

LSS PAC MEETING APRIL 15, 2024

In attendance: Cathy Worall, Natalie Carmichael, Diane Smillie, Lee-Ann Vinson, Bonnie Macaskill, Gina Twellman

MEMBERS

Cathy Worall - President
Lee-Ann Vinson - Vice-president
Michelle McKinnon - Treasurer
Natalie Carmichael - Secretary
Kim Massa - DPAC rep
Bonnie Macaskill - Member at Large
Danette Orologio - Member at Large
Corrina Dolphin - Member at Large

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of meeting Agenda for April 15, 2024
Approval of minutes from the February 12, 2024 PAC meeting

2. Administration report

Spring Sports are in full swing

Musical Theatre production of Mean Girls was a huge success

Grad Cruise was on April 18 - the event sold out with 175 grads and 9 teachers in attendance

Dinner / Dance tickets will be on sale soon. There will be an assembly on April 25, 2024 which will provide more information to the grads for the upcoming dinner/dance, convocation ceremony and dry grad. Grad requirements will also be relayed at this assembly.

Junior and Seniors wrote the Math contest and LSS had a nomination (Mackenzie Hurtubise) for the Pete Swenson award and this was celebrated at the Township Volunteer Appreciation evening at LSS.

LSS has a finalist for the Sassy Awards (Michelle Mae) which will be celebrated at the Chief Sepass Theatre.

Reports cards, first term of semester two will come out on Monday, April 29

Admin is preparing for year end with graduation, awards and timetable building

Long Range Facilities Meeting

The leadership team is going from school to school to inform the school family communities of the work they are doing with the Ministry and Township regarding the population projections in each family of schools to 2033.

The LSS family of schools is second only to the Willoughby slope family of schools as the fastest growing district.

3. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report – nothing to report
- b. Vice-President – Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer – Nothing to report
- d. Secretary – Nothing to report
- e. DPAC Rep – Cathy attended the February DPAC meeting. There was a special presentation by Brenda Lee Hunter on Family Smart. Family smart is a parent peer support which can be accessed by parents need to find resources to assist children from 0 to 24 with mental health, substance and behavioural issues. Free online events are hosted every month which can be accessed at familysmart.ca/events.
The district is reviewing the possibility of remote learning for second and third snow days, especially for secondary students.

4. New Business

- a. **Correction** - Item 4 (a.) from the February 12, 2024 minutes should read as follows:

Costumes for theatre. The costumes often are borrowed from other schools and need to be cleaned before they are returned. A motion was made by Chantelle to allocate up to \$300 to reimburse dry cleaning fees. Second was Cathy. Motion was passed unanimously.

- b. LSS Expansion update. The meeting on April 10, 2024 was focused not solely on the expansion for LSS but rather on projections for the anticipated increase in population at the Langley School District family of schools.

Discussions regarding modular classrooms, portables and new schools were had. The modular classrooms will be an extension and connected to the existing schools. They will also be equipped with washrooms and a lift.

- c. Election of a chairperson for the AGM - Bonnie will act as chairperson for this meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. Spring Market will be on April 28, 2024. There will be 53 vendors coming and more will likely be added.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING (AGM AND ELECTIONS) IS MAY 27, 2024 7 P.M. IN THE LEARNING COMMONS

D PAC REPORTS Feb 2024 meeting

Special presentation by Brenda Lee Hunter on Family Smart <https://familysmart.ca/>

Family Smart is a Parent Peer support, which parents can access for support and to find proper resources. This is for families with children from 0-24 that are dealing with mental, substance or behavioral issues. All of the peer support workers have lived through the experiences firsthand.

Every month they host free online events for parents and caregivers who are parenting a child/youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges. They can be accessed at familysmart.ca/events

They also have a Video library that can be accessed for free, some of the topics are Emotion Regulation, ADHD, Digital Wellbeing, Eating disorders, support for Trans and Gender diverse Children. To watch a video: familysmart.ca/videos

The DPAC wants to remind: Grads about scholarships,

: PACs about upcoming BCCPAC AGM on May 3-5

Brian DPAC president had a 1 On 1 with the Premier talking about Langley schools. There is a 15 min video on DPACs Facebook that can be viewed.

This year the Langley school district received \$442,560 in gaming grants (total from all PACS and DPAC)

The school board is having their AGM and learning opportunities in April.

New provincial mandate on cell phone restrictions is coming.

The district is reviewing the possibility of remote/ Team learning for 2nd/ 3rd snow days, especially for secondary students.

MARCH 2024 MEETING

Presentation from Marcello Moino on Revenue Generation

Looking at other ways to create revenue for schools that allow programs to maintain diversity of experience, opportunity, and excellence. Parents don't seem to mind if local community companies help schools and funding.

Presentation on ERASE (Expect Respect & A Safe Education)

Focus on 4 pillars: 1. Preventing bullying and violence in schools.

2. Provide critical incident and trauma recovery support to schools

3. Deliver child and youth mental health and substance use supports

4. Support students of all sexual orientations and gender identities

Upcoming Virtual Parent Education on May 8th 6:40-8:30 "What Parents & Caregivers need to know"

Applications for Gaming Grants are open until June 30th

Next DPAC meeting April 18th (Virtual)

IEP & Language Hosted by Langley DPAC

What Parents & Caregivers Need to Know

"Looking at both impact and experience through the IEP process and what can parents/caregivers do to support their students effectively through IEP meetings via language and relationship while building collaboration with educators using self-agency as a driver."



DATE
May 08, 2024

TIME
At 630-800 PM
Via Zoom
Pre-registration is required

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zt2wuc-uCsrzgoEtPdUjHkYAiZLaoGA7O-CPp>

Presented By: Suzanne Perreault
As a Counselor and TEDx speaker, Suzanne draws from lived and professional experience to support the lives of families with neurodiversities. She is a strong advocate for children facing barriers of inclusion locally and regionally. Suzanne has been an active participant in community development and mentorship for over 18 years. Currently she is a Counselor, and Inclusive Ed Consultant supporting provincial Districts in the conversation of Inclusion and Trauma Informed Practices to include being a return guest presenter with SFU teacher candidates and at UFV within the Child and Youth Care program. As a founding task force member of BCEAccess Society, Suzanne recently participated in the COVID19 outreach talks supported by the Canadian Red Cross. Suzanne has positioned herself as a strong collaborator to create bridges for inclusion with a primary focus on fair and equitable access for students in education. Her steps demonstrate a strong passion for both equity and community relationships.
#InclusionMatters



DPAC EXECUTIVE

Nominations Are Open!

