

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46



December 2 Community Presentation

Welcome Back!

- Please introduce yourself to others seated near you
- Sign-in



I Have A Question or Comment!



Complete a form:

Let's Talk at u-46.org/letstalk

Email to UniteU46@u-46.org

Ask during small group work time

The form is titled 'I HAVE A QUESTION!' and is for School District U-46. It includes a header with the district logo and tagline. Below the title, it asks for contact information for a representative. There are seven horizontal lines for the question or comment. Below that, it states that the question may be related to community engagement. At the bottom, there are fields for Name, Address, Phone, and E-Mail, each followed by a horizontal line. The footer contains the email address 'UniteU46@u-46.org' and the website 'UniteU46.com'.

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Moving Forward Together

I HAVE A QUESTION!

I would like to be contacted by a Unite U-46 representative who can respond to this question/comment:

Your question or comment may be directly related to the community engagement project or any other matter regarding the school district.

Name: _____

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Meeting Materials

Today's Handouts:

- Agenda
- Verbatim Responses
- Executive Summary
- Presentation Slides
- Work Activity



Today's Agenda

- Recap recent Unite U-46 actions
- Review costs and other considerations associated with maintaining each of our schools
- Quantify the number of elementary schools we will need going forward
- Scenario planning activity

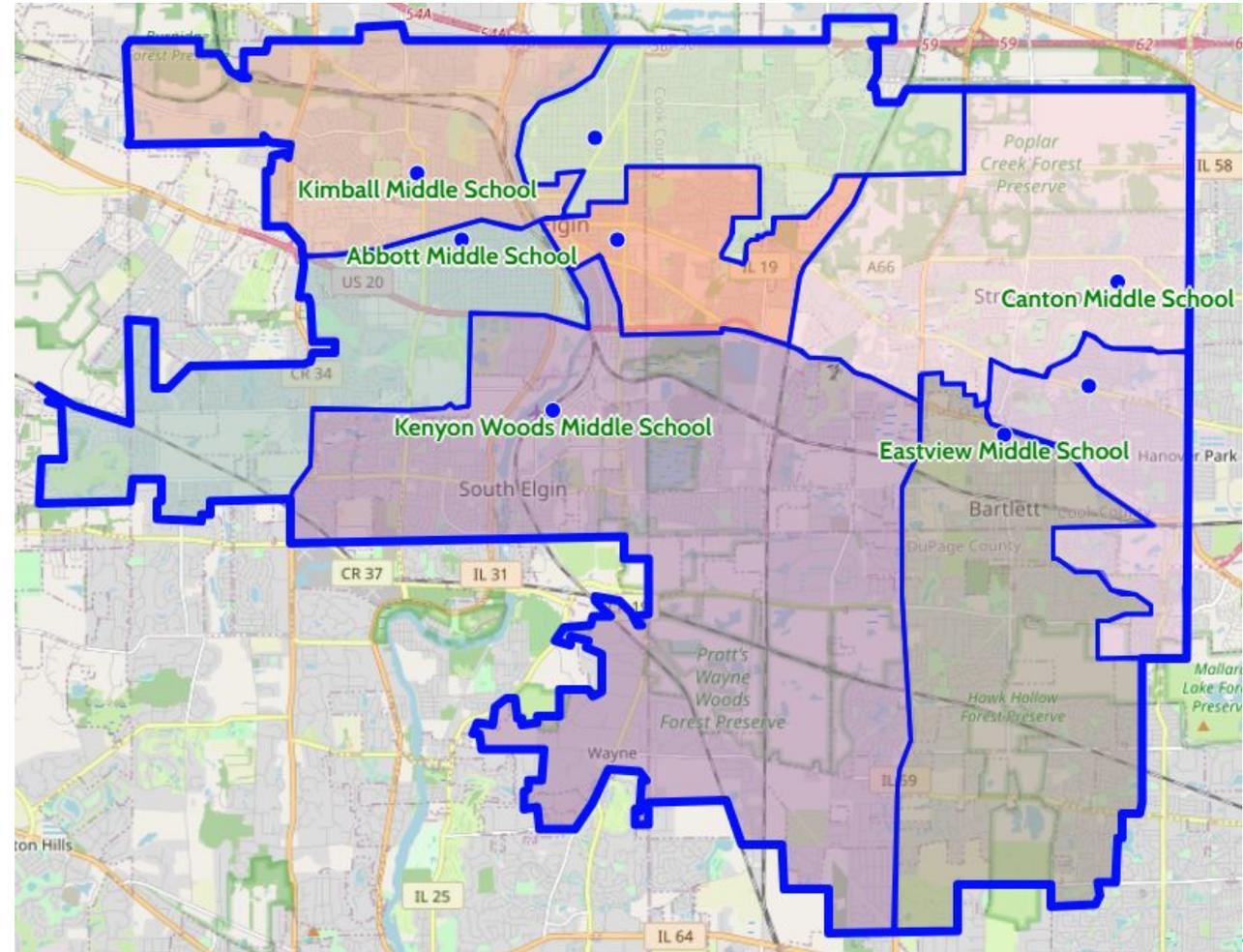
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***Unite U-46
Recent Actions***

Recent Unite U-46 Actions

- **Middle school recommendations approved**
 - Retiring Abbott, Ellis
 - Additions to Kimball, Kenyon Woods
 - Construction of a new middle school in Elgin
- **Board of Education will receive recommendations on elementary schools on December 18**



