the playground. In the background are several of the 10... [More](#) ▾

Buildings take every nook and cranny for classrooms

▶ Start of ~ 30 portables (size of one high school) being added each year

BTA III Levy– Re-opening Buildings and Adding Portables

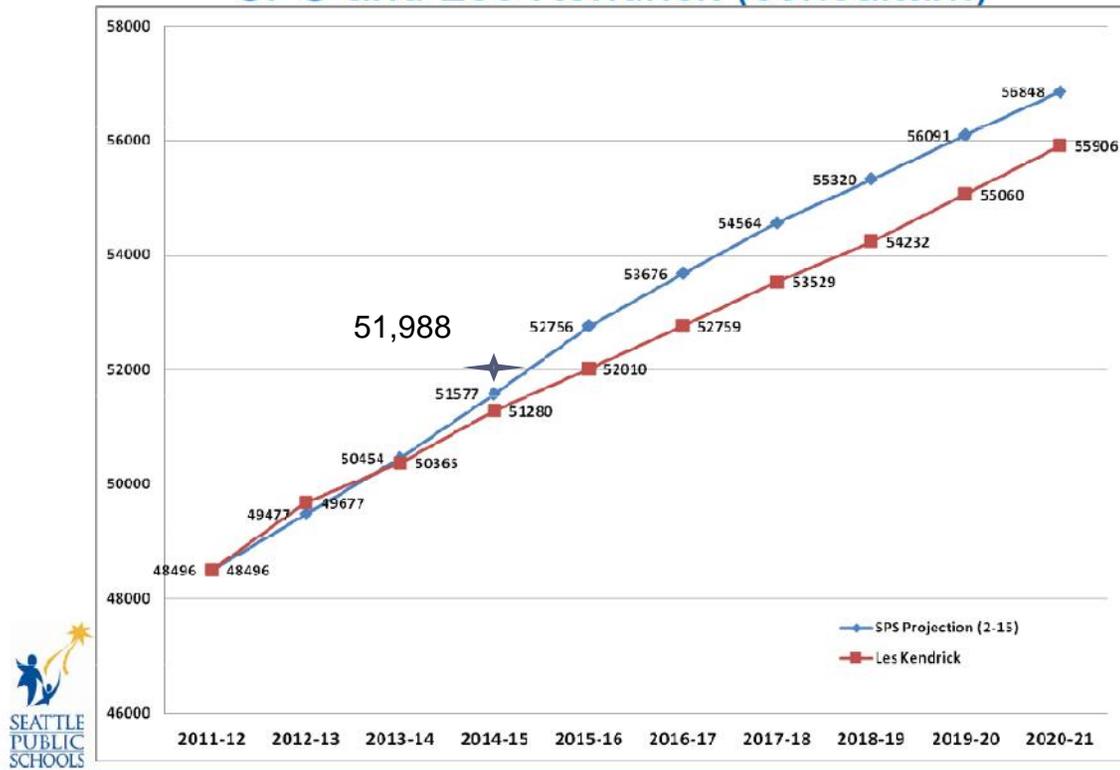
7 New Schools by 2012	Interim site	Building Open	
Queen Anne Elementary	n/a	2010	was closed in 2009
Rainier View Elementary	n/a	2012	was closed in 2007
Sand Point Elementary	n/a	2012	was closed 1981
Viewlands Elementary	n/a	2012	was closed 2007
McDonald Elementary	2010	2014	4 portables added
K-5 STEM at Boren	2012	2016	waiting for Arbor Heights
APP at Lincoln (to WP)	2011	2017	2014 enrollment exceeds WP

And... ~ **5 schools full of kids in portables**

▶ ~12 New schools full of kids by 2012

BEX IV -- We Need More School Buildings!

