

Preview of Moore County Board of Education 2019-2021 School Assignment Process

Union Pines (Area 1) Community Forum
At New Century Middle School
R.P. “Bob” Grimesey, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent
6:00 p.m., March 7, 2019

Student Assignment Planning Process

Desired Outcomes

- Build assignment plans for three elementary schools opening 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- Resolve unfinished business from 2019-20 Area I assignment plan.
- Address, to the extent possible, utilization of capacity among all MCS elementary and middle schools.
- Balance, to the extent possible, multiple demographic categories among all MCS elementary and middle schools.

Purpose of this Forum

- Build community understanding of the problems and challenges that require school assignment adjustment
- Provide information about the guiding principles, intentions, process and timeline.
- Invite questions and clarify misunderstandings.
- Measure expectations and general perceptions.
- Identify worries and concerns.
- Gather input and ideas.
- Build community confidence and trust in process.

Four Guiding Principles

Balance – Utilization, program opportunities and student demographics.

Efficiency – Seek best benefit for students and community at lowest possible operational cost.

Planning – Apply most updated school and planning data with attention to current and future needs.

Community – Transparent process, community engagement and sensitivity to needs of students, families, communities and school district.

Guiding Principles / Limitations

- No intended priority among principles.
- Some principles may overlap.
- Some principles will conflict.
- Proposed plans will require compromise among principles.

Community Information Forums: Process Previews

- ✓ 6:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 – North Moore High School feeder area (Area 2) at Elise Middle School gymnasium.
- ✓ 6:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 – Pinecrest High School feeder area (Area 3) at Southern Middle School multi-purpose room.
- **6:00-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7** – Union Pines High School feeder area (Area 1) at New Century Middle School multi-purpose room.

School Assignment Process: Timeline

- ✓ February 4 School Board Work Session – Establish guiding principles, conduct needs assessment, approve process and timeline.
- **February-March** – Staff is currently working with advisory committee to develop first draft of school assignment plan.
- **April 1** School Board Work Session – Presentation of first draft of plan.
- **April 2** – Community input meeting at New Century (6 p.m.).

School Assignment Process: Timeline

- **April** – Staff works with advisory committee to develop second draft of school assignment plan.
- **May 6** School Board Work Session - Presentation of second draft of plan.
- **May 7** – Community input meeting at New Century (6 p.m.)
- **May-August** – Staff work with advisory committee to develop final draft to submit to superintendent.