Recent Unite U-46 Actions



SCHOOL	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	EST. COMPLETION
FUNDED BEFORE UNITE U-46 PLAN			
Hawk Hollow	Conversion to middle school	\$58 Million	Summer 2025
UNITE U-46 BOND ISSUE AND RESERVE FUNDING \$380 MILLION			
New Middle School	Located in Elgin	\$110 Million	Summer 2026
Kimball Middle School	Addition to increase to 1,125 student capacity	\$50 million	Summer 2026
Kenyon Woods Middle School	Addition to increase to 1,125 student capacity	\$35 Million	Summer 2026
Total		\$195 Million	
ADDITIONAL PLANNED BOND ISSUE AND RESERVE FUNDED PROJECTS			
New Elementary School	Location TBD	\$50M	TBD
Update Canton, Eastview, Larsen, Tefft Middle Schools	Secure front entrances, update STEM, science labs, add flexible/collaborative learning spaces	TBD	TBD
Update Existing Elementary Schools	Safety, security, renovation, repair, technology, flexible spaces	TBD	TBD
Total		\$50M	

Recent Unite U-46 Input

- Put students first
- Continue communication with the community
- Remain mindful of the rich history of our schools
- Increase equitable access to programs at more schools
- Ensure all schools are inclusive and accessible to all



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Refining The Plan

Elementary Building Analysis & Priorities

Age of U-46 Elementary Schools



3 built prior to 1900



10 built between
1900-1960



13 built between
1960-1980



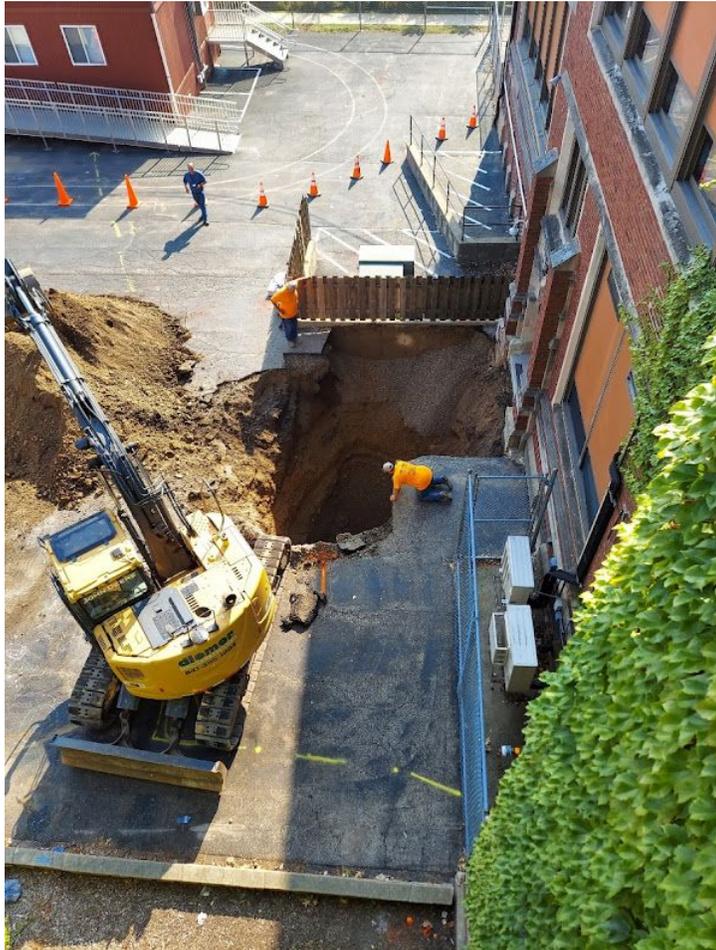
12 built since 1980

68% of our elementary schools were built prior to 1980

Renovate, Rebuild, or Retire Schools



U-46 Recent Example at Lowrie



Costs And Other Considerations With Maintaining An Elementary School

- **Operational costs - approximately \$100,000 per year**
 - Utilities, Groundskeeping, Snow Removal, etc.
- **Periodic major maintenance events - approximately \$1,000,000 per year (on average)**
 - Roof replacement, Boiler, HVAC, parking lot paving, etc.
- **Staffing considerations - approximately \$700,000 per year**
 - Principal, Assistant Principal, Secretary, Custodian, etc.

U-46 spends an average of \$2M per building on maintenance each year*

Focus On What's Right For Our Students

Appropriate Class Sizes and Staffing

- Rebalance class sizes and staffing to provide the best opportunities for students.

Grade Level Sections

- Multiple sections of grade levels
 - Provide additional opportunities
 - Support social development
- Reduce multi-grade classrooms



