# Enrollment Projections for ORCSD, 2018-2029 

# Long Range Planning Committee 

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## A Note of Thanks

The LRPC would like to formally thank Michael Goldberg

For 20+ years of service on this committee His insightful and rigorous work continuously improving and updating the regression models used in our predictions is something that few of us fully understood but we all appreciated. Although he moved away from the district, he is a professor at UNH and has graciously made himself available to answer our questions.

## Summary of LRPC Goals

- Provide the School Board with enrollment projections for each of the next 10 years.
- Make every effort to provide projections for the following school year in the fall when they can be used in the budgeting process.
- Continually improve and refine the model used to make enrollment projections.


## Decline in Enrollment largely offset by HS Tuition Students

- Peak enrollment was 2,393 in 2000.
- 2018-19 enrollment is 2,162 .
- (1,975 plus 167 tuition students).
- Decline over 18 years was 231.
- Projected 2028-29 with Barrington tuition students 2,056 (1,856 plus 200 tuition).
- The number of tuition students rises as native enrollment drops, net 10 year loss of 106.


## Methodology

First Grade
Historical births and enrollment trends are used to project the number of students (using linear regression).

## Grades 2-12

Grade Progression Ratios (GPRs) are used to forecast the number of students.

## First Grade Methodology

- Linear Regression Model coefficients updated annually.
- Primary independent variable is births 6 years prior.
- Some autocorrelation components.
- Looking at other independent variables:
- Employment
- Real Estate transactions


## Kindergarten Methodology

- Forecasting methodology is transitional because there are not enough years of full day Kindergarten to use as basis of prediction.
- First Grade forecasts are the starting point.
- Grade Progression Ratios are used to estimate kindergarten enrollment based on forecast for the following year's first grade.


## Projections for Grades 2-12

- Calculate GPR's for each grade and year.
$\square$ Find the 5-year average GPR by grade.
$\square$ Apply average GPRs to actual and predicted enrollments to predict enrollments into the future.
- Takes into account the net migration (inmigration and out-migration) over time and by grade.


## What is a "Grade Progression

 Ratio?"| Number of students in |
| :--- |
| grade J and year t |


$+$| Add students who |
| :--- |
| move to ORSD in |
| grade $\mathrm{J}+1$ and year $t+1$ |

- $\quad$ Subtract students who leave ORSD before grade $\mathrm{J}+1$ and year $\mathrm{t}+1$
$=\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of students in } \\ & \text { grade } J+1 \text { and year } t+1\end{aligned}$

A numerical example:

159 students in $6^{\text {th }}$ grade in October 2017

+ 6 new students join ORSD who will be in $7^{\text {th }}$ grade for 2018
-4 students leave ORSD before $7^{\text {th }}$ grade

Net change is +2 students
$=161$ students in $7^{\text {th }}$ grade in 2018
GPR (6th to 7 th $=161 / 159=1.0125$ )

## GPRs Account for Net New Students

- More families with children moving in than moving out. (5 year average used)
- All GPRs for grades 2-12 are in the range of $1.00-1.05$ except grade 8-9, 9-10 and 1011 , which are impacted by tuition students coming in and native students going to private schools. High School GPR very close to 1.00 .


## Elementary School Split

- Historical ratios (three year average) used to estimate First Grade split between the schools. (55.3\% Mast Way, 44.7\% Moharimet)
- GPR for each elementary is used to project grades 2-4 based on projections for prior year grades 1-3 at that school.
- Different GPRs used for Moharimet and Mast Way.


## Projection Range (Plus and Minus)

- Historical LRPC Projections 1994 - 2018 (24 years of forecasts, each predicting 10 future years).
- Take the difference between Predicted and Actual Enrollment for each predicted year.
- Take the absolute value of the difference and divide by the actual enrollment figure to get a percentage.
- Find the average percentage difference for each forecast horizon (1 to 10 years out).