Please consider joining DPAC. Secretary, VP & MAL positions

- Approx 4 hours a month (1 general meeting / 1 exec meeting)
- Learn about district initiatives
- Have a say in shaping your child's education
- Help other parents & guardians

Send your nomination to: nominations@langleydpac.ca

 www.langleydpac.ca



Long-Range Facilities Plan Update 25 March 2024

NOTE: *This report was prepared using the FINAL 2024 long-range enrolment forecast.*

At this time, it is not anticipated there will be significant changes that affect the observations and conclusions in this report.

LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN (LRFP)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intent of a Long-Range Facilities Plan is to provide a strategic framework and direction for the School District's annual review of its Five-Year Capital Plan and the District's proposed major capital projects.

The 2017 LRFP is being updated to address the rapid rate of growth and meet the Board's longer-term objectives for student achievement.

The driver to establish future needs is the 2024 – 2033 enrolment forecast, which is now substantially complete.

Adjustments may still occur to the enrolment forecast. Registration for September 2024 is still underway, and consultation is about to start. In addition, through to 2033, there may be further changes because of fundamental school enrolments, the catchment changes in Langley City north, a new elementary school at NE Latimer, and the new provincial regulations in Bill 44 and Bill 47.

No significant changes to district programs are expected and preparations to accommodate an increase in students in September 2024 are underway.

The catchments requiring major capital project funding immediately remain as Willoughby and then Langley Central since these catchments have no surplus student capacity. Brookwood catchment will require portable classrooms in the near term and a new middle school in the longer term.

Aldergrove, D.W. Poppy and Walnut Grove catchments as well as choice schools have sufficient capacity to manage their growth, even in the longer term.

Public consultation is a key element in the development of a new LRFP or when updating an existing LRFP, and the Board of Education has already initiated the consultation process.

As the district proceeds into consultation, this report provides the latest enrolment forecast information as promised at the Board of Education meeting on 27 February 2024.

The Long-Range Facilities Plan will be updated following the consultation and reported to the Board for adoption.

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LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The intent of a Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) is to provide a strategic framework and direction for the School District's annual review of its Five-Year Capital Plan and the District's proposed capital projects.

Having a Long-Range Facilities Plan is a requirement of the province and must be adopted by the Board of Education. Any school for which a capital project is being proposed must be identified in the LRFP as being required for the Board's current and future provision of education programming for students in the school district.

The LRFP must identify capital requirements for school expansion and consolidation, school replacement or upgrades, building condition, seismic vulnerability, and ongoing maintenance / life cycle cost, as well as any new government initiatives.

School District No. 35 (Langley) created a Long-Range Facilities Plan in 2012 and it was updated in 2017. The LRFP is undergoing an update at present to accommodate the rapid rate of growth and direction of the both the City and Township of Langley to promote additional development. In addition, the reinstatement of the teacher's language which now determines the class size and composition also affects the number of students in each classroom and has accelerated the need for additional school capacity.

DEVELOPING THE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

Today, the School District serves more than 25,000 students in kindergarten to grade 12 and operates 45 schools and other district facilities, such as the Board office and Maintenance Centre.

For the 2023-24 school year, School District No. 35 (Langley) has 126 portable classrooms at its schools that are used for general instruction and 20 more portable classrooms are being installed for September 2024.

Schools are complicated places. Not only do they provide basic skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic, but schools also contain programs of choice such as French Immersion and Montessori, specialty academics such as equestrian, athletics, trades, musical theatre, Fine Arts, International Baccalaureate, English language learning and Indigenous programs just to name a few. In addition, schools offer early learning, childcare, school food programs and an opportunity for community use.

To enable these programs to continue, the Long-Range Facilities Plan uses 10-year enrolment projections. In a growing district like School District No. 35, confirming the number of students in future years and where they will likely reside is key to ensuring schools have the needed capacity and that existing programs are not disrupted.

The 2024 – 2033 Enrolment Forecast

Baragar Systems provides basic demographic analysis for enrolment to which is added local knowledge of development impacts in conjunction with the City and Township of Langley and adjustments by the School District.

The 2024 enrolment forecast is now complete and includes consideration of all relevant fact known to date.

In summary, the following items are not expected to change:

- ✓ No change to educational program locations
- ✓ Early French Immersion, Montessori, Fine Arts, and other specialty programs appear healthy
- ✓ No change to the major capital funding requests
- ✓ No significant changes to Aldergrove, D.W. Poppy and Walnut Grove catchments
- ✓ 20 portable classrooms are being installed for September 2024
- ✓ The modular addition at Richard Bulpitt is proceeding
- ✓ The seismic and renovation at Peter Ewart Middle is on schedule
- ✓ The addition at Langley Secondary is proceeding
- ✓ The new elementary at NE Latimer is on schedule for September 2025

Changes Looking Ahead to 2033

The following are localized changes that have been reflected in the 2024 enrolment forecast.