Provide more students the opportunity to attend updated schools

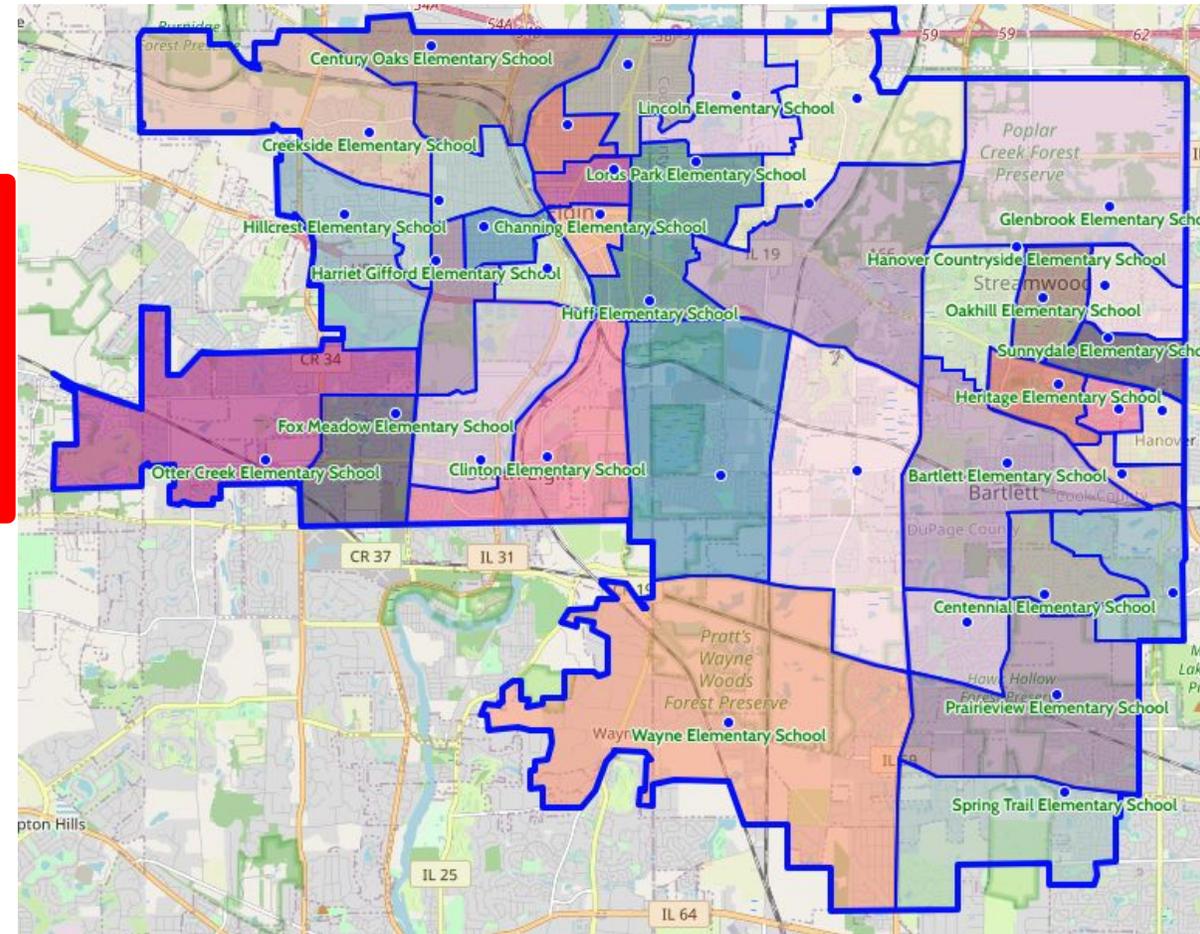
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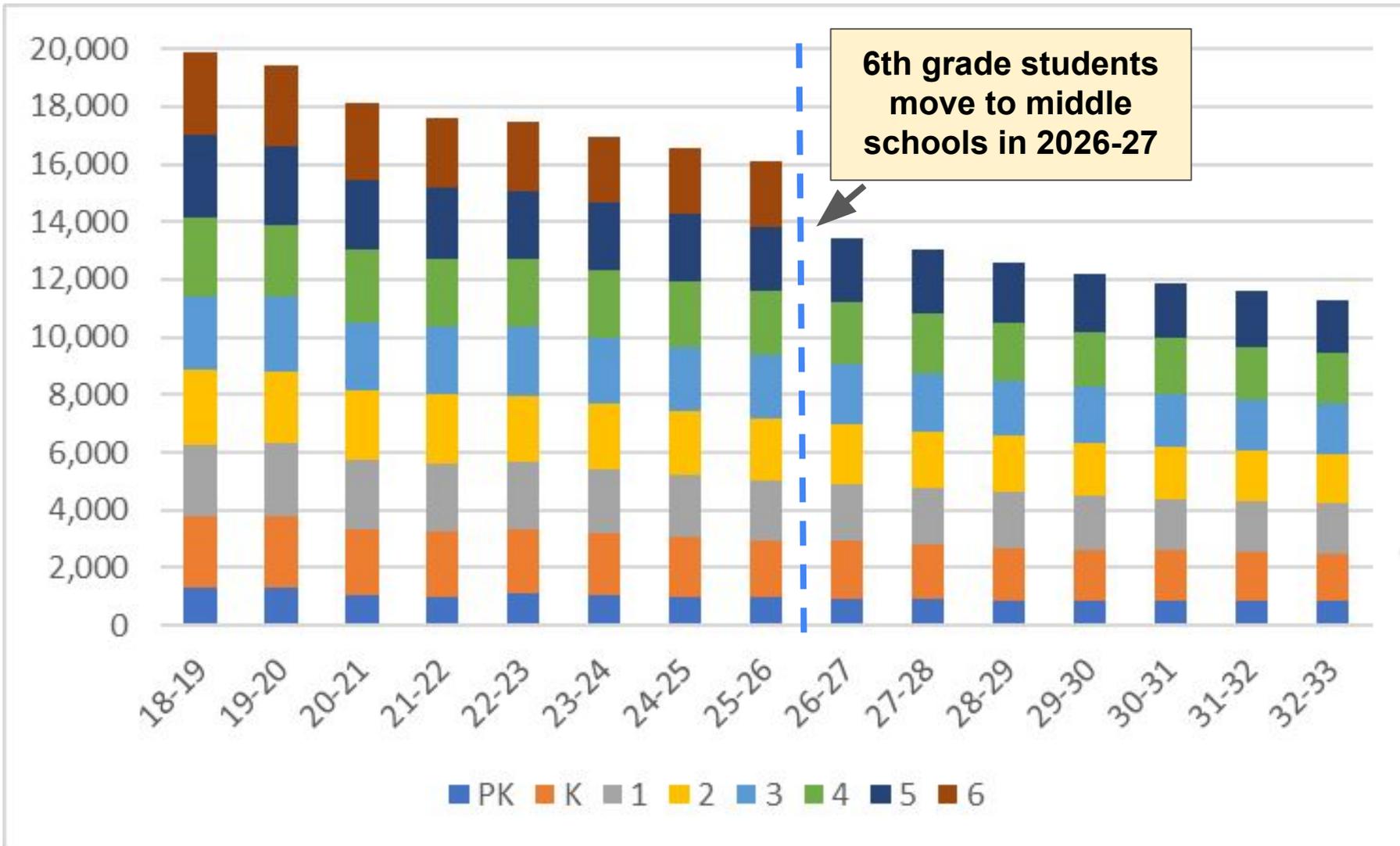
Determining The Number Of Elementary Schools Needed