April 2012 Projections
Extended District Enrollment Projections
SPS and Les Kendrick (consultant)



▶ Recap: 2007 = 45,276 2014 = 51,988 Increase = 6,712

BEX IV– A MAJOR Investment

- approved in February 2013
- projects through 2020
- *\$694.9 million*
- *10 buildings re-built and/or expanded*
- *Re-opening 6 buildings*
- *1 new elementary school*
- *Planned to reduce portable usage*

**But still...not enough
and not fast enough**

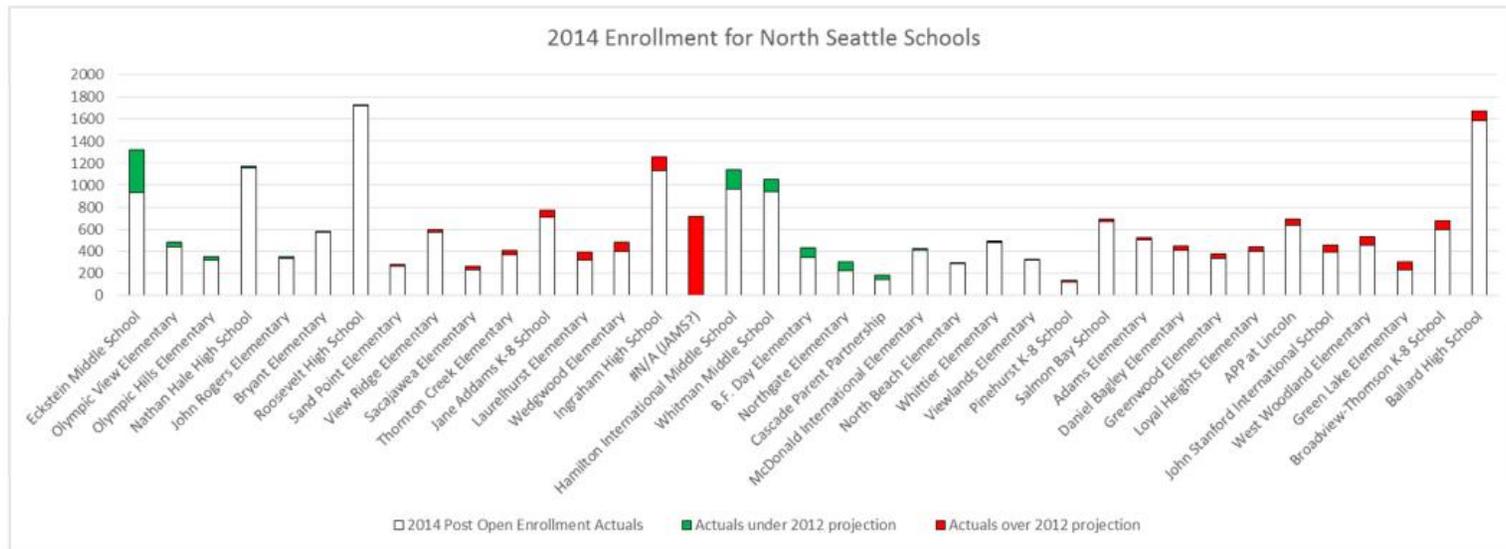


Layer 3– Uneven Growth

Enrollment is growing faster in some neighborhoods and schools than others.

2014 Post Open Enrollment Actuals (Stewart) vs. 2012 Projections (SPS)

North Seattle =18 out of 37 schools (49%) are OVER 2012 projections by 20 or more kids



~ 1350 more kids in North and West Seattle than expected in 2012

Pushed in MORE Properties and Portables

2013- 2015 ADDITIONAL 7 buildings:

	Why
Fairmont Park	New School
Jane Addams Middle School	New school
North Queen Anne	Cascade PP
Old Van Assalt	SPED/ Pre-K
Lincoln HS South wing	Licton Springs K-8 interim
Queen Ann Gym	Interagency
John Marshall	“Interim” building

