

To: Dr. Ken Graham, Superintendent
Rush-Henrietta Central School District Board of Education
From: Instructional Space Committee 2012-2013
Re: 2012-2013 Classroom Space Recommendations
Date: December 18, 2012

The Instructional Space Committee met on October 25, November 15, and December 6 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 (10/3/2012), the district enrolled 5,466 students. This includes 2,393 elementary students, 1,225 middle school students, 1,784 students in grades 9-12, and 100 students in a special school or BOCES placement. Homeschooling did show a slight decline this year, which is the first time this has occurred since the 2008-2009 school year.

ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT

Overall, the enrollment is flat across school levels. Specifically, however, elementary enrollment is not static. Crane enrollment is currently declining while Leary has increased enrollments. This uneven growth and decline is a space issue.

	FYLE	WINSLOW	CRANE	LEARY	SHERMAN
2011	491	483	442	530	452
2012	494	489	406	547	457

Leary and Fyle will continue to grow due to new home construction in the River Road 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 with the space that we have available. Sherman and Winslow do not have any new construction impacts in the foreseeable future and their enrollments will remain flat.

Elementary small class sizes operate currently under the guidelines of 17 students grades K-2, 18 students in grades three and four, and 19 students in grade five. These sizes are abide by the provisions set forth in BOE Regulation 4020-R.

Leary's kindergarten 2012 class has 95 students and Fyle's kindergarten enrollment is 85 students. These numbers are significantly higher than the remaining kindergarten enrollments of 51, 68, and 68 at the other schools. This kindergarten enrollment begins to show the concerns of enrollments to come in the projections. The attached document illustrates the number of classrooms each building can accommodate and the potential number of classrooms that could be needed based on a five-year projection.

Some things to notice in the document include:

	Fyle	Leary
2013-2014		If new sections are needed for K-1 enrollment, 2 new classrooms will need to be opened and the school will need 36 classrooms which is maximum current capacity.
2014-2015		Kindergarten numbers are lower. 7 sections of grades 1 and 2 are needed. Building at current capacity.
2015-2016	Enrollment exceeds 500 students.	Building at current capacity. Enrollment nears 600 students.
2016-2017	Enrollment jumps to 520 students.	Building at current capacity. Enrollment exceeds 600 students.
2017-2018	Building nears full current capacity. Enrollment jumps to 543 students.	Building at current capacity. Enrollment 626 students.

There are additional unknowns for elementary enrollment based on future community residential development. 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 Sherman now and in the near future as per the 2011 space report. It is estimated that 60 elementary students could attend our schools from this subdivision.
- ✚ 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 in 2010.
- ✚ There could be more development looming for Leary in the Martin Road area. Plans not yet confirmed with town but financing being arranged.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

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 736 students on BEDS day, while Burger Middle School enrolled 449 students.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The Ninth Grade Academy enrolled 442 students on BEDS day 2012 while the high school enrolled 1306 students. The Ninth Grade Academy and the high school have sufficient space for current course offerings, keeping in mind that we are addressing physical education space and science labs with Phase III construction.

Summary of Recommendations

The Instructional Space Committee recommends to the Board of Education four items for consideration:

1. Provide **short-term relief** to Leary classroom space issues by partitioning A-3/A-5 and 35C/35-D to buffer unforeseen enrollments. Provide **short-term relief** to Fyle classroom space issues by partitioning A10/A13 to get an extra classroom.
2. Manage the start and continuance of new special education classes. Let the special education class at Fyle age out and look at aging out the life skills classes at Leary or moving them should the need for space become critical. It would be recommended that the students in the grade 3-5 life skills class be the first class to move if space is needed.
3. Consider **redistricting** any of the following sections:
 - a. Section 12 from Fyle to Crane
 - b. Section 33 from Leary to Winslow
 - c. Section 75 from Fyle to Sherman
 - d. Section 76 from Fyle to Sherman
 - e. Section 79 from Leary to Winslow
 - f. Section 80 from Leary to Winslow
 - g. Section 83 from Leary to Sherman
4. Examine the options and feedback from the January 31, 2013 Space Committee meeting regarding full-day K space options as options for district space management. An additional report will follow.

Chair: Denise Anthony

Members: Rhonda Delaney; Jayme Potucek; Donnette Naughton; Janey Harper; Melissa Holahan; Dhammie Palihakkara; Trish Koops; Michelle Woods; Sherry Stevens; Amy Pluskwa; Brenda Mastrangelo; Amy Rowe; Nancy Miller; Heather Kelly; Sue Wyatt; Tracy Wenzel; Kay Lyons; Kevin Yost.

District Reps: Mary Bloss; LeRoy Greer; Andrea Catena; Diane McBride; Ken Nelson; Pam Reinhardt; Beth Patton; Phyllis Wickerman; Annette Mueller; Joan Miller