Next Steps In The Process

- Complete audit of elementary buildings
- Determine number of elementary schools needed
 - Considering declining enrollments and shift of 6th grade to middle school
- Provide recommendations to the Board of Education
 - Buildings to renovate, replace, or retire
- Evaluate criteria to address attendance boundaries



Elementary Enrollment Trend



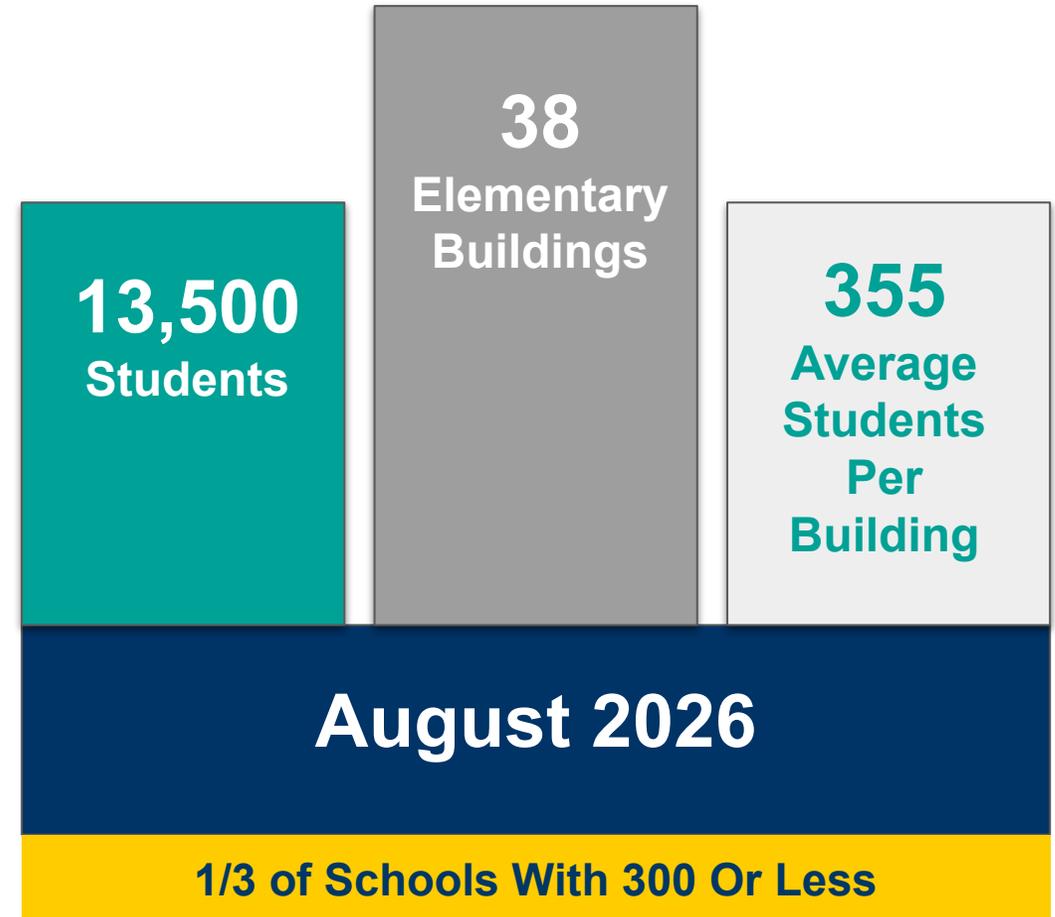
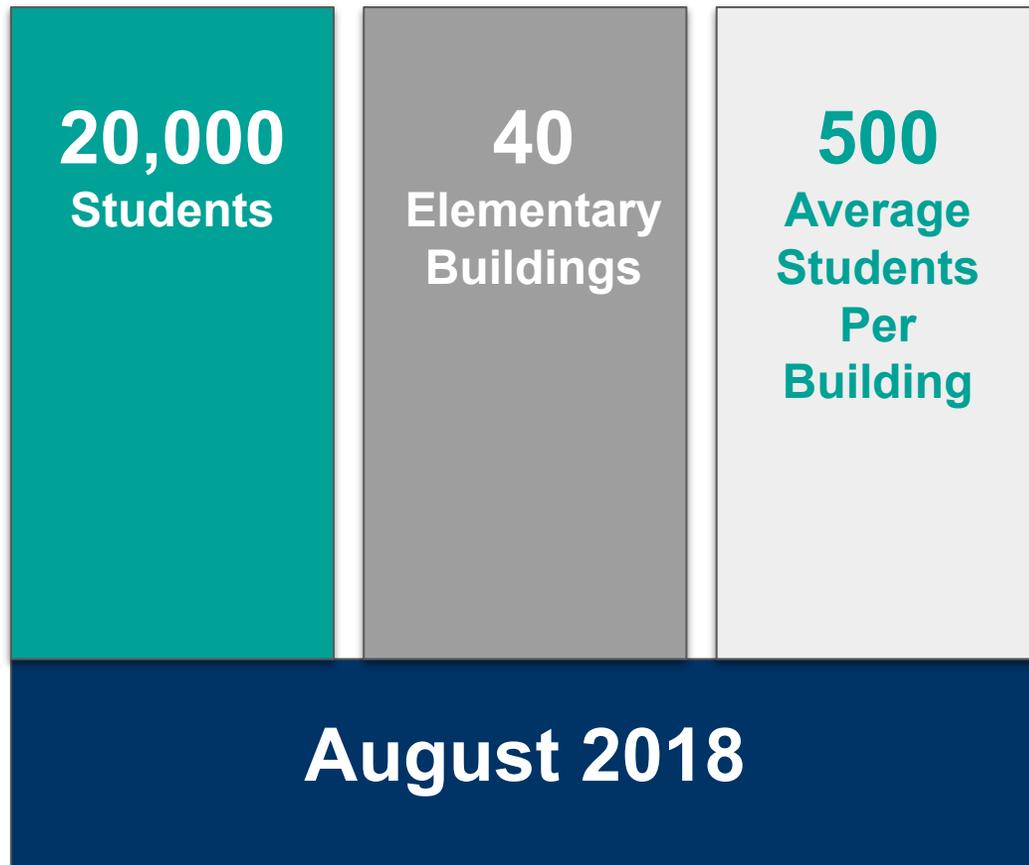
Typical Elementary Enrollment