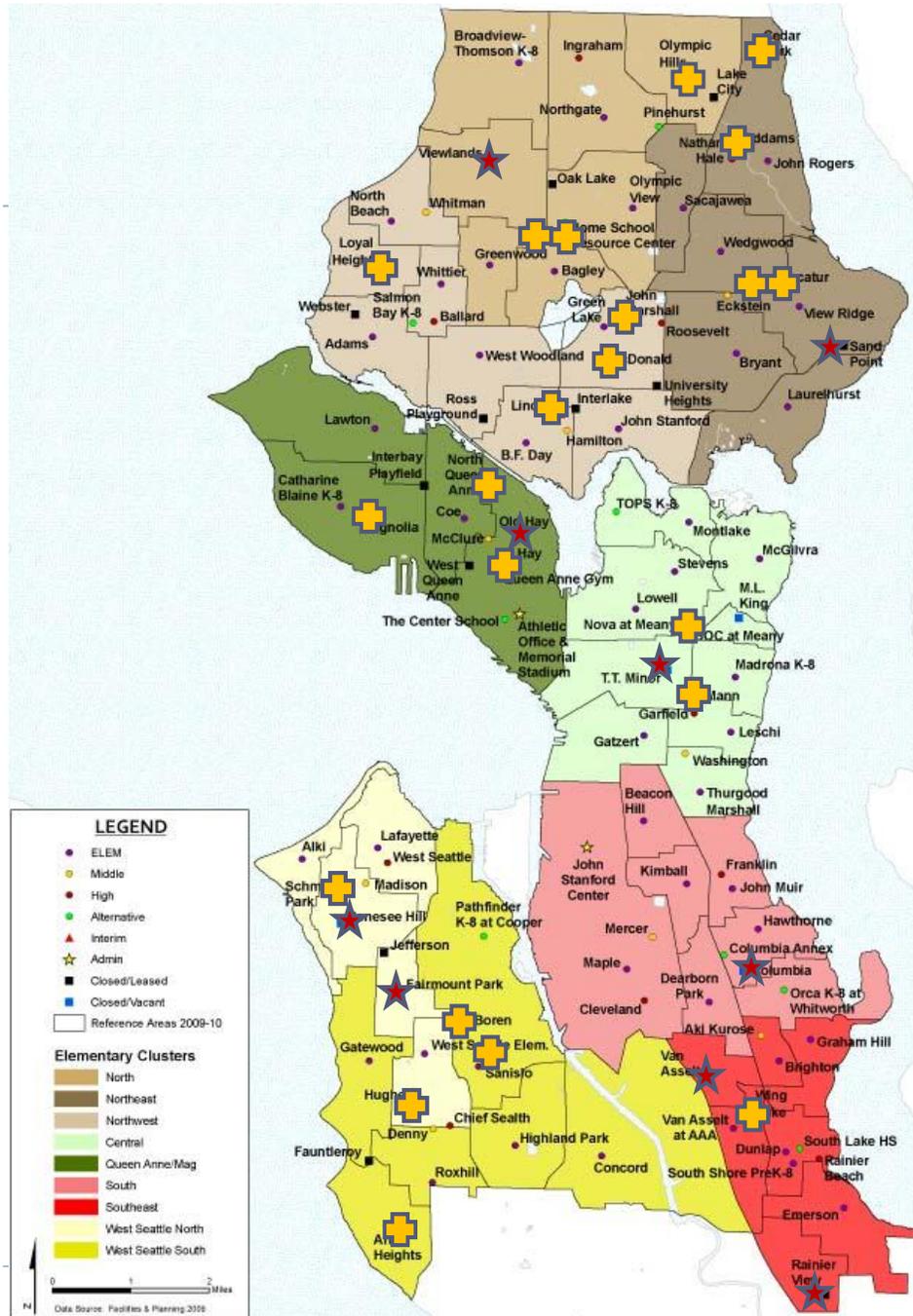
And ~ 60 portables = 3 buildings

▶ Recap: ~12 schools by 2012 + ~10 more by 2015 = ~22 schools

BEX IV– A MAJOR Investment

<u>BEX IV Schools</u>	<u>Project type</u>	<u>Building Complete</u>	<u>Occupied in 2014</u>	<u>2014 Enrollment</u>	<u>Building Capacity at Completion</u>	<u>Over?</u>
Farimount Park	re-opening- addition	2014	yes	290	500	
Mann (NOVA HS)	re-opening	2014	no	273	?	full
Schmitz Park at Genessee Hill	Rebuild	Dec-15	no	608	500	OVER
NE school at Thornton Creek	New building	Sep-16	yes-same	412	660	
Hazel Wolf K-8 @ Pinehurst	Rebuild	Sep-16	no	763	680	OVER
World School @ TT Minor	re-model	Sep-16	no	280	360	
Olympic Hills	Rebuild	Jul-17	yes-same	318	500	
Wilson Pacific Elementary	Rebuild	Sep-17	no	696	660	OVER
Jane Addams Middle School	re-model	Sep-17	yes-same	708	960	
Wilson Pacific Middle School	Rebuild	Sep-17	no	Middle = 0 K-8 = 242	850-Middle 150 k-8	K-8 OVER
Meany Middle School	re-model	Sep-17	yes-NOVA	0	850	
Loyal Heights	re-model and addition	Dec-18	yes	448	?	
Arbor Heights	Rebuild	Sep-16	no	341	660	
Cedar Park	re-opening	Sep-15	no	0	400	
Queen Anne	addition	Jul-19	yes	413	?(+200?)	
Lincoln High School	re-model	Sep-19	yes- 3 schools	0	1600	
Wing Luke	Rebuild	Sep-20	yes	335	500	
Bagely	re-model and addition	Sep-20	Yes- Bagely	443	503	Full

▶ 17 more projects through 2020, but some schools already too big.



★ Closed in 2007-2009 but reopened.

⊕ Expanded, rebuilt or returned to service by 2020

Layer 4 – “Required” departures

Daniel Bagley

Loyal Heights

Olympic Hills

Queen Anne

Wing Luke

Arbor Heights

Fairmount Park

Genesee Hill

Pinehurst (Hazel Wolf)

Thornton Creek

T.T. Minor building
(World School)