## The Projections




## Elementary School Projections



## Middle School Projections

| Year | Fifith | Sixth | Seventh | Eighth | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018 | 159 | 179 | 161 | 170 | 669 |
| 2019 | 163 | 165 | 180 | 160 | 668 |
| 2020 | 162 | 170 | 166 | 179 | 677 |
| 2021 | 167 | 168 | 170 | 166 | 672 |
| 2022 | 162 | 174 | 169 | 170 | 675 |
| 2023 | 131 | 168 | 175 | 169 | 642 |
| 2024 | 146 | 136 | 169 | 174 | 625 |
| 2025 | 141 | 152 | 136 | 168 | 598 |
| 2025 | 148 | 147 | 153 | 136 | 584 |
| 2027 | 147 | 154 | 148 | 152 | 601 |
| 2028 | 150 | 153 | 154 | 147 | 604 |

## HS Tuition Students in Projection

| Year | 9th | 10 th | 11th | 12th | Total <br> Tuition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018 | 50 | 42 | 38 | 37 | 167 |
| 2019 | 51 | 49 | 41 | 39 | 180 |
| 2020 | 51 | 50 | 48 | 42 | 191 |
| 2021 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 199 |
| 2022 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2023 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2024 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2025 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2026 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2027 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |
| 2028 | 51 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 200 |

## HS Enrollment From District

| Year | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | Total <br> District |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2018 | 164 | 164 | 169 | 148 | 645 |
| 2019 | 167 | 162 | 159 | 173 | 661 |
| 2020 | 158 | 165 | 157 | 164 | 643 |
| 2021 | 176 | 155 | 160 | 161 | 653 |
| 2022 | 163 | 174 | 151 | 164 | 652 |
| 2023 | 167 | 160 | 169 | 155 | 651 |
| 2024 | 166 | 165 | 156 | 173 | 660 |
| 2025 | 171 | 163 | 160 | 160 | 655 |
| 2026 | 165 | 169 | 159 | 164 | 657 |
| 2027 | 134 | 163 | 164 | 163 | 624 |
| 2028 | 150 | 132 | 159 | 168 | 608 |

## HS Enrollment Total by Grade

| Year | 9 th | 10 th | 11th | 12th | Total <br> District |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018 | 214 | 206 | 207 | 185 | 812 |
| 2019 | 218 | 211 | 200 | 212 | 842 |
| 2020 | 209 | 215 | 205 | 205 | 834 |
| 2021 | 227 | 206 | 209 | 210 | 852 |
| 2022 | 214 | 224 | 200 | 214 | 852 |
| 2023 | 218 | 211 | 218 | 205 | 851 |
| 2024 | 217 | 215 | 205 | 223 | 860 |
| 2025 | 222 | 214 | 209 | 210 | 855 |
| 2026 | 216 | 219 | 208 | 214 | 857 |
| 2027 | 185 | 213 | 213 | 213 | 824 |
| 2028 | 201 | 182 | 207 | 218 | 808 |

## HS Enrollment Projection with Current Barrington Tuition Arrangement

High School Enrollment Projections with and without Tution

—Total
—District



## Summary

- Total ORCSD enrollment is projected to remain in the 2,100 range for the entire projection. Enrollment declines by 106 students, from 2,162 this year to 2,056 projected in 2028-29.
- Full day kindergarten is assumed. The small size of the current kindergarten class ( 92 students) is considered an anomaly. After this year, kindergarten ranges from 103-109.
- The number of elementary school students will decrease slightly, by about 38 students, from 679 now to 643 in 202829. Mast Way now has 47 more students than Moharimet. This difference will grow to 103 students 2025-26 and remain at about that level to the end of the projection period. Mast Way peaks at 381 in 2019-20, then drops to the 375 or below.
- Middle school enrollment, now 669 grows to 677 in 2020-21, then drops to about 600 in the last 4 years of the projection.
- High School enrollment, now 812 ( 645 plus 167 tuition students) rises to 860 in 2024-25 ( 660 plus 200 tuition students) then drops to 808 by 2028-29 ( 608 plus 200 tuition students).


## Any Questions?