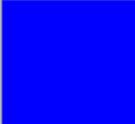
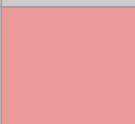
**Illinois Evidence Based Funding Formula
450 Students**

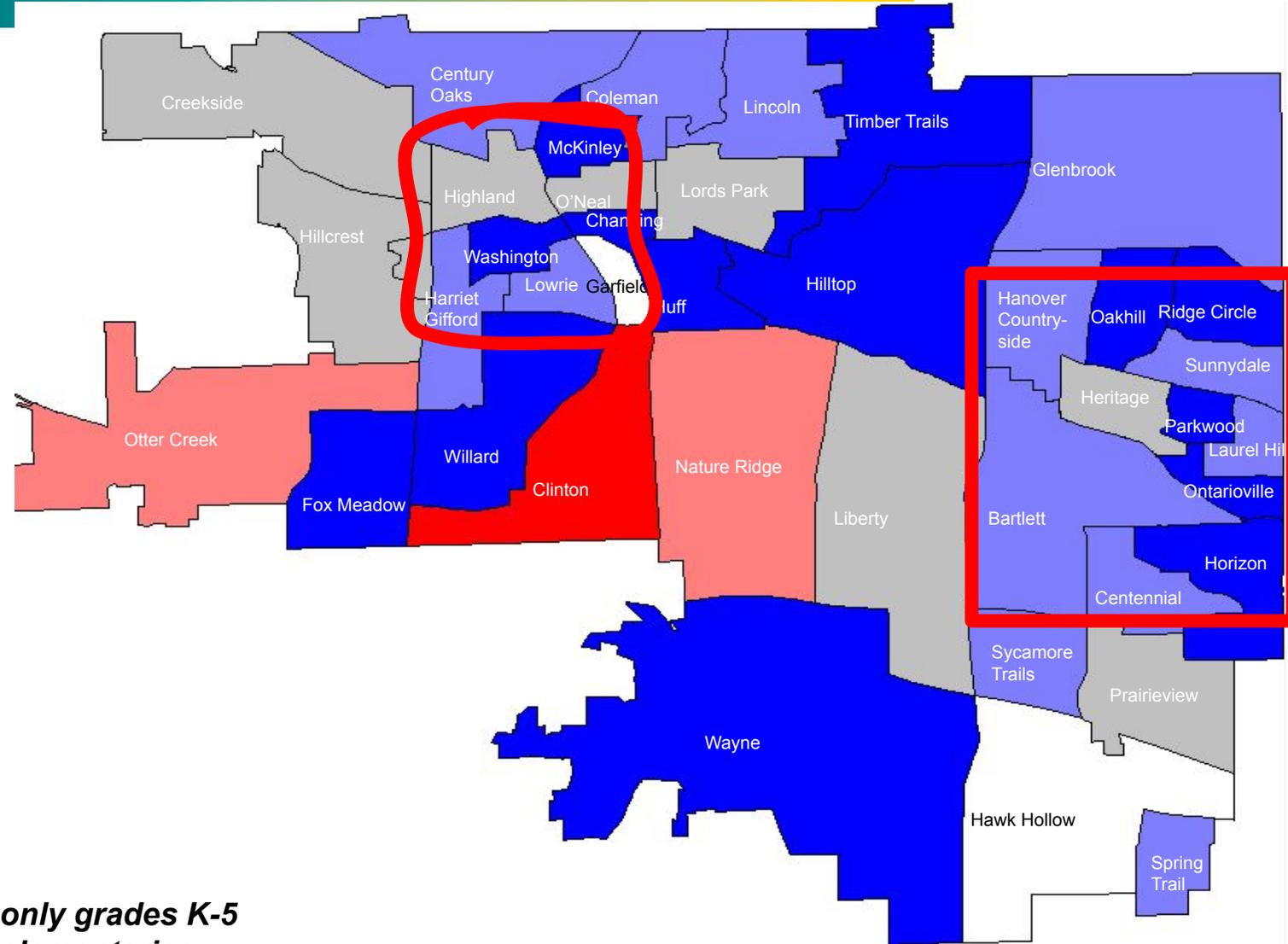
**2026 Expected U-46 Enrollment
1/3 of Schools With 300 Or Less Students**