Wilson-Pacific
Elementary and
Middle

Cedar Park

Jane Addams Middle
School

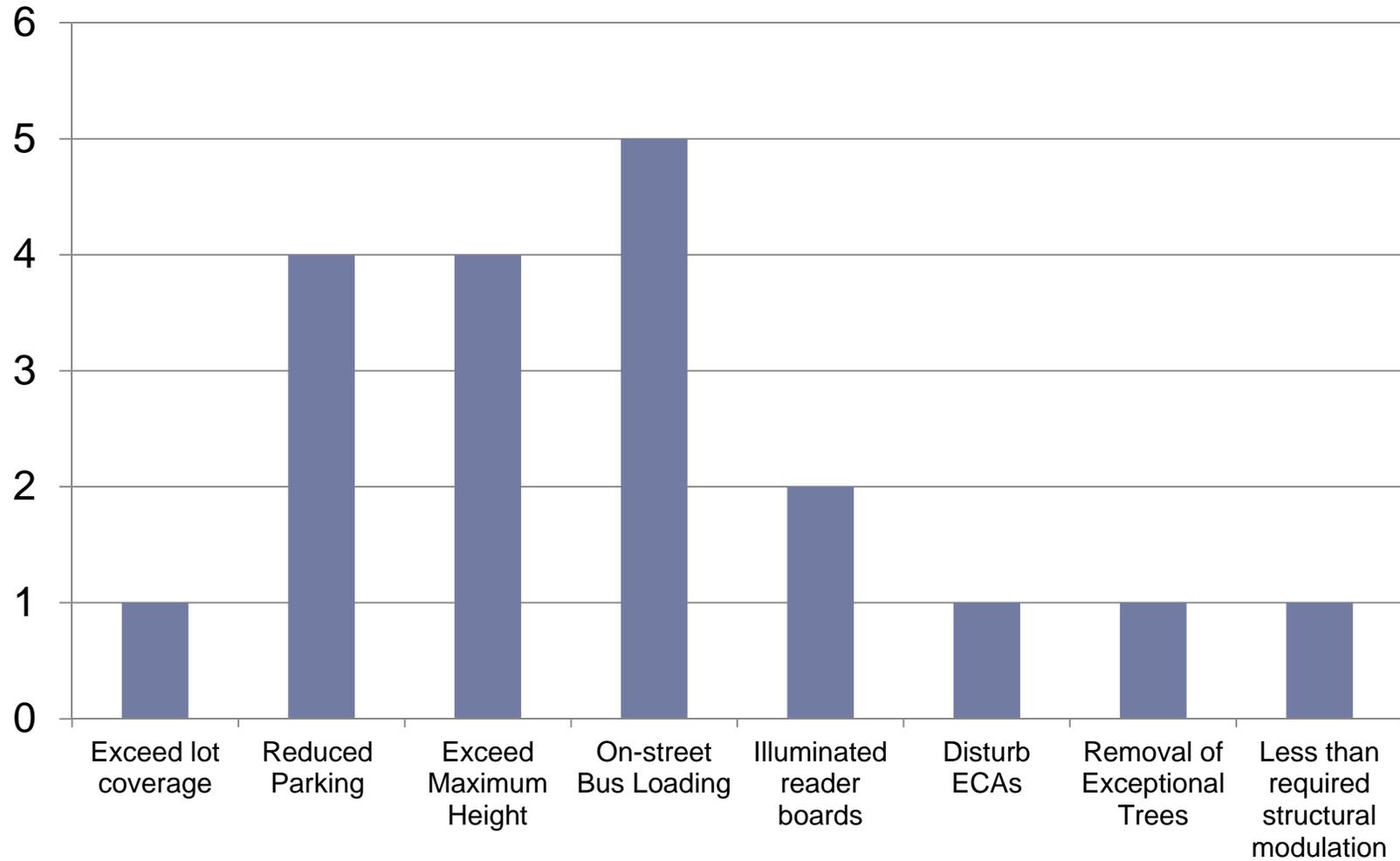
Lincoln Building

Mann Building

Meany Middle

▶ Required **19 departures** from City Municipal Code

What are these departures?

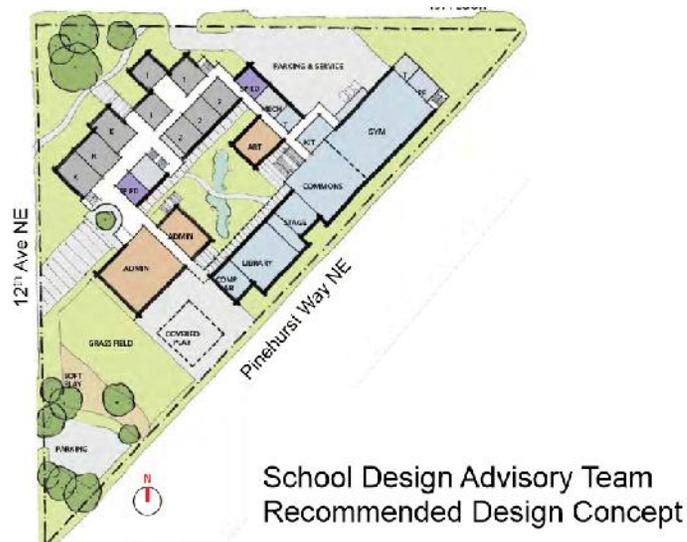


Lot Coverage?

