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MGSD Enrollment Projected to Grow Significantly

The Monona Grove School District is expected to grow by over 1,000 students by 2030-31, straining building capacities at several District schools, according to a long-term enrollment analysis presented Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) on October 24.

“The data presented tonight puts into focus why the District is engaged in facilities planning,” said Dan Olson after the meeting. “Experts anticipate strong enrollment growth in our District – and it’s important that we engage the community in planning for this growth.”

According to data delivered to the FAC by urban planning firm Vandewalle & Associates, enrollment is projected to grow from approximately 3,300 students in 2017-18 to over 4,300 students in 2030-31 (enrollment totals exclude off-site 4k students). This projected enrollment growth is in addition to the actual growth in enrollment of approximately 400 students since the 2010-11 school year.

Enrollment growth is anticipated to be strongest in the Cottage Grove area of the District. Enrollment at Glacial Drumlin School is projected to grow by over 200 students; Taylor Prairie School by over 175 students; and Cottage Grove School by nearly 175 students.

At several District schools, projected enrollment is expected to meet or exceed building capacity. A building’s capacity is the enrollment that can be accommodated under existing Board of Education class size targets. Glacial Drumlin School is over capacity today. Taylor Prairie School and Cottage Grove School are each projected to be over capacity by around 2020-21. All three schools are expected to be significantly over capacity by 2030-31.



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School Capacity and Projected School Enrollment Monona Grove School District

School	School Capacity (based on School Board Goal)	2017-18 Enrollment	Proj. 2030-31 Enrollment
Cottage Grove	497	459	629
Taylor Prairie	384	368	548
Winnequah	638	581	541
Glacial Drumlin	876	889	1,124
Monona Grove High School	1,256	1,019	1,495

Facilities Advisory Committee members also heard the District administration's recommendations on grade configuration. District administrators examined how various academic, financial and social factors are impacted by a school district's grade configuration and concluded there is no single best grade configuration model. However, according to Superintendent Olson, there should be District-wide alignment in the transition to Glacial Drumlin School at the 6th grade. Furthermore, the grade configuration structure should, to the degree possible, avoid bussing elementary-age student out of their home communities. The District is seeking a long-term, consistent grade configuration model.

The Facilities Advisory Committee will discuss potential facilities solutions at their next meeting on November 28. More on the facilities planning process and Facilities Advisory Committee can be found on the District's website. <http://www.mononagrove.org/welcome/facilities-planning.cfm>