Impact of Declining Enrollments in U-46



Projected Capacity Utilization of Elementary Schools (2026-27)

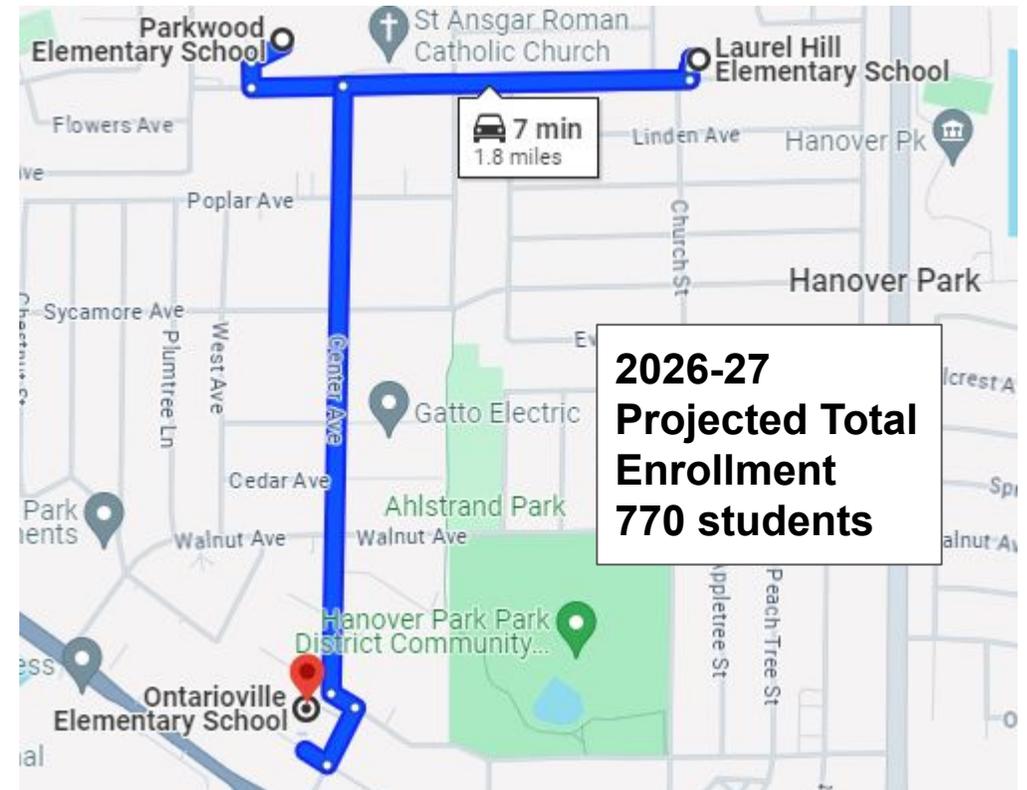
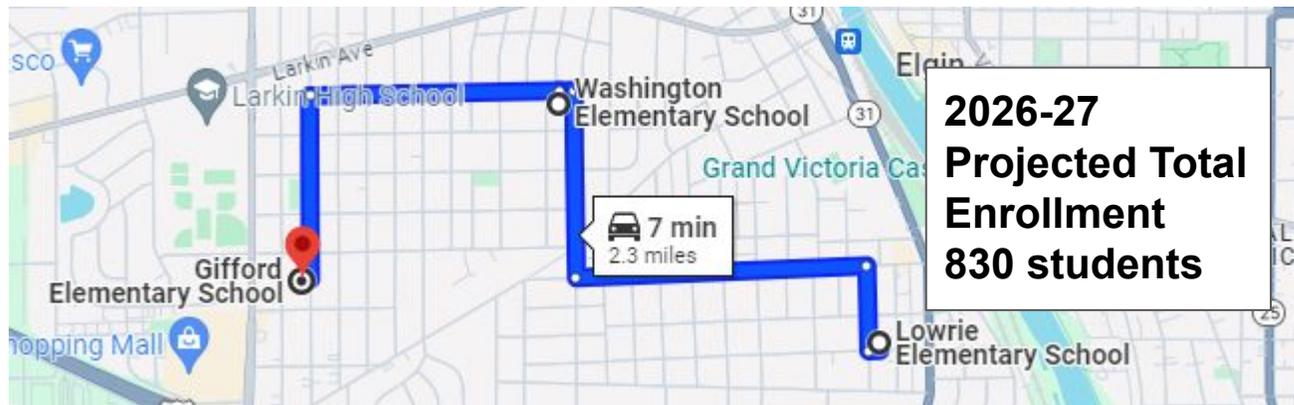
	Percent Capacity	Schools
	51-62%	14
	63-74%	13
	75-86%	8
	87-98%	2
	99-113%	1