School Assignment Process: Timeline

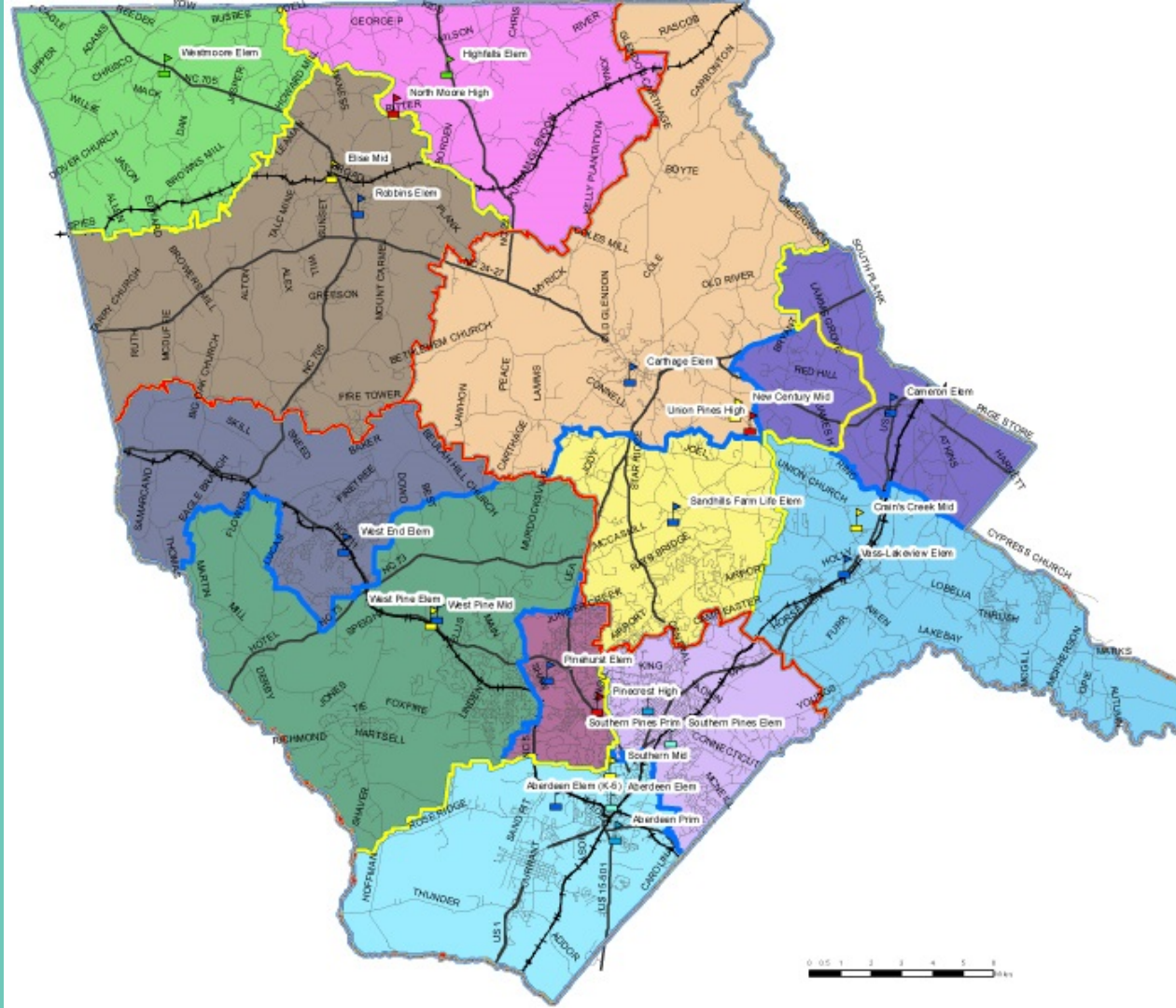
- **September 3** School Board Work Session – Presentation of superintendent’s multi-year student assignment plan.
- **Mid-September** – School Board Public Hearing to receive final public input on superintendent’s final draft plan.
- **October 7** School Board Work Session – School Board considers final draft plan and public input. Board determines what, if any, revisions it will make.
- **October 14** – School Board takes action on final multi-year student assignment plan.

School Assignment Process: Advisory Committee

- Membership includes district staff, consultants and a principal, teacher and parent from each school except high schools and Pinckney Academy. One team represents Aberdeen Primary and Elementary and one team represents Southern Pines Primary and Elementary since each pair will be consolidated in 2020-21.
- Sub-committees for each feeder area are chaired by the respective high school principal.
- Committee advises the MCS staff as it develops each of the first three drafts of the plan.