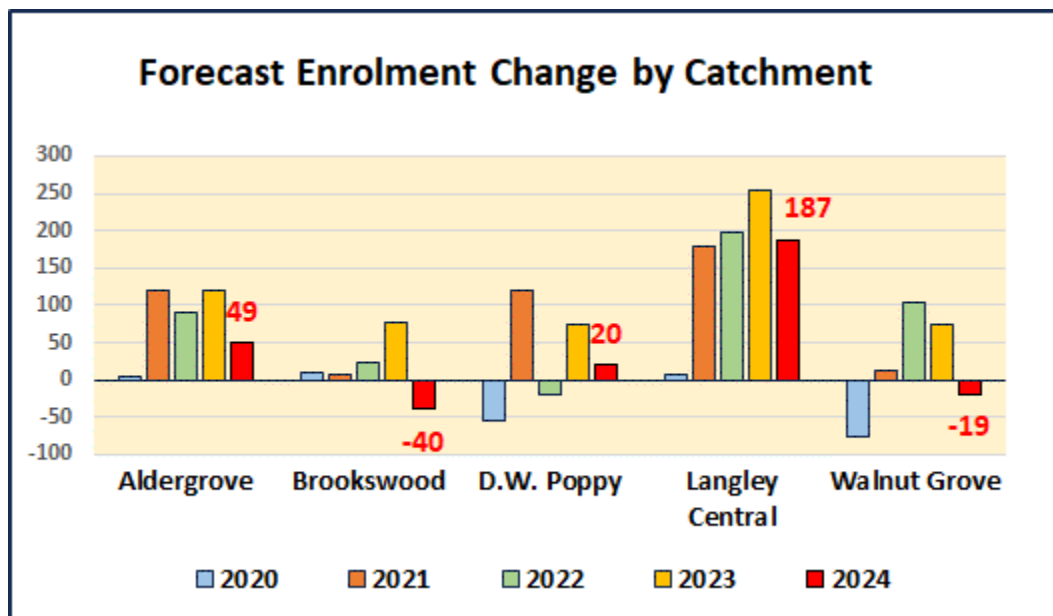
- Intake at Langley Fundamental Elementary and Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary are proposed to increase starting in September 2024. This is intended to provide some relief for increasing enrolment in Willoughby and Langley Central catchments.
- Based on what we know to date, enrolment for September 2024 could be as high as 930 new students, of which 89% (828) are forecasted in Willoughby and Langley Central catchments. Distributing this enrolment throughout the two catchments, even allowing for opening of a new elementary school in NE Latimer and adjusting for the increased intake at Fundamental schools will be challenging.
- There is some decline in Grade 6 & 7 Late French Immersion at Noel Booth Elementary. Whether this is a short-term anomaly or long-term trend requires monitoring.
- As a result of the recent catchment changes for Blacklock, Douglas Park, Nicomekl and Simonds Elementary schools, the forecasted intakes in conjunction with the City of Langley is complete.
- The Township, although adopting new Neighbourhood Plans for Rinn, Booth and Fernridge Neighbourhoods in summer 2023, have directed staff to update those plans to meet the intent of Provincial Bills 44 and 47. This legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on Brookwood-Fernridge in the shorter term and development is expected to continue at a rate similar to the past.
- Provincial Bill 47 affects Transit Oriented Areas, which includes Skytrain Stations, Transit Exchanges and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes which are individually identified in the Regulations. The legislation provides mandatory minimum heights and floor area ratios. The areas that affect School District 35 are:
 - Langley Centre and Carvolth Transit Exchanges. The transit exchanges require minimum 12 storey residential within 200 m and minimum 8 storeys within 400 m. At both the above locations there is already new development and existing development that would not likely

be replaced i.e. Cascades Casino in Langley City. In addition, any new major construction would contain considerable commercial and office as well as residential.

- **Future 200 Street BRT Route.** The TransLink 10 Year Plan shows a BRT corridor running along 200 Street from Langley City to the Golden Ears Bridge and crossing into Maple Ridge. The BRT design criteria is a dedicated bus lane with infrequent stops. This is scheduled to be complete before 2030 but no specific details are yet available.
- **Future Skytrain Stations.** All existing Skytrain stations are identified in Bill 47, but the future Willowbrook and Langley City stations have NOT yet been included even though they are scheduled to open in 2029. At Skytrain stations, residential development is required to be 20 storeys within 200 m, 12 storeys within 400 m and 8 storeys within 800 m. This would be significant if required at Willowbrook and Langley City Centre locations.

Impacts of Potential Changes to the School District

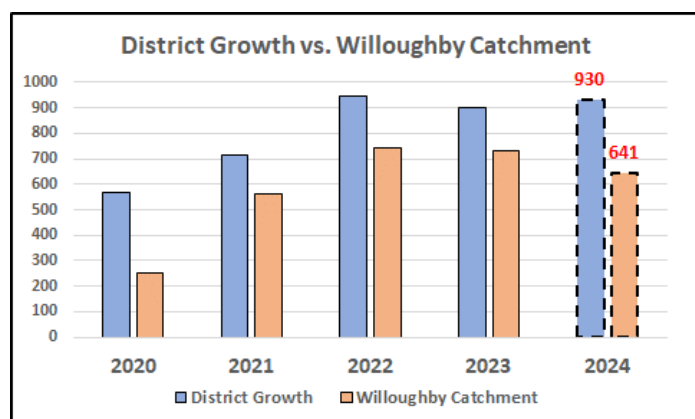
A summary of anticipated enrolment for September 2024 by catchment is shown below. *Note these are preliminary as registration is still underway.*



Again, for September 2024, the largest enrolment increase is expected in Willoughby catchment as shown on the graphic at right.

The forecast enrolment increase in Willoughby catchment is slightly less than 70% of the total anticipated district enrolment increase.

The challenge in Willoughby catchment is to accurately assign this increase to individual schools over the longer term.



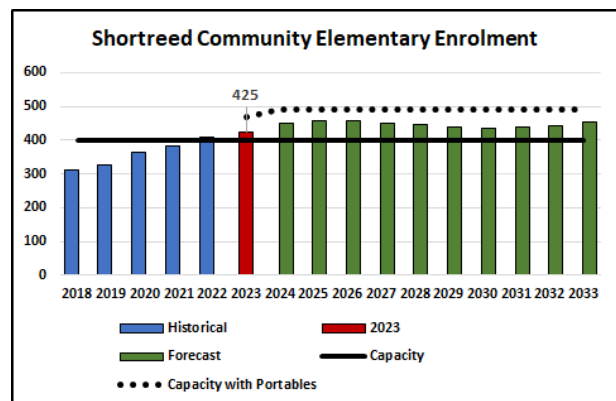
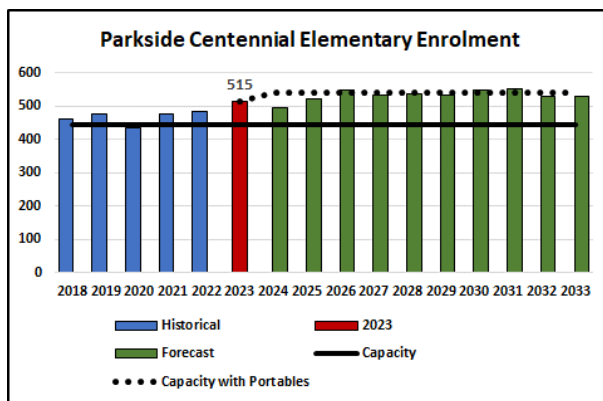
FAMILY CATCHMENT IMPACTS

A summary of the impacts on each catchment is outlined below. **NOTE:** September 2024 enrolment numbers may change slightly as registration and assessment is still underway.