**Note: Projected elementary enrollment data includes only grades K-5
 White boundary areas are schools that are no longer elementaries**

Determining The Number Of Elementary Schools Needed

- Focus on areas of the district with multiple schools in a tight geographic window running below capacity
 - Lowrie, Washington, Harriet Gifford
 - Parkwood, Laurel Hill, Ontarioville



Moving Forward

- If U-46 does not close any additional elementary schools, we will have over $\frac{1}{3}$ of our schools running below 300 students in 2026 due to declining enrollments and 6th grade moving to middle school
- Will be presenting recommendations to the Board of Education on December 18 that will include retiring an additional 3-5 elementary schools



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450 Students

2026 Expected U-46 Enrollment
1/3 of Schools < 300

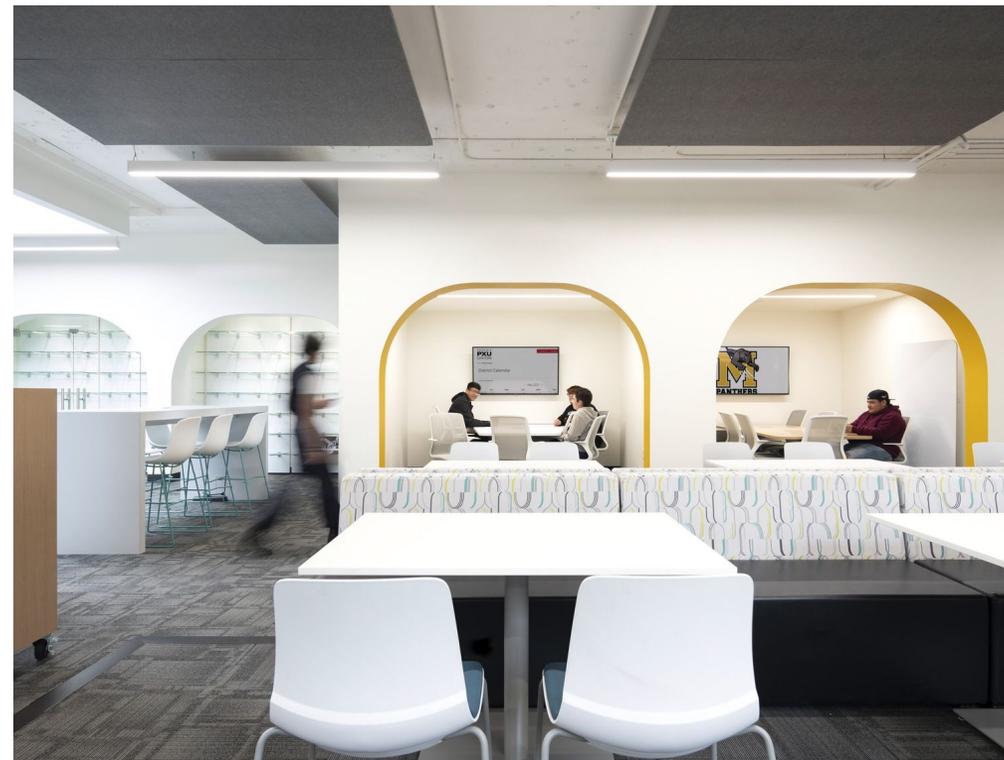
What We'd Like All Of Our Students To Experience In U-46 Schools





