

GARRETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN



Accident ES



Swan Meadow Sch.



Broad Ford ES



Crellin ES



Friendsville ES



Grantsville ES



Route 40 ES



Yough Glades ES



Southern MS



Northern MS



Southern HS



Northern HS



Hickory EEC

Community Listening Sessions

May 2019

*The Strategic Facilities
Committee*

*Mr. Matthew Paugh,
Board President*

*Ms. Barbara Baker,
Superintendent*

*Dr. David Lever, Educational
Facilities Planning LLC*

PURPOSE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN

GOAL: A stable, long-term facility plan that will:

- **Improve the learning environment:**
 - *Instructionally appropriate spaces*
 - *Specials: Special Education, Career & Technology Education, Alternative Education*
 - *Upgraded building systems*
 - *ADA Accessibility*

- **Align the facility plant with student enrollments, considering:**
 - *Educational programs*
 - *Capacity of an existing facility to receive students from other schools*
 - *Separation of different age groups and student populations*
 - *Capital improvements*
 - *Partnerships with county agencies and nonprofit organizations*
 - *Transportation impacts*
 - *Reuse or surplus potential of the existing building or buildings*
 - *Operating budget impact*

- **Provide a more financially sustainable support infrastructure:**
 - *Efficient use of resources (heating, cooling, maintenance, etc.)*

COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN: THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Good community schools require the full support of the community

➤ **Community Listening Sessions**

May 7, 8, and 9

- *Opportunities to:*
 - Meet the Strategic Facilities Committee
 - Discuss the Strategic Planning process
 - Voice the community's school facilities concerns
- *No recommendations have been developed to date*
- *The community's concerns will be taken into account in drafting the recommendations*

➤ **Community Feedback Sessions**

September 17, 18, and 19

- *An opportunity to discuss the facility actions prioritized by the Committee*
- *The community's responses will be taken into account in presenting final recommendations to the Board of Education*

➤ **Community Online Input**

Available now

- *Send comments to SFC@garrettcountyschools.org*

THE COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN: WHY IS IT NEEDED?

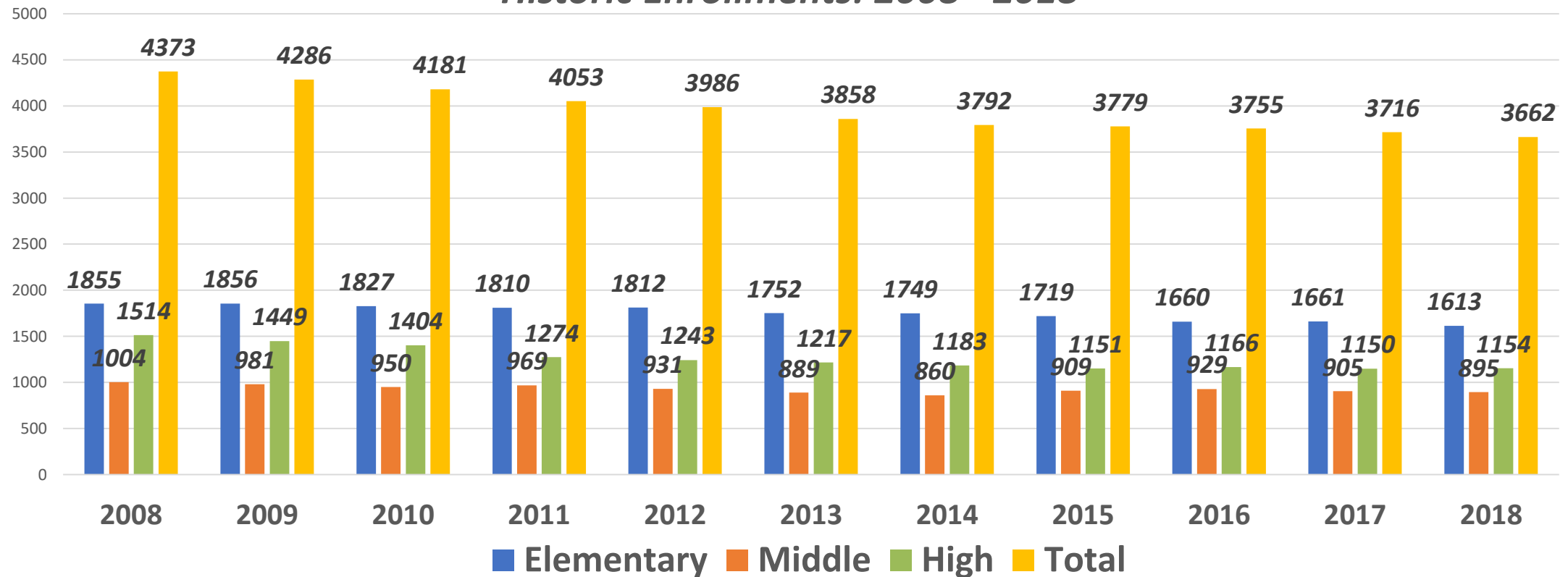
- **Enrollment Projections**
- **County Demographic Outlook**
- **Facility Utilization**
- **Age and Condition of the Facilities**