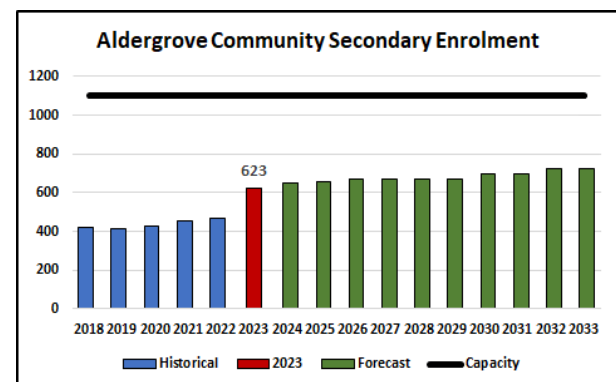
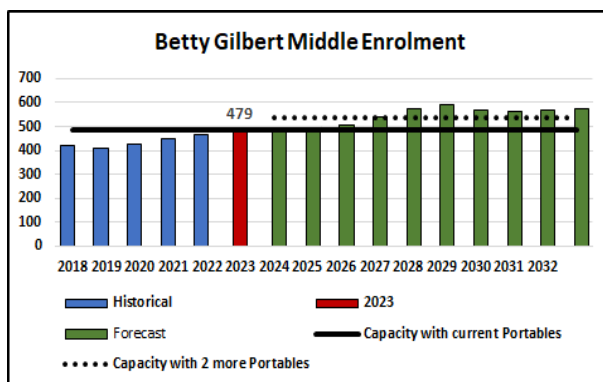
ALDERGROVE CATCHMENT

This catchment is forecasted to increase by 49 students for 2024 and 292 students by 2033.

There is a slight increase in enrolment over the next decade so both Parkside Centennial Elementary and Shortreed Community Elementary will receive an additional portable classroom for September 2024.



Betty Gilbert Middle school will receive two portable classrooms for September 2024 and Aldergrove Community Secondary has more than sufficient capacity.

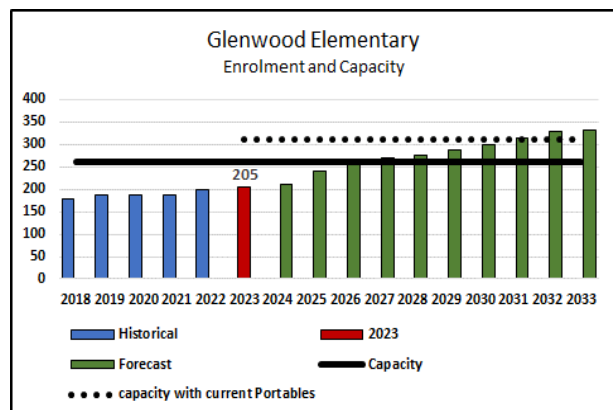
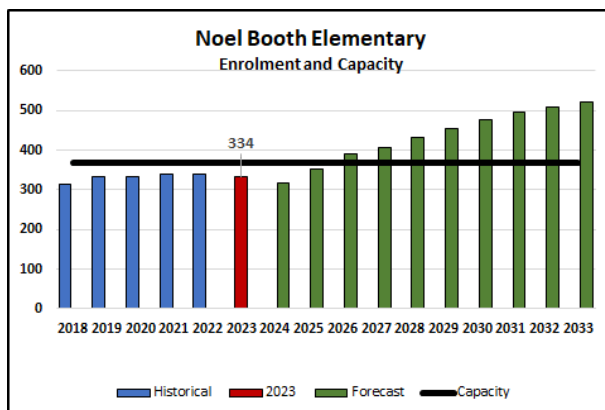
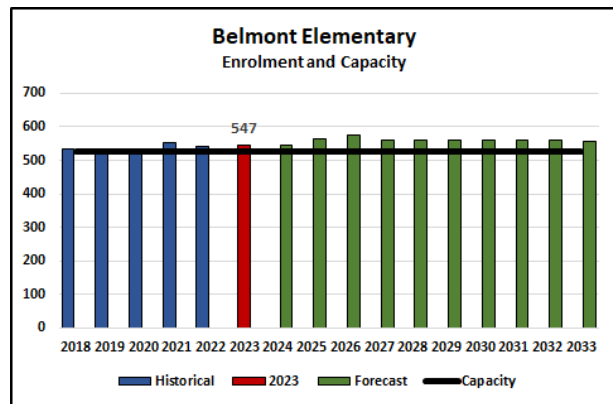
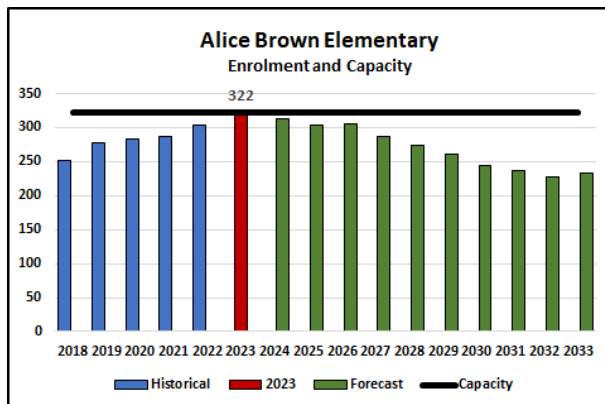


This should be sufficient to provide adequate capacity for all catchment schools until 2033.

BROOKSWOOD CATCHMENT

This catchment is forecasted to decrease by 40 students for 2024 but increase by 482 students by 2033 as development restarts following the changes required by the province.

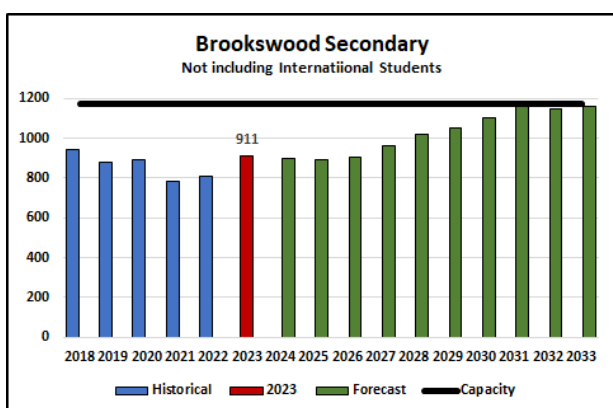
It is anticipated that only slower growth will continue in the short term in the Rinn, Booth and Fernridge Neighbourhood Plans. This growth is expected to progress south of the already developed area surrounding Belmont Elementary catchment so Noel Booth Elementary should see an enrolment increase before Glenwood Elementary.