More kids squeezed in:

- Increase # of classrooms in buildings – (17 to ~25)
- Increase in # of kids (from 400 to 660+)

Pinehurst K-8

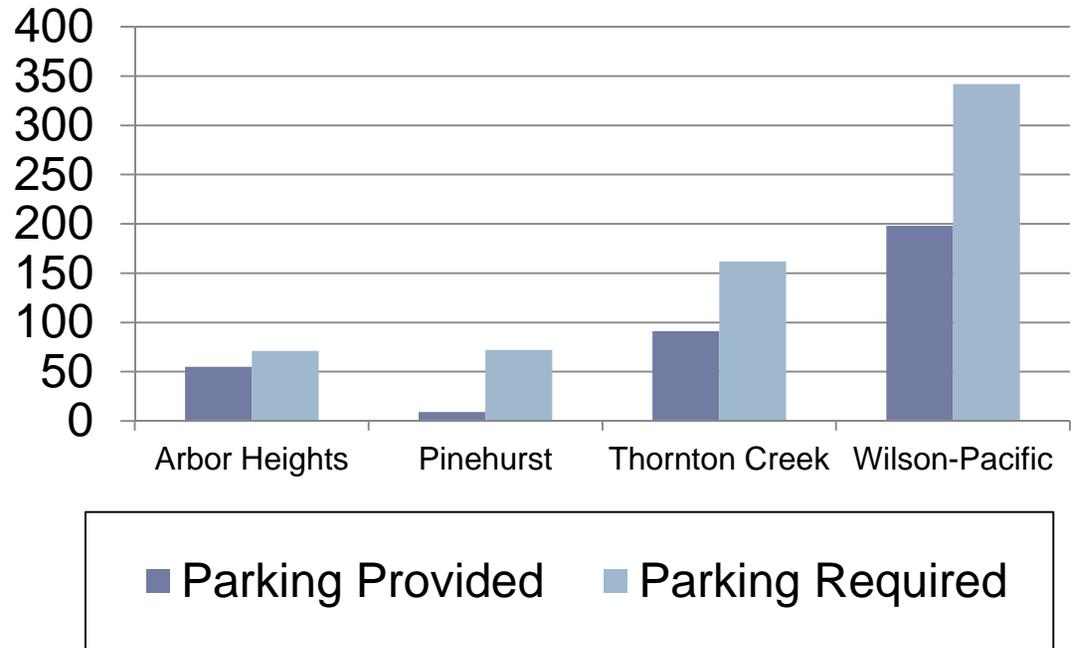
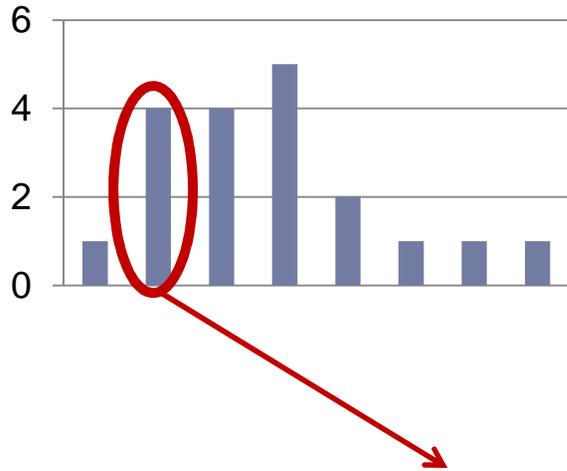


Loyal Heights Elementary



- ▶ Lot sizes vary from 6.5 acres to 2.0 acres, but building for 660+ kids

Parking?



- ▶ A total of 294 required parking spots are absent from the plans.