HISTORIC ENROLLMENTS: KINDERGARTEN TO 12TH GRADE

Countywide enrollments have declined

- *All grade bands saw decline*
- *High school enrollment declined the most*

Historic Enrollments: 2008 - 2018

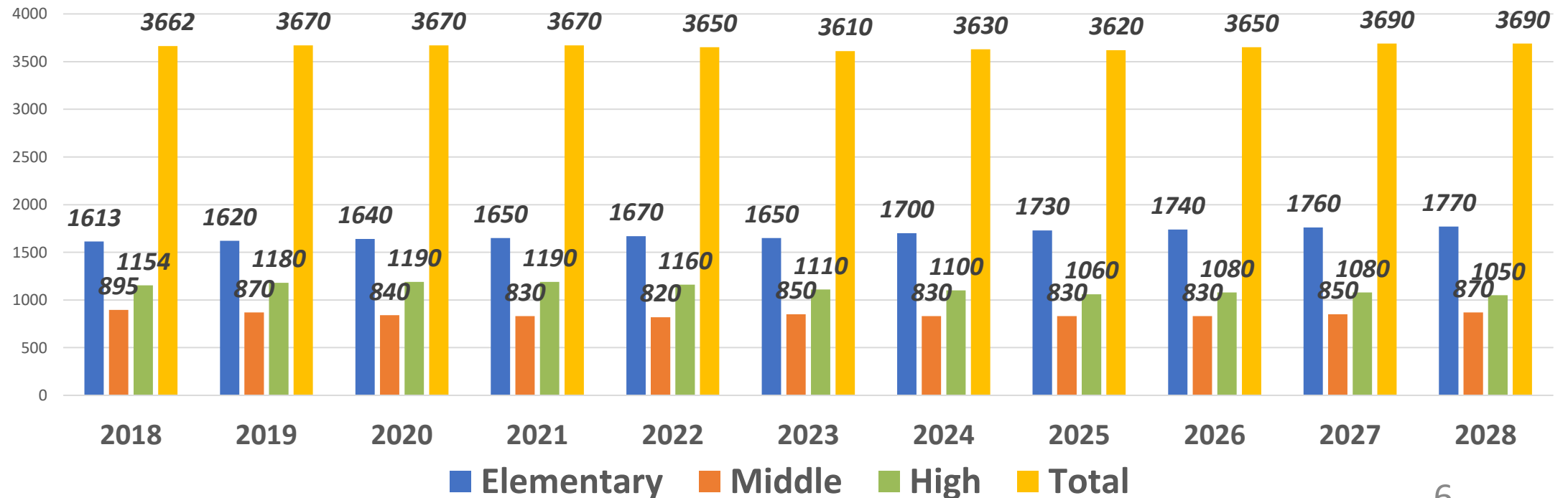


PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS : KINDERGARTEN TO 12TH GRADE