The forecast anticipates the Township will encourage development again. When that starts, some additional portable classrooms will be required at Noel Booth Elementary and Glenwood Elementary.

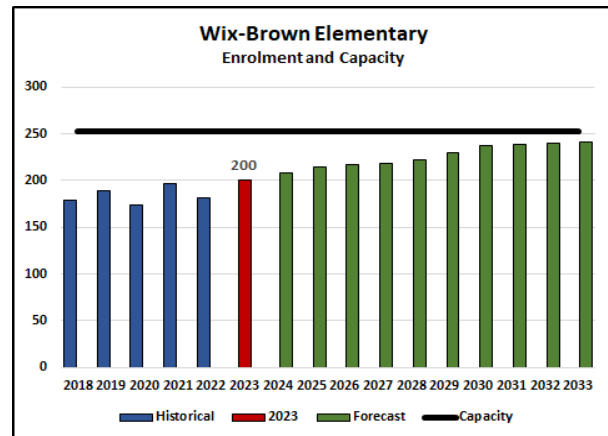
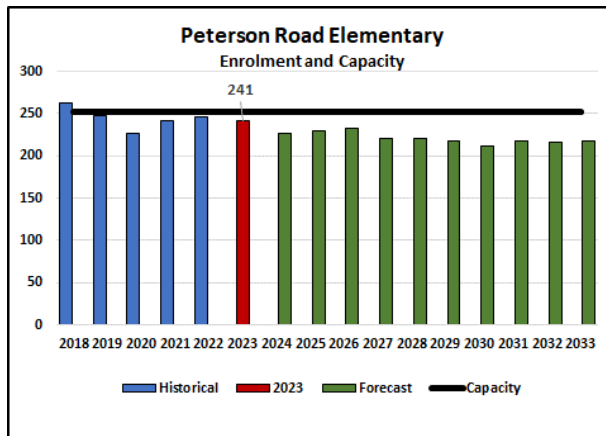
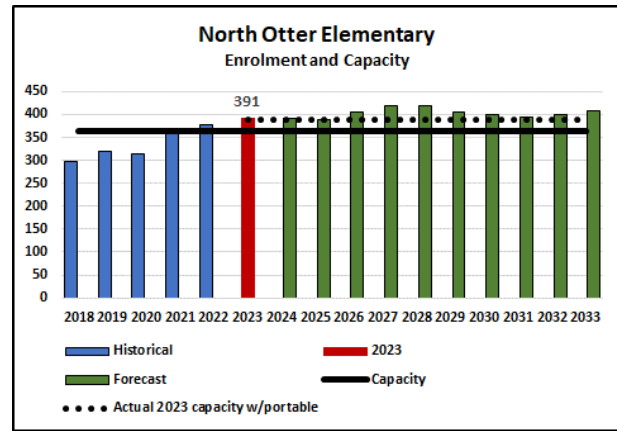
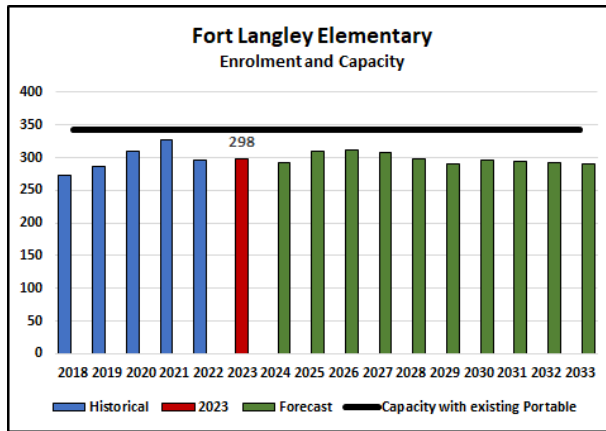
Planning for a new middle school will take place later in the decade.

Brookwood Secondary has sufficient capacity to accommodate the forecasted growth through to 2033.



D.W. POPPY CATCHMENT

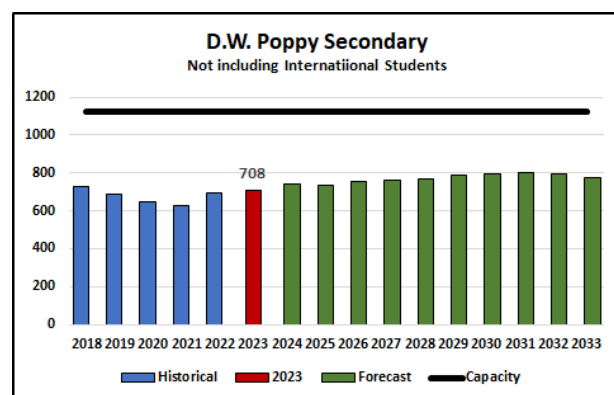
This catchment is forecasted to increase by 20 students for 2024 and 91 students by 2033. The existing elementary school capacities should be sufficient to provide adequate capacity until 2033.



DW Poppy Secondary has sufficient capacity as well.

Previous consultation concerning re-configuring D.W. Poppy Secondary to a middle/secondary school was not supported.

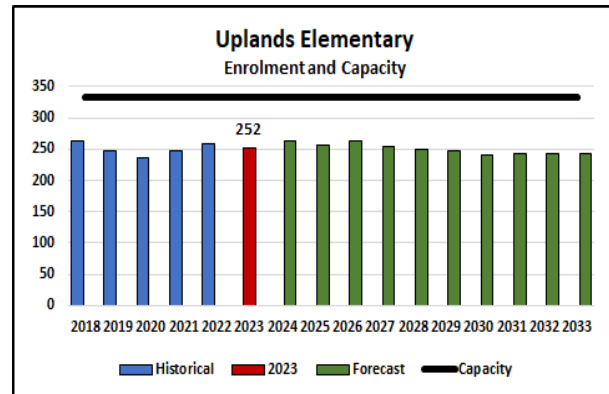
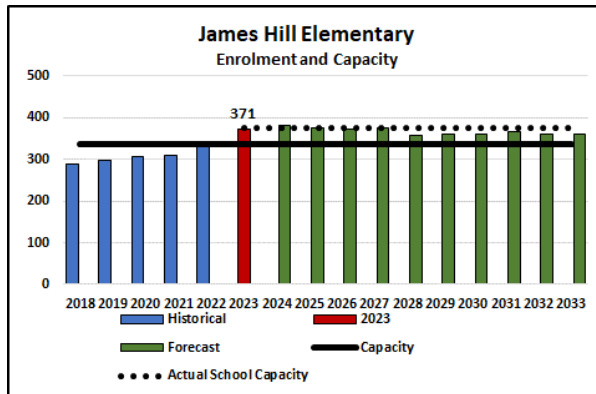
Re-configuring an existing elementary school to a middle school is not considered practical since the remaining elementary capacity is insufficient for all Grade K-5 students and increased bussing would be required.