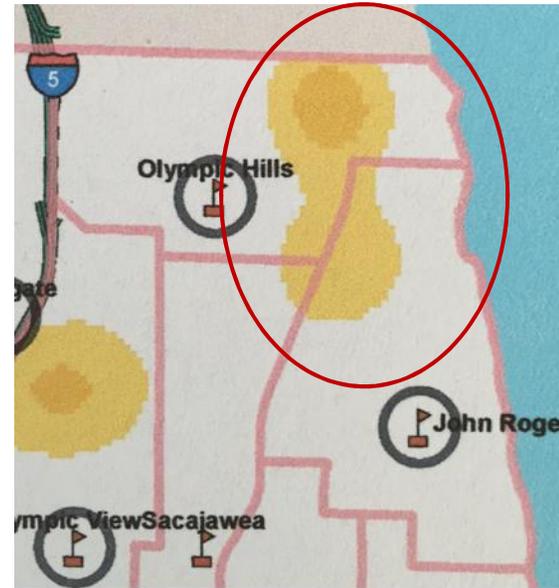
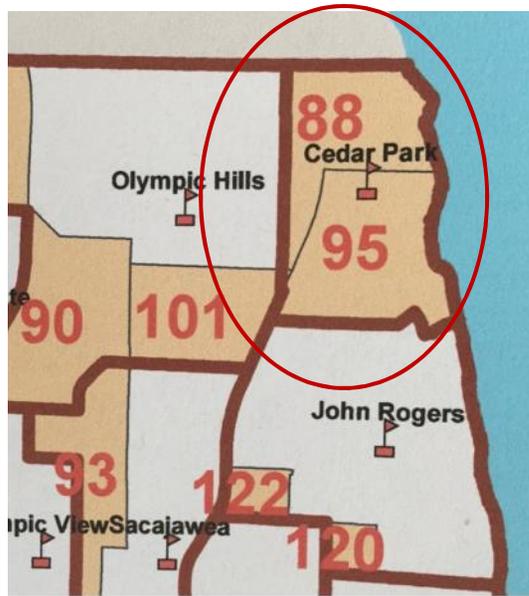
Another casualty...

- ▶ **One elementary school will OPEN with 8 portables**, with no expansion of the building's core facilities.
 - ▶ **Almost ½ the school is portables** (SPS planning goals are 5%-15%) and will **overburden the facilities (bathrooms, lunchroom, etc.)** from day one.
- ▶ **No:**
 - ▶ **library,**
 - ▶ **computer lab,**
 - ▶ **music/art rooms,**
 - ▶ **preschool or**
 - ▶ **before/after school programming.**

**This will likely be the highest poverty school in the district.
Whose neighborhood?**



High poverty and/or immigrant children will be assigned to this sub-standard school.