Current Moore County School Assignment Areas

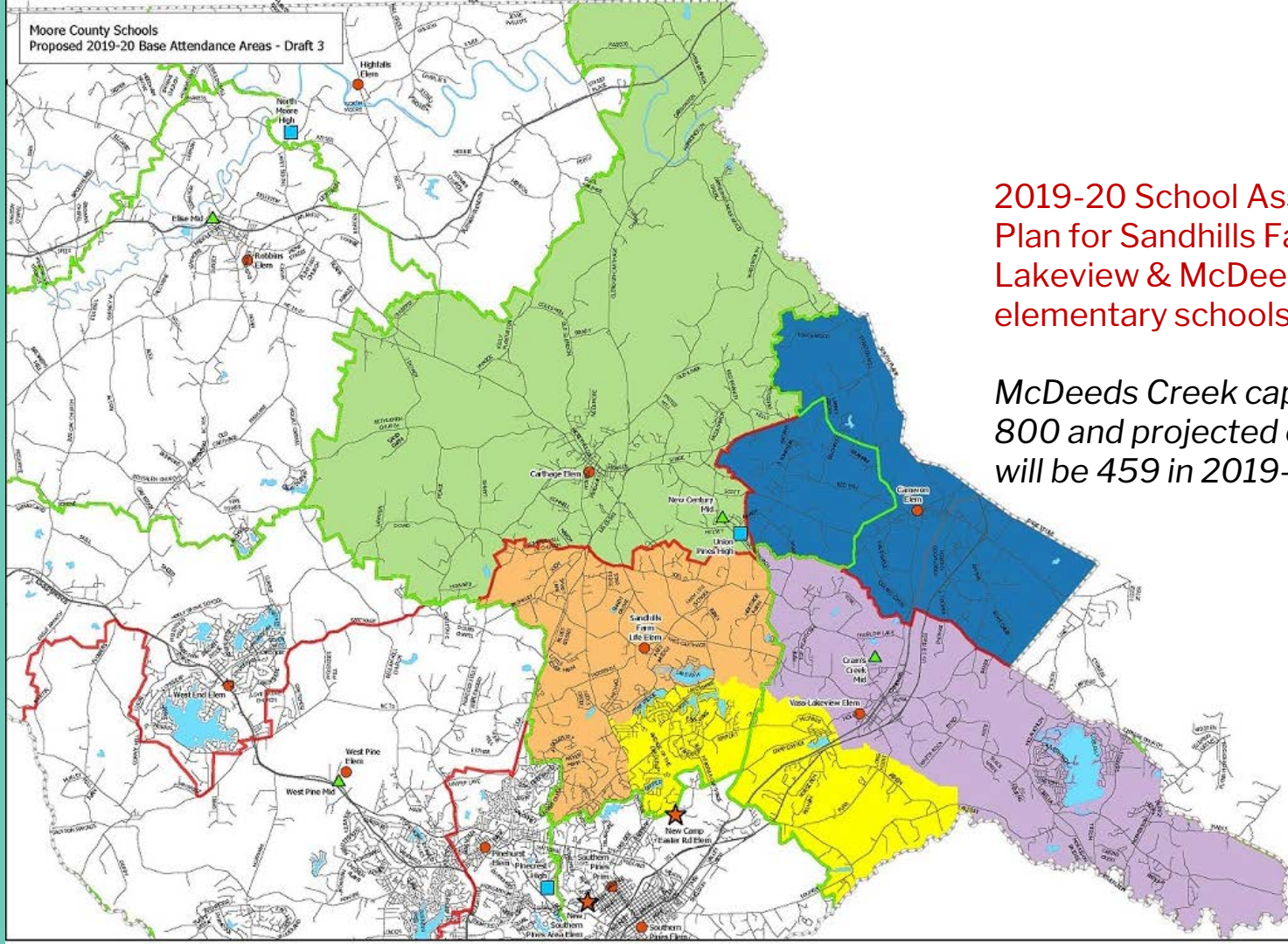
- Each color denotes an elementary school district.
- Yellow lines separate middle school districts.
- Red lines separate high school districts.