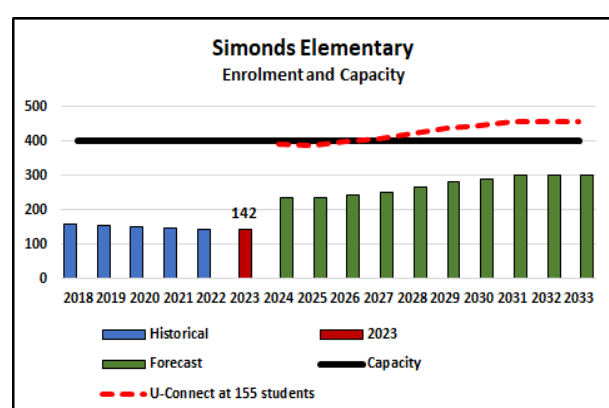
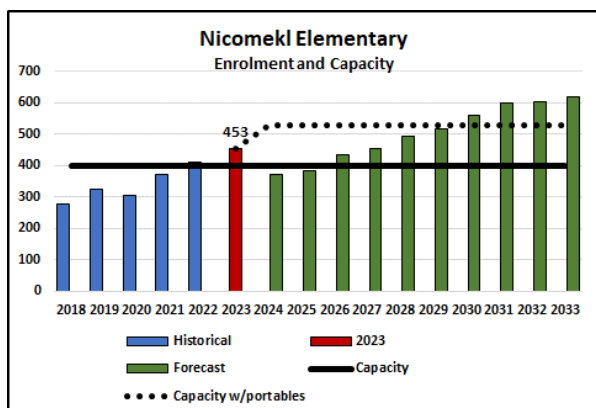
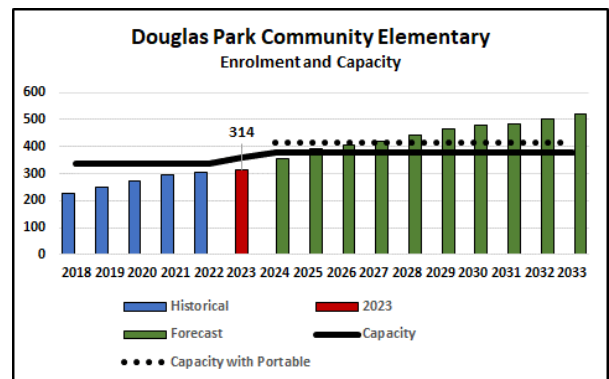
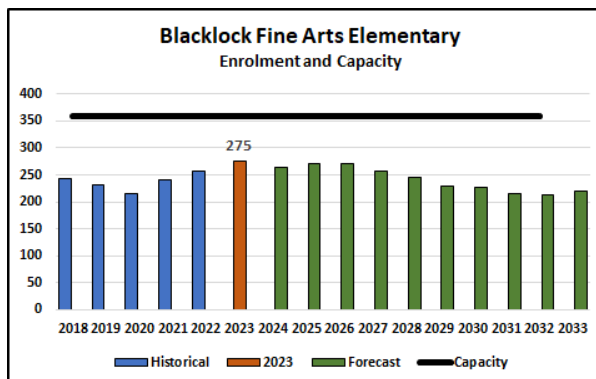
LANGLEY CENTRAL CATCHMENT

This catchment is forecasted to increase by 187 students for 2024 and 938 students by 2033.

Both James Hill Elementary and Uplands Elementary should be able to accommodate their forecasted enrolment through to 2033.



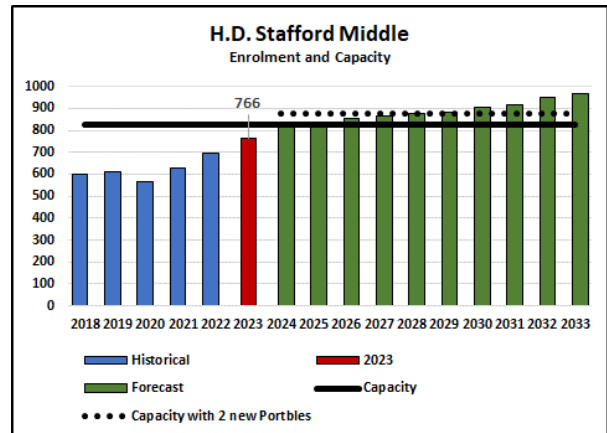
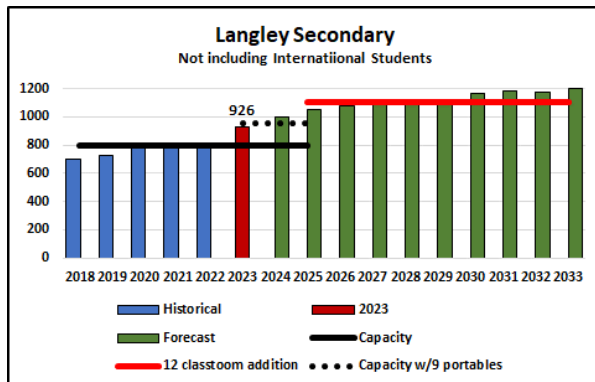
The City of Langley has permitted increased development north of the Nicomekl River and the district recently adjusted the catchments for Simonds, Nicomekl, Douglas Park Community and Blacklock Fine Arts Elementary schools to accommodate this growth. For September 2024, three portable classrooms will be installed at Nicomekl Elementary to increase school capacity.



The U-Connect program at Simonds has a consistent enrolment of 155 students each year. It is desirable to retain this program at Simonds Elementary so future registration will need to be monitored.

Because of site restrictions at Douglas Park Community Elementary, the District will prepare and apply for a modular addition at Nicomekl Elementary for September 2025.