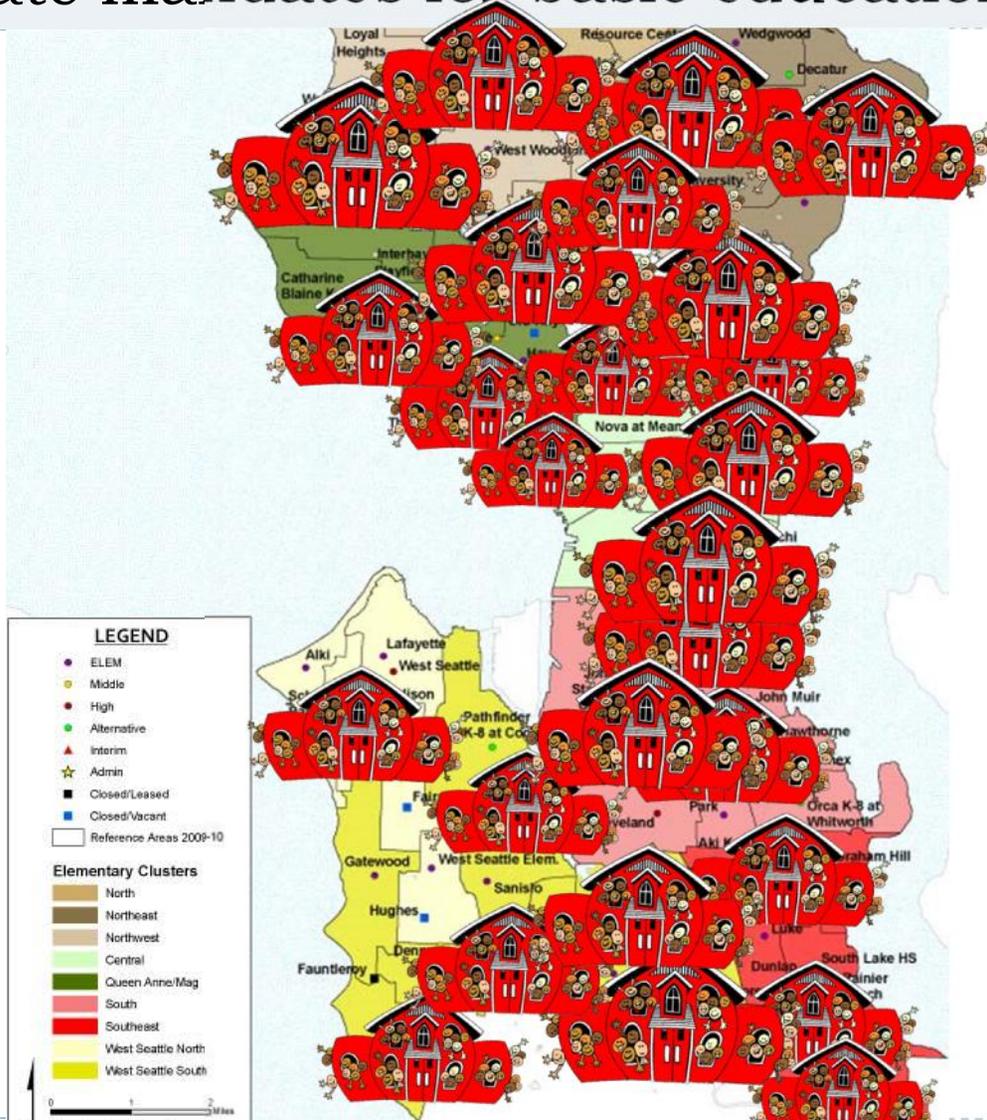
English Language Learners

- Low-income neighborhoods: Lake City Court (SHA), Jackson Park Village (SHA), Little Brook, Lake City Hub Urban Village.
 - Lake City HUV = one of the lowest median household incomes AND largest increases of persons of color.
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Layer 5– State mandates for basic education



▶ 20 ADDITIONAL buildings needed by 2017 for K-3 (+ ~6 buildings to reduce portables)

What do “we” want for kids & neighborhoods?

- ▶ Schools (buildings, not portable villages) near where kids live that compliment the community
- ▶ Safe walk zones
- ▶ Sufficient and healthy play ground space
- ▶ Reasonable class sizes
- ▶ Not ending up in split shifts because we didn't plan for the buildings we need
- ▶ Other?



What can CNC do?

NEAR TERM ACTIONS:

- ▶ Nominate projects for BTA IV – *Deadline 4/30*
- ▶ Ask SPS to have the CNC participate as a stakeholder in BTAIV levy project decision process.
- ▶ Ask for CNC representation at SPS – CITY planning meetings

LONGER TERM ACTIONS:

- ▶ Support improved urban/neighborhood planning for school facilities and successful implementation of the KC GMPC Motion 15-1
 - ▶ “requires engagement between each school district and each city that is served by the school...[to] Plan, through a cooperative process between jurisdictions and school districts, that public school facilities are available, to meet the needs of existing and projected residential development consistent with adopted comprehensive plan policies and growth forecasts...”
- ▶ Support increased and more progressive funding for school facilities (over reliance on levies... what about Developer Impact Fees?)





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