Maryland Department of Planning: Countywide enrollments are projected to stabilize

- *Will decline modestly between now and 2023*
- *Will increase modestly between 2023 and 2028*
- *Secondary enrollments will decrease*
- *Elementary enrollments will increase: Possible secondary increases beyond 2028*

Projected Enrollments: 2018 - 2028



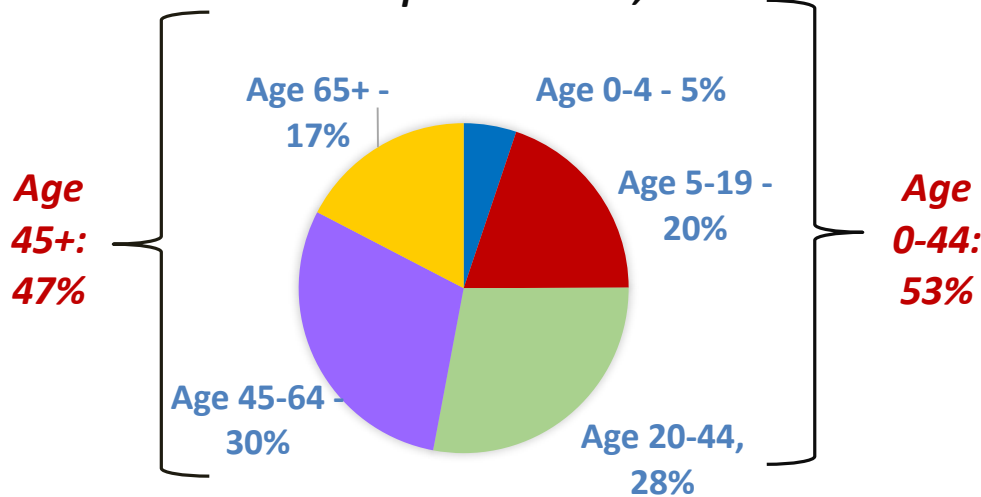
DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

Total population will increase between 2010 and 2040, *
BUT:

- **Population under 45: Will decrease by about 300 persons = - 1.9%**
- **Population 45 and older: Will increase by about 1,950 persons = + 13.8%**
- * Includes only permanent residents