Engaging & Student-centered





Collaborative

Flexible & adaptable





Safe & Welcoming



Our challenge



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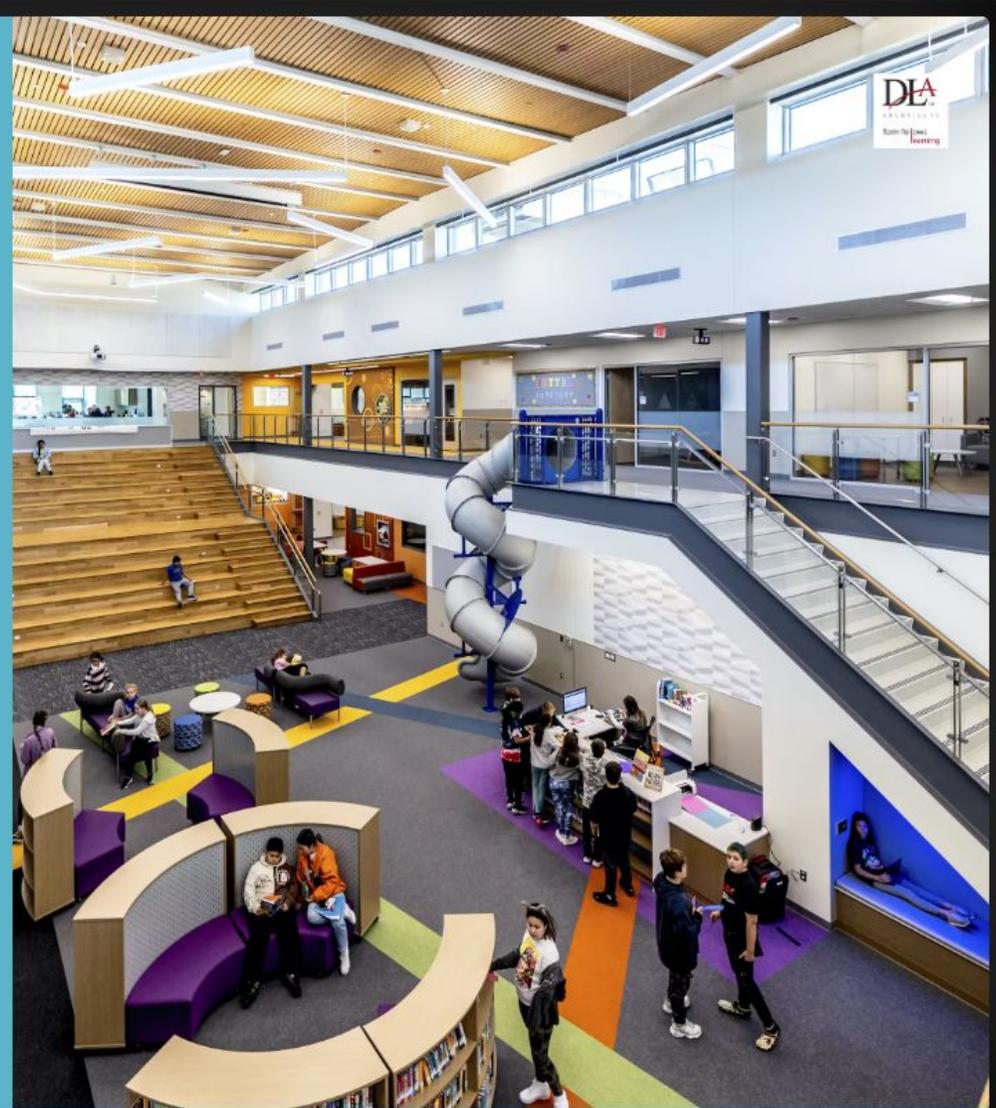


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Design Patterns of Future Ready Learning Environments

Connecting the dots from teaching and learning to space and design.



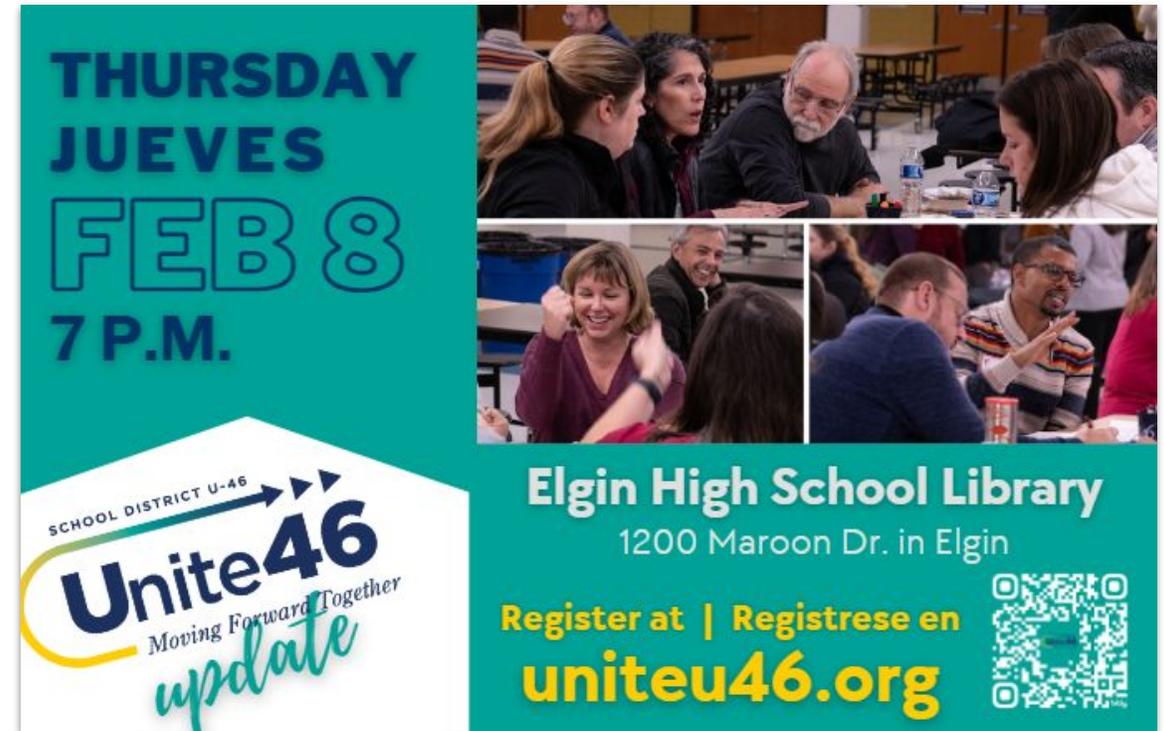
Next Steps/Schedule

Future Sessions:

- February 8: 7 p.m. Elgin High School
- March 13: 7 p.m. Elgin High School
- April / May: TBD

Topics to cover in 2023-24:

- Building audit and priorities
- Criteria to determine how many schools needed to serve our community
- Attendance boundary planning criteria and parameters
- Transitioning to new schools



**THURSDAY
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FEB 8
7 P.M.**

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Elgin High School Library
1200 Maroon Dr. in Elgin

Register at | Regístrate en
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Thank You!
Next Session
February 8

