

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker, Superintendent

DATE: February 13, 2019

RE: **ENROLLMENT CAPACITY**

I. **SUPPORT INFORMATION**

At the Board's request, District staff has developed the following Enrollment/Capacity Study to help determine the appropriate student enrollment capacity at each site. In determining appropriate enrollment levels, factors include: number of appropriately-sized classrooms and contractual class size limits.

Enrollment

Resident elementary-age students are most frequently placed in the attendance area of their residence. At times, a neighborhood school may be at capacity and students may have to be redirected to another Piedmont School. All resident Piedmont students are provided a District school placement regardless of capacity.

The District accepts inter-district transfers per Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5117. Most frequently, we accept students of school and city employees, as well as students at Millennium High School. In addition, the District admits inter-district transfers that fall under needed specialized programs. Capacity limits impact the acceptance and/or placement of these inter-district transfers

Capacity

The Piedmont Unified School District strives to meet the needs of each student and believes that lower class sizes are desirable for providing a high quality educational program. We believe that the high performance of our students is in part attributable to the intense level of adult support they receive on a daily basis.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Association of Piedmont Teachers states that "the staffing ratio for each elementary and secondary site will be 1:28 or less."

Furthermore, the California Department of Education provides additional funding to Districts that maintain class size averages of 1:24 at the K-3 levels.

General Education “Class Size” Program Capacity

Beach, Havens, Wildwood Elementary Schools

1:24 in grades K-3

1:28 in grades 4-5

(over the years, through the generous contributions of the Piedmont Education Foundation, the District has been able to maintain a class size ratio of 1:26 in grades 4-5)

Piedmont Middle School

1:28 in grades 6-8

Piedmont High School

1:28 in grades 9-12

Millennium High School (Alternative High School)

1:20 in grades 9-12

Special Education “Class Size” Program Capacity

Capacity in special education is guided by a programmatic design that prioritizes low adult to student ratios and is consistent with caseload limitations defined by Education Code.

Per Education Code, Resource Specialist caseloads must not exceed 1:28. Special Day Class (aka Home Base) teacher to student ratios should not exceed 1:12 as the intensive needs of students in such a class require a highly individualized and closely monitored learning environment.

General Education Facility Capacity

Beach Elementary		
Grade	Number of Students 18-19	Space Available for 19-20
K	21	2 classes @ 24 max +48 students
K	22	
1	22	43/48
1	21	+5 students
2	24	43/48
2	24	+5 students
3	23	48/48
3	22	+0 students
4	22	45/52
4	23	+7 students
5	25	45/52
5	26	+7 students

2019-2020 Additional Classroom Availability – Beach Elementary

1. Current Art Room
2. Current Intervention Services Room
3. Current Multi-Purpose Room

Each of these classrooms has been used as a General Education Classroom before.

Havens Elementary		
Grade	Number of Students 18-19	Space Available for 19-20
TK	21	+24 students
K	21	3 classes @ 24 max +52 students
K	22	
K	23	
1	24	66/72 +6 students
1	24	
1	24	
2	23	72/72 +0 students
2	24	
2	24	
3	23	71/72 +1 student
3	23	
3	23	
4	24	69/78 +9 students
4	26	
4	26	
5	24	76/78 +3 students
5	24	
5	24	

2019-2020 Additional Classroom Availability – Havens Elementary

1. Current Occupational Therapy Room
2. Current Computer/Technology Room

Each of these classrooms has been used as a General Education Classroom before.

Wildwood Elementary		
Grade	Number of Students 18-19	Space Available for 19-20
K	22	2 classes @ 24 max +48 students
K	21	
1	23	43/48
1	24	+5 students
2	24	47/48
2	24	+1 students
3	23	48/48
3	23	+0 students
4	23	46/52
4	23	+6 students
5	22	46/78
5	21	+32 students
5	23	

2019-2020 Additional Classroom Availability – Wildwood Elementary

1. Current 5th Grade Classroom

This classroom is currently being used as a General Education Classroom. Due to declining enrollment, it will become vacant in 2019-2020.

Elementary Enrollment Trends

Year	Beach	Havens	WW	Total
2011-12	323	496	310	1129
2012-13	362	505	293	1160
2013-14	364	517	317	1198
2014-15	362	533	298	1193
2015-16	335	497	311	1143
2016-17	313	493	302	1108
2017-18	298	476	302	1076
2018-19	277	439	296	1012
2019-20*				974
2020-21*				959

* Projected Enrollment

Piedmont Middle School

Enrollment Trends

Year	6th	7th	8th	Total
2011-12	190	217	184	591
2012-13	218	190	221	629
2013-14	187	220	195	602
2014-15	228	196	221	645
2015-16	250	236	195	681
2016-17	206	251	241	698
2017-18	208	207	250	665
2018-19	231	211	210	652
2019-20*	189	231	211	631
2020-21*	167	189	231	587

* Projected Enrollment

For every 28 students, PUSD adds approximately 1.5 FTE in certificated/classified staff.

In recent years, the highest enrollment for Piedmont Middle School has been 700 students (approximately 233 students per class). Using this capacity limit, for 2019-20, there are approximately 44 spaces in 6th grade, 2 spaces in 7th grade, and 22 spaces in 8th grade.

The District receives approximately \$10,000 per student from state and federal funds.

Piedmont High School

Enrollment Trends

Year	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
2011-12	219	179	179	174	751
2012-13	188	207	173	175	743
2013-14	214	187	197	172	770
2014-15	194	214	178	198	784
2015-16	226	192	204	178	800
2016-17	202	220	191	198	811
2017-18	226	191	208	188	813
2018-19	239	227	184	205	855
2019-20*	210	239	227	184	860
2020-21*	211	210	239	227	887

* Projected Enrollment

For every 28 students, PUSD adds approximately 1.5 FTE in

certificated/classified staff.

In the past fifteen years, the highest enrollment for Piedmont High School has been 900 students (approximately 225 students per class). Using this capacity limit, for 2019-20, there are approximately 15 spaces in 9th grade, 0 spaces in 10th grade, 0 spaces in 11th grade, and 41 spaces in 12th grade.

The District receives approximately \$10,000 per student from state and federal funds.

Implications of Program Capacity

The District's programmatic capacity as defined above will be utilized in making decisions about the placement of resident students who, in some cases, must be redirected to sites that are outside of their neighborhood school zone when capacity will be exceeded. In addition, programmatic capacity will guide the District's ability to accept or deny and place inter-district transfer requests.

II. RECOMMENDATION: INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The Board will continue discussions on the District's enrollment and Interdistrict Transfer Policies.