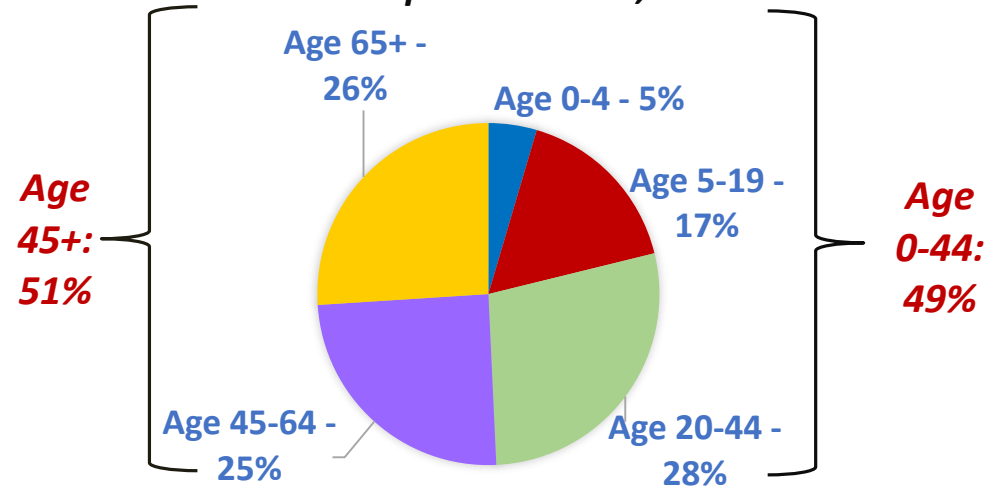
Age Distribution – 2010

Total Population – 30,097



Age Distribution – 2040

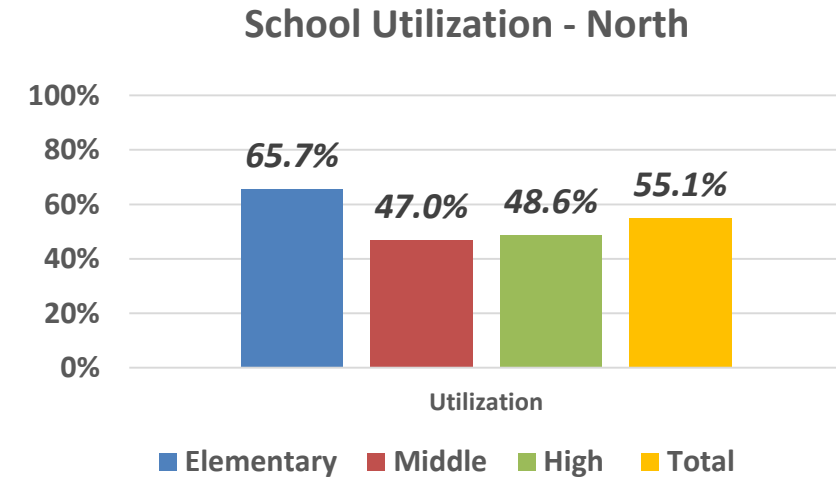
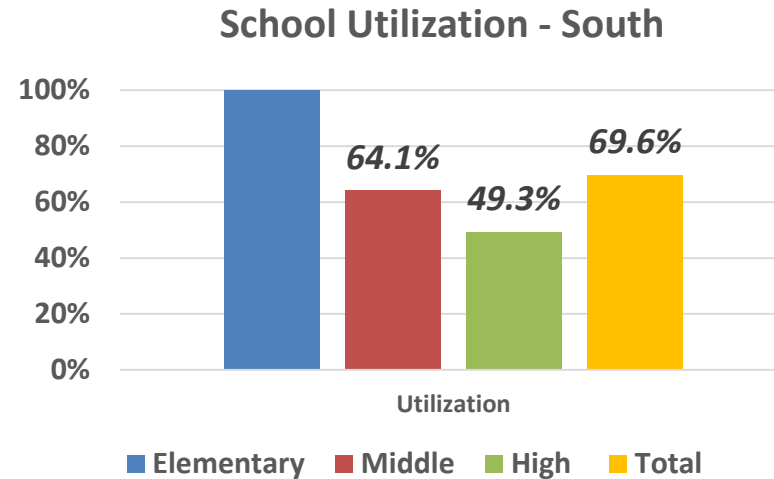
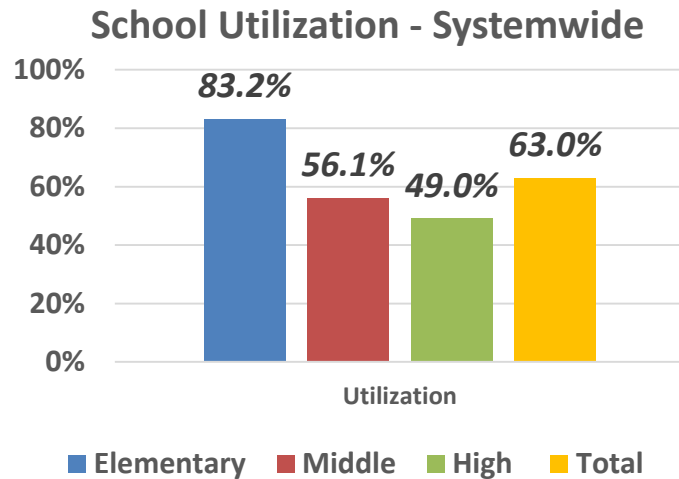
Total Population – 31,750