H.D. Stafford Middle school is almost at capacity and two portable classrooms are being installed for September 2024.



Langley Secondary should have the capacity to accommodate secondary students through to 2033 once the 12-classroom addition is completed for September 2025.

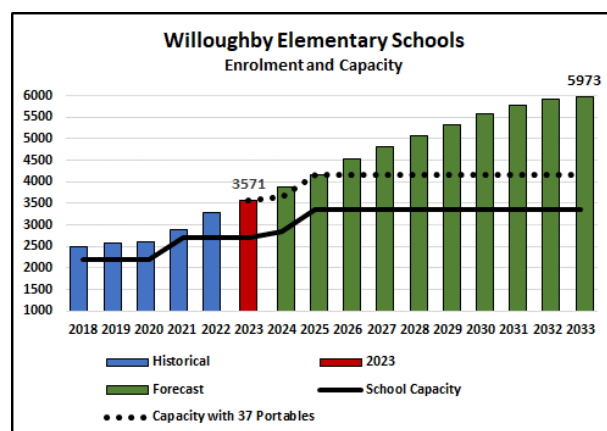
WILLOUGHBY CATCHMENT

This catchment is forecasted to increase by 641 students for 2024 and 6,103 students by 2033. Willoughby catchment remains the greatest challenge to accommodate enrolment, both for 2024 and the longer term.

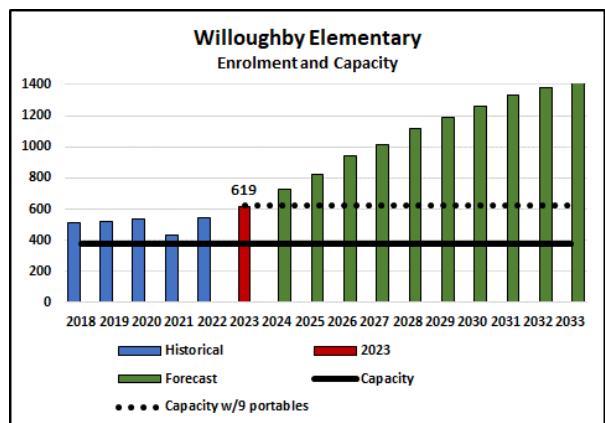
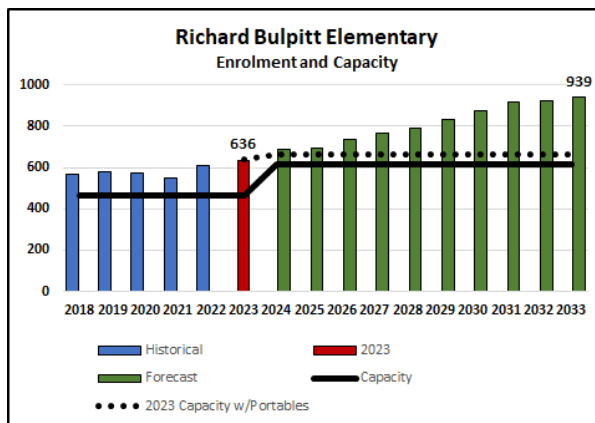
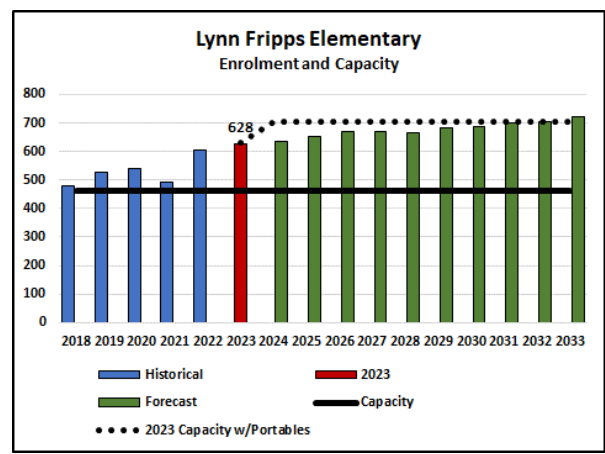
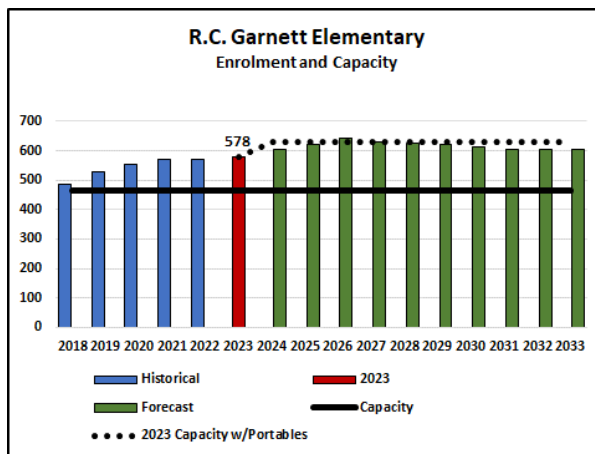
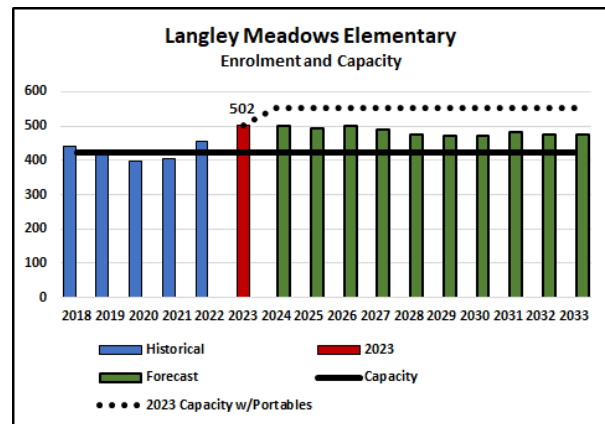
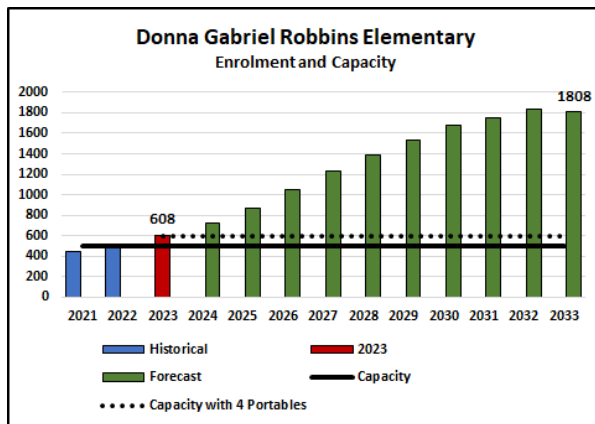
Collectively, the Willoughby elementary schools now have 30 portable classrooms to provide adequate capacity for the current enrolment.

