

To: Dr. Ken Graham, Superintendent
Rush-Henrietta Central School District Board of Education

From: Instructional Space Committee 2011-2012

Re: 2011-2012 Classroom Space Recommendations

Date: December 15, 2011

The Instructional Space Committee met on October 20, November 11, and December 8 to review district enrollment data, residential development maps, school classroom maps, and enrollment projections to determine if future enrollment and residential growth could impact school classroom space. On BEDS Day (10/5/2011), the district enrolled 5,549 students. This includes 2,398 elementary students, 1,254 middle school students, 1,782 students in grades 9-12, and 115 students in a special school or BOCES placement.

The Instructional Space Committee examined the information and summarized:

- ✚ Elementary class sizes can continue with an upper limit class size of 17 students for grades K-2, 18 students for grades 3-4 and 19 students for grade 5. Elementary enrollment is flat during the past three years. This stability in district enrollment does not mean that enrollments are flat at all elementary buildings. While Sherman and Winslow enrollments remain stable, Leary and Fyle continue to grow due to new home construction in the Riverton area. Crane shows a decline in enrollment based on previous attendance area changes now taking effect. New growth in the Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road area will impact Crane and we seem prepared to handle the student impact of this new construction.
- ✚ Middle school teaming can continue. It should be noted that middle school class sizes average 21 students and team sizes average 85 students. The middle school choice option can continue. This year, 49 students are exercising school choice across the two middle schools. Roth Middle School had an enrollment of 761 students on BEDS day, while Burger Middle School enrolled 493 students.
- ✚ The high school has sufficient space for current course offerings, keeping in mind that we are addressing physical education space and science labs with Phase III construction.
- ✚ Homeschooling continues to increase, beginning with 127 students in the 2006-2007 school year and 173 being homeschooled in the 2011-2012 school year. During the same six-year period, special school and BOCES out-of-district placements have decreased from 154 in 2006-2007 to 119 students as of the 2011-2012 school year.

A map of our school boundaries with projected community development lists is attached. Committee members call your attention to the following:

- ✚ Development BA (City Gate) is on hold but still looming in three to five years. This area will feed to Winslow as per the 2009 space report.
- ✚ Development HQ (Greywood Meadows) is beginning and, with 168 homes planned, will impact Fyle now and in the near future. It is estimated that 60 elementary students could attend our schools from this subdivision.
- ✚ Development HP (Riverton Parcel F) is still building, with about 130 home lots still available. This area was redirected from Sherman to Leary when we put on the new addition at Leary.
- ✚ Development BB (Winfield Park) is just completing its approval with the Town of Brighton. This is a mixed community property (townhomes, patio homes, office space, shopping space, senior citizen housing, and canal front homes) with about 489 homes. The number of students generated by this mixed community format is unknown. This community will feed to Crane and take up space created by moving Whipple Park and Section 10.

The data discussed so far indicates that elementary classroom use looks good through 2015 at all elementary schools except Fyle because of the scope and size of the Greywood Meadows development.

Summary of Recommendations

The Instructional Space Committee recommends to the Board of Education one item for consideration:

- ✚ Redistrict the Greywood Meadows subdivision from its current alignment of the Fyle attendance area to Sherman Elementary School. Only three children are currently attending Fyle from the subdivision. They would not need to be relocated. The developer would be informed that all future homeowners would send elementary students to Sherman. Middle school students would not be affected as both Fyle and Sherman feed to Burger. Please note that the recommendation for redistricting relates only to the new subdivision and not all of Section 76 in which it resides.

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