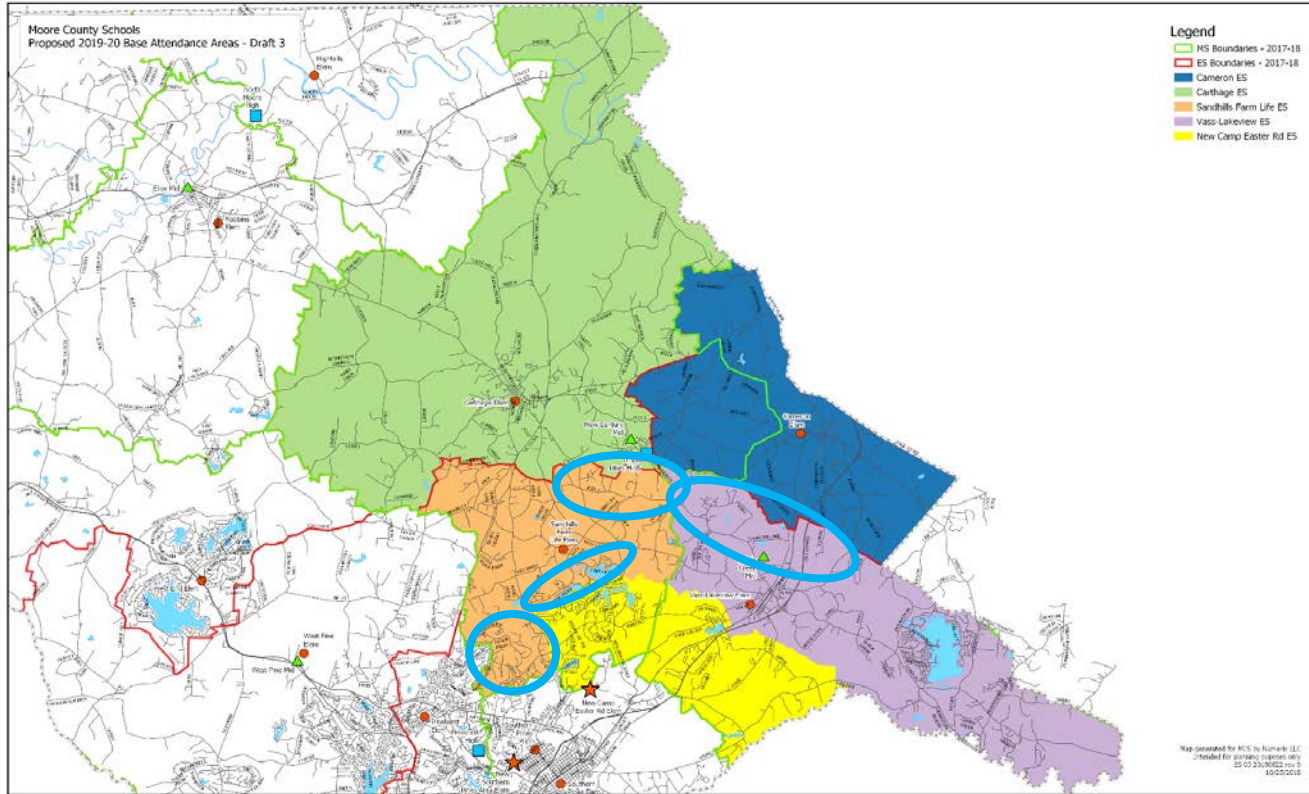
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- MS Boundaries - 2017-18
 - ES Boundaries - 2017-18
 - Cameron ES
 - Carthage ES
 - Sandhills Farm Life ES
 - Vass-Lakeview ES
 - New Camp Easter Rd ES

2019-20 School Assignment Plan for Sandhills Farmlife, Vass-Lakeview & McDeeds Creek elementary schools.

McDeeds Creek capacity will be 800 and projected enrollment will be 459 in 2019-20.



Area 1 Unfinished Business



NOTE: All information presented here, including maps and data tables, represents base assignment scenarios that are not approved by the MCS Board of Education. All information presented here is intended for planning purposes only.

Area 2 / North Moore HS Feeder Area

Declining enrollment requires action.

- All school facilities in reasonably good shape with exception of need for modernization at North Moore High School and gyms at Highfalls and Westmoore.
- Five-year enrollment decline includes:
 - Robbins ES = -10%
 - Highfalls K-8 = -14%
 - North Moore HS = -17%
 - Westmoore K-8 = -20%
- North Moore schools offer available capacity.

Area 3 / Pinecrest HS Feeder Area

New elementary schools require rethinking.

- New McDeeds Creek ES offers second Southern Pines elementary. May pull elementary enrollment eastward;
- Larger elementary schools in Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pinehurst may offer relief to over-crowded West Pine ES;
- Moving some West Pine ES eastward may offer relief to rapidly growing enrollment at West End ES; and
- Severe utilization and demographic imbalances between West Pine MS and Southern MS feeder patterns require attention.

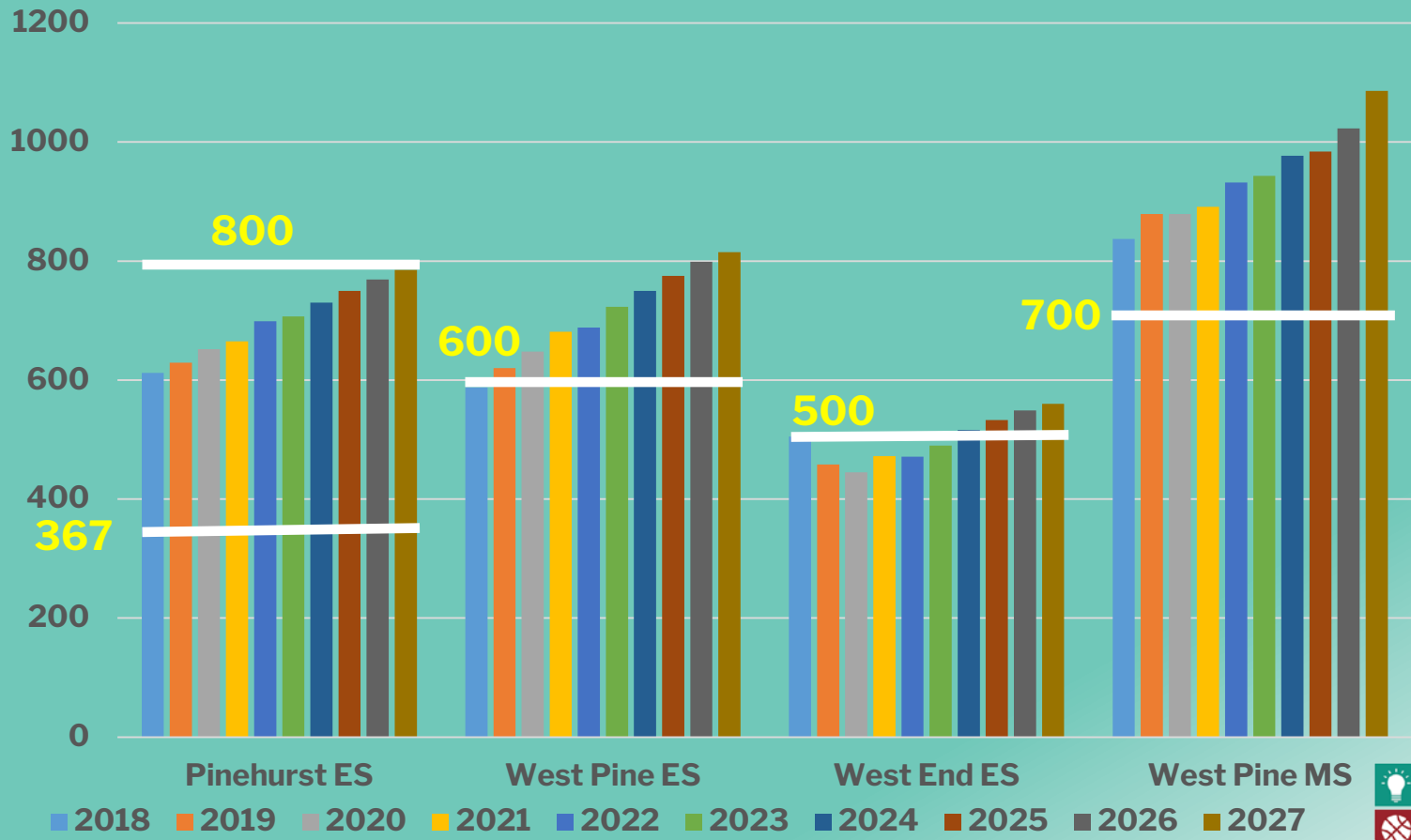
Area 1 / Union Pines HS Feeder Area

“Unfinished Business”

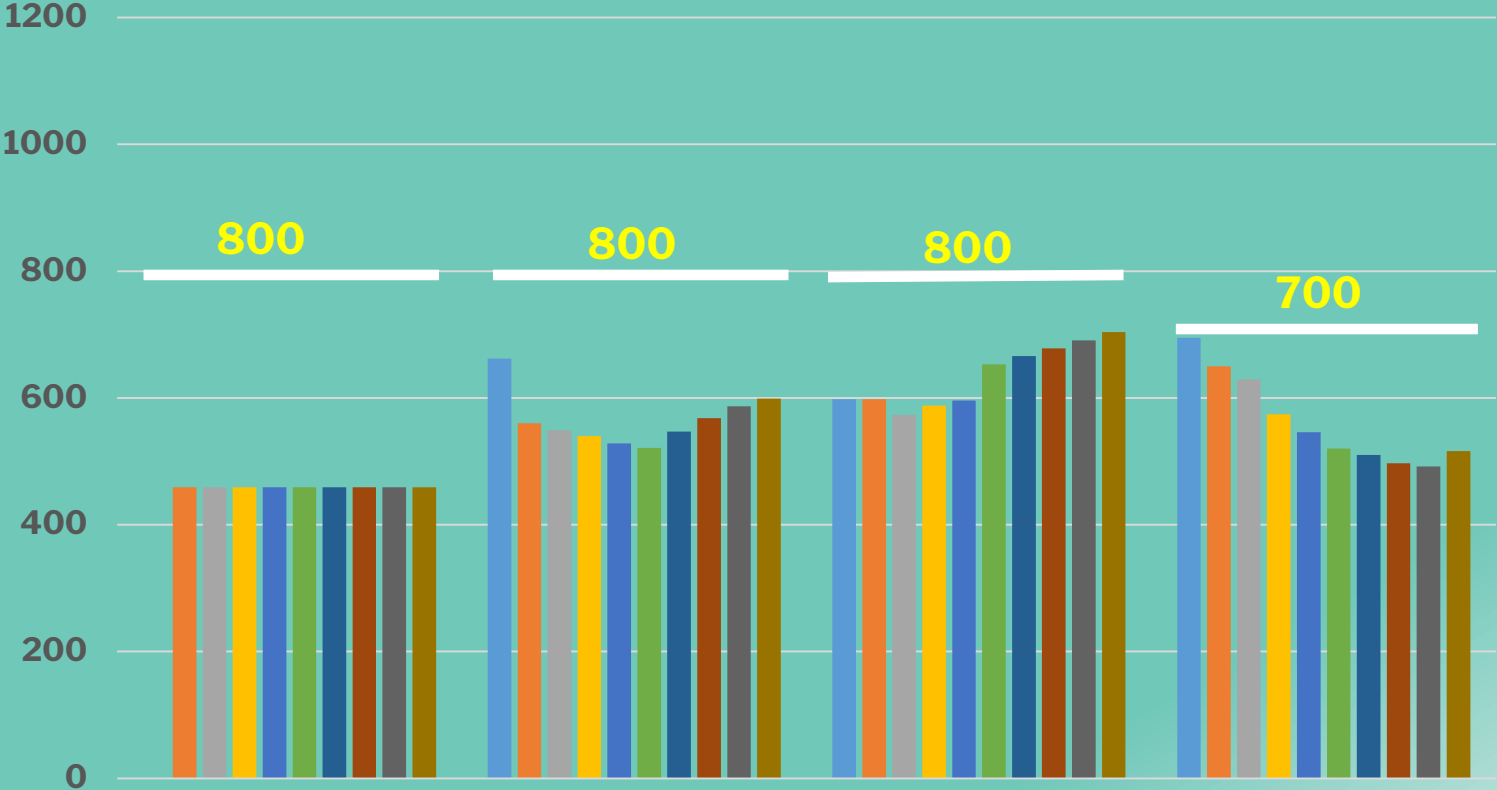
- McDeeds Creek ES only at 65% utilization in 2019-20. Offers capacity for 150+ more students.
- Cameron ES has capacity for 110+ more students.
- Vass-Lakeview ES utilization (84%) will need attention soon.
- Could Sandhills Farm Life ES benefit from more “transfers out” based on longer-term future growth?
- What role can Carthage ES play as a “hub of the wheel?”
- Crain’s Creek and New Century middle schools offer capacity for 100+ students from Pinecrest feeder area...via McDeeds Creek?

Perspective on Middle School Utilization Across Areas 1 & 3

Key School Capacity Projections / 2018-2027

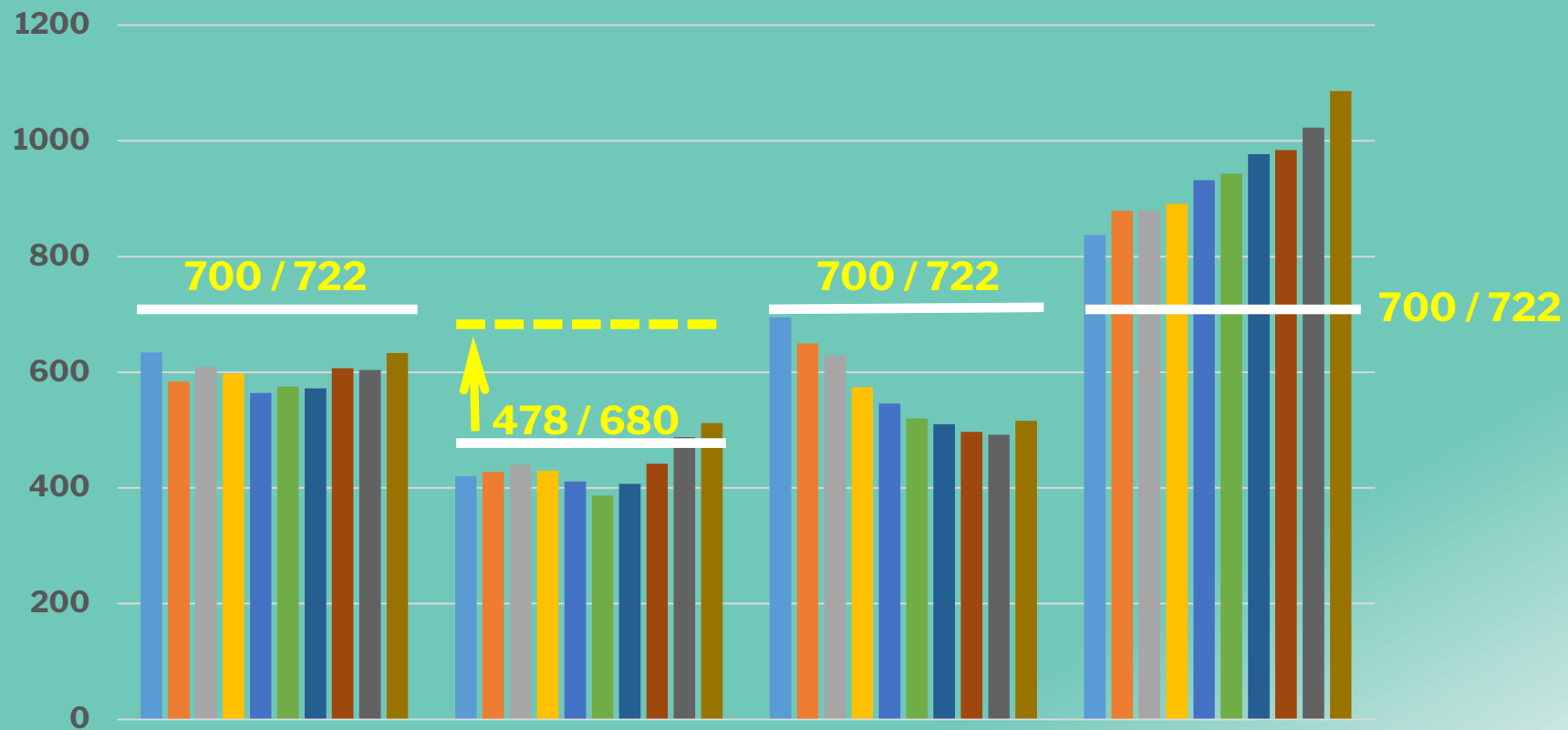


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How to Stay Involved

- Attend or view School Board work sessions.
- Monitor School Board meeting link on MCS web site.
- Attend community forums in February through May.
- Attend public hearing in September.
- Attend your school's parent advisory committee meetings.
- Communicate with your representative on the district school assignment plan advisory committee.
- Communicate with your School Board representative.

Audience Engagement

Submit questions and comments to PTA representatives.

- Questions
- Clarifications
- Expectations
- Perceptions
- Feedback / Input / Suggestions
- Worries / Concerns
- Compliments?