For September 2024, 7 more portable classrooms are being added and there will be a short respite in enrolment pressure in September 2025 when the new school in NE Latimer opens.

After that, additional portable classrooms will again be required to accommodate the forecasted elementary enrolment unless new elementary schools are opened.



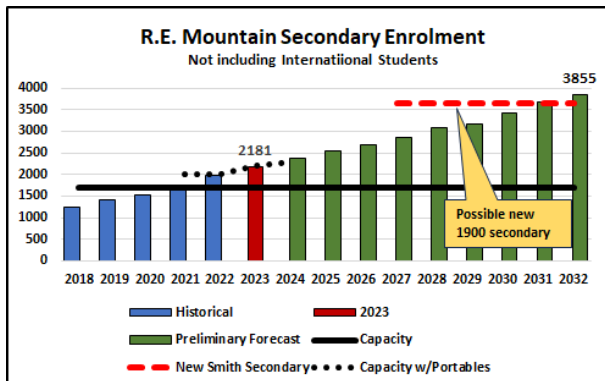
Enrolment forecasts of the six elementary schools are shown below.



Four new portable classrooms are being installed at RE Mountain Secondary for September 2024.

Provincial approval to proceed with a new secondary school is anticipated in spring 2024. If that occurs, a new 1900 capacity secondary could be opened as early as 2027. This should provide adequate secondary capacity until 2033.

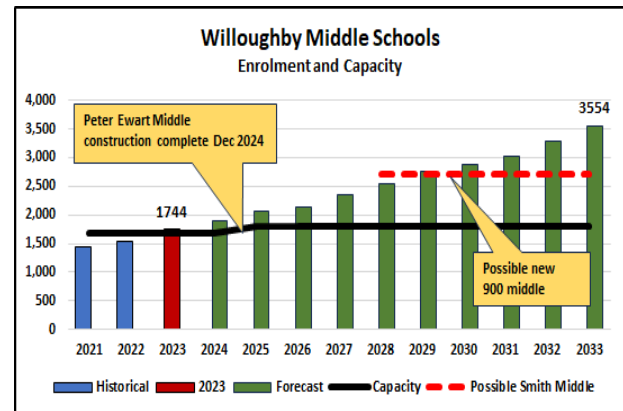
Additional portables will be required each year until the new Smith Secondary opens.



The chart below shows the enrolment pressures in the Willoughby catchment middle schools.

The seismic upgrade and renovation at Peter Ewart Middle will bring additional capacity in September 2025. Yorkson Creek Middle has additional capacity in existing on-site portables for the short term.

Both middle schools will need additional portables each year until a new middle school opens.

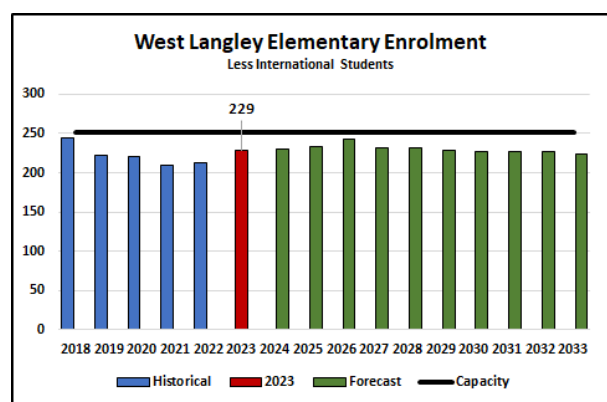
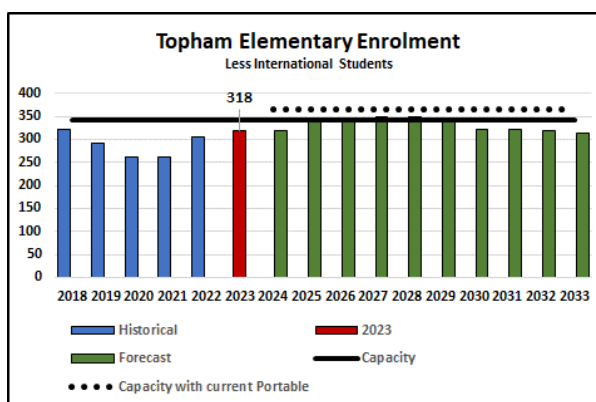
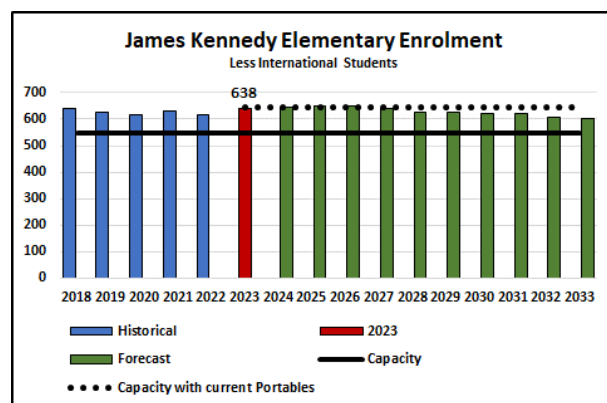
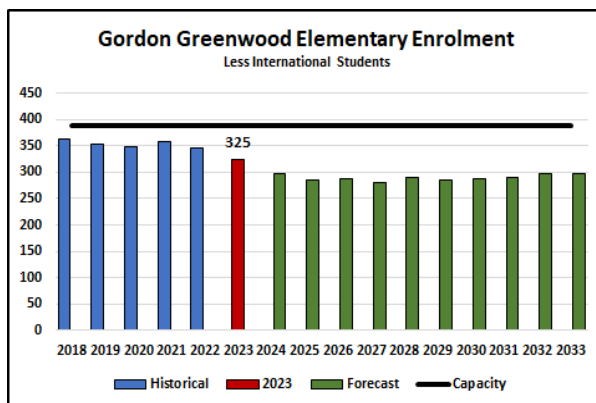