- **Demographic trends are likely to continue**
- **Increased population may occur in specific areas in the county**

FACILITY UTILIZATION

- *Low overall facility utilization will continue*
- *High Schools and Middle School will remain particularly under-utilized*



NOTES:

- **Utilization = Enrollment / State Rated Capacity (SRC)**
- **State Rated Capacity (SRC):** A statewide measure based on the number and capacities of individual classrooms (regular classrooms, special education, CTE, etc.)
- **An efficient school operates at between 80% and 95% utilization**
- **Low utilization does not mean empty spaces**

AGE AND CONDITION OF FACILITIES

- ***Garrett County Public Schools: seventh oldest average square footage in the state***
- ***The facilities are in significant need of renovation and upgrade***
- ***The schools are very well maintained***

- **Most recently built facility: *Yough Glades Elementary - 1998***
- **Most recently renovated: *Northern Middle - 2009***
- **Many areas are more than 40 years old**
- **All schools have received upgrades of building systems and components, but many building systems are beyond their expected life:**
 - **HVAC equipment, boilers, controls**
 - **Roofs**
 - **Windows**

SUMMARY

Findings:

- **Under-utilization may continue:**
 - The middle and high schools will likely remain significantly underutilized
 - Under-utilization affects the teaching program, school climate, and the operating budget
- **Future enrollments may increase in some parts of the county**
- **GCPS schools are overdue for major refurbishment:**
 - To make facilities educationally appropriate
 - To improve building performance

Conclusions:

- **Capital improvements must be prioritized and scoped** to work within realistic expectations of County and State funding
- **School improvements should be master-planned for possible expansion**
- **Further “right-sizing” of facilities may need to be considered**
“Right-sizing” means aligning the size and design of the facilities, and the number of facilities, to the educational mission, the enrollment, and the operating budget

THE STRATEGIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- **Ms. Crystal Boal**, Community Member
- **Mr. James Browning**, Community Member
- **Mr. Patrick Damon**, President, Garrett County Education Association; Teacher GCPS
- **Ms. Karen DeVore**, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Administration, GCPS
- **Mr. Steven Kauffman**, General Manager, CN Metals
- **Ms. Tracie Miller**, Principal, Grantsville Elementary School
- **Ms. Carissa Rodeheaver**, President & CEO, First United Bank & Trust
- **Mr. Kevin Null**, Garrett County Administrator
- **Ms. Jennifer Paugh**, Advocate for Students with Disabilities
- **Dr. Nathan Sorber**, Community Member
- **Mr. William Swift**, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Security, GCPS
- **Mr. Richard Wesolowski**, Director of Transportation, GCPS
- **Mr. Duane Yoder**, President, Garrett County Committee Action Committee

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THE COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN: SCHEDULE

- **Board of Education:** Approval of Strategic Facilities Committee *March 28*
- **Strategic Facilities Committee:**
 - Kick-off meeting *April 10*
 - Informational Workshop *April 25*
- **Community Listening Sessions:**
 - North County Session *Northern Middle School, May 7*
 - Central County Session *Garrett College, May 8*
 - South County Session *Southern Middle School, May 9*
- **Community Feedback Sessions:**
 - South County Session *Southern High School, September 17*
 - Central County Session *Garrett College, September 18*
 - North County Session *Northern High School, September 19*
- **Board of Education:** Consideration of recommendations *November 12*

THE COMPREHENSIVE & STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN: COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

TO RAISE YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE:

- **Use the microphone:**
 - *No need to sign up in advance*
 - *Please limit your questions/comments etc. to 3 minutes*
 - *The Committee will not respond at this time, unless a factual clarification is needed*
- OR -
- **Write your questions/comments etc. on one of the cards provided (*please deposit your card as you leave the meeting this evening, mail it to the Board of Education office, or scan it and send to the email address below*)**
- **Additional questions and comments may be submitted to: SFC@garrettcountyschools.org**
- **All questions and comments will be recorded and will be considered by the Strategic Facilities Committee**