

Restructuring Committee Interim Report

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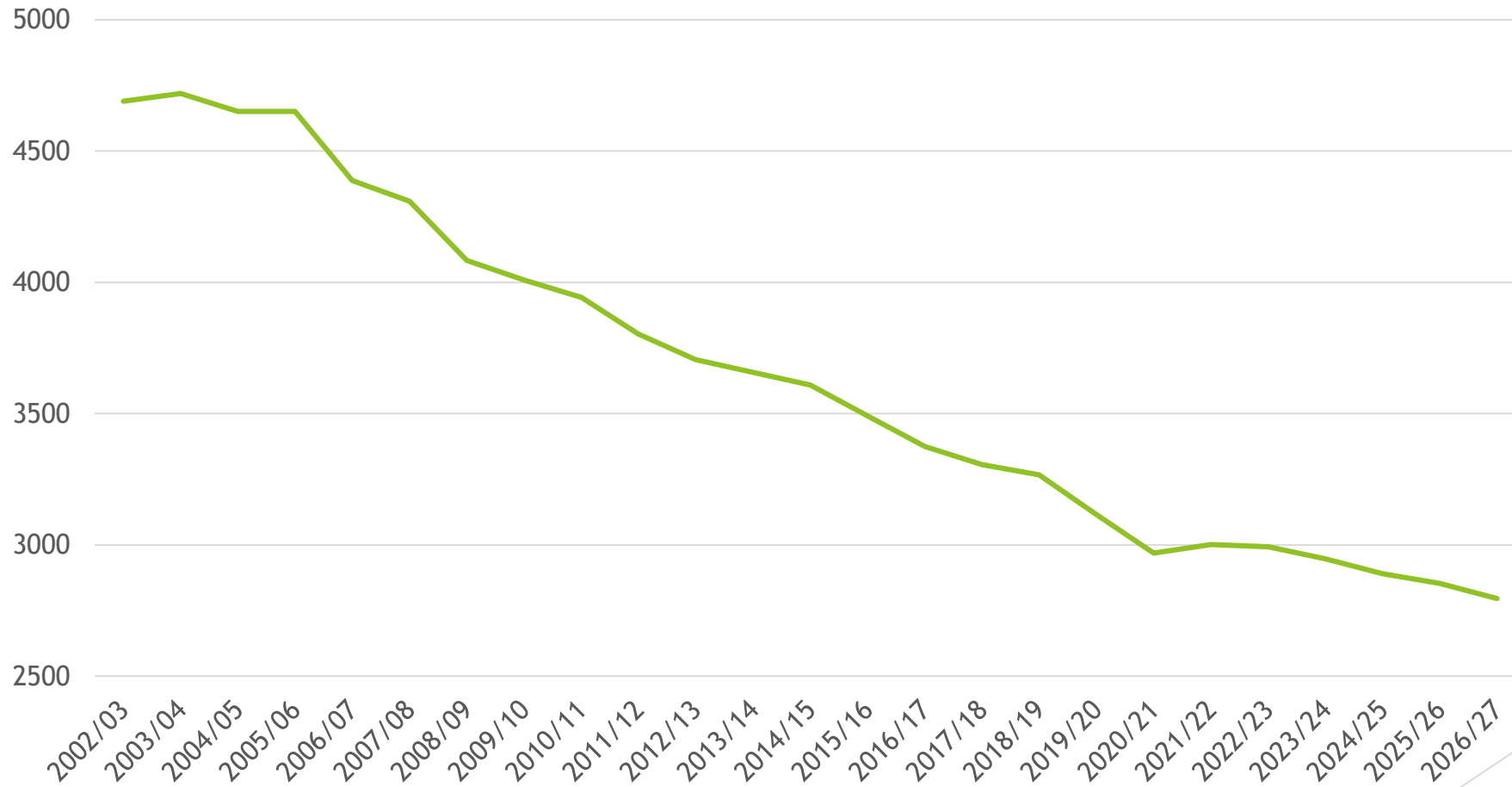
Restructuring Committee

- ▶ April 2022: Introduction of Committee
- ▶ May 2022: Demographic and Building Utilization Studies commissioned - Ross Haber Associates (RHA)
- ▶ July - September 2022: Subcommittee meetings
- ▶ August 2022: RHA presented their report @ BOE Meeting
- ▶ August 2022: Redistricting Study commissioned (RHA)
- ▶ September 2022: Interim Report presented @ BOE Meeting
- ▶ September - October 2022: Subcommittee meetings continue
- ▶ November 2022: Final Report and BOE vote

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- ▶ Kindergarten classes have averaged ~210 students for the past six years. Future classes are projected to be similar.
- ▶ As these grades matriculate through our system, the district's enrollment will stabilize at ~2,600 students. At its peak, the district enrolled ~5,000 students.
- ▶ Approximate enrollment projections by level:
 - ▶ Elementary (K - 5) 1,250 students
 - ▶ Macopin (6 - 8) 625 students
 - ▶ WMHS (9 - 12) 725 students
- ▶ The Restructuring Committee was created to examine one critical question:
Can the district afford to operate 8 schools plus Highlander Academy?

District Enrollment



2022 - 2023 Enrollment Elementary

Grade Level	Enrollment
Kindergarten	200
First Grade	219
Second Grade	213
Third Grade	192
Fourth Grade	220
Fifth Grade	201
TOTAL	1,245 (208 per grade)

2022 - 2023 Enrollment Secondary

Grade Level	Enrollment
Sixth Grade	235
Seventh Grade	244
Eighth Grade	266
Ninth Grade	248
Tenth Grade	212
Eleventh Grade	237
Twelfth Grade	244
TOTAL	1686 (241 per grade)

Next Steps

- ▶ The District has applied for a New Jersey Department of Education **Stabilization Grant** for the 2023-2024 school year. As part of the grant, the District included a plan of action to stabilize its finances. Restructuring from six elementary schools to five is part of this plan.
- ▶ Final Subcommittee Meetings will be held in September and October. The focus of these meetings will be to further examine the feasibility of repurposing Westbrook School. All information (agendas, minutes, reports, etc.) will continue to be posted on our website.
- ▶ Final Report and presentation will be at the November Board of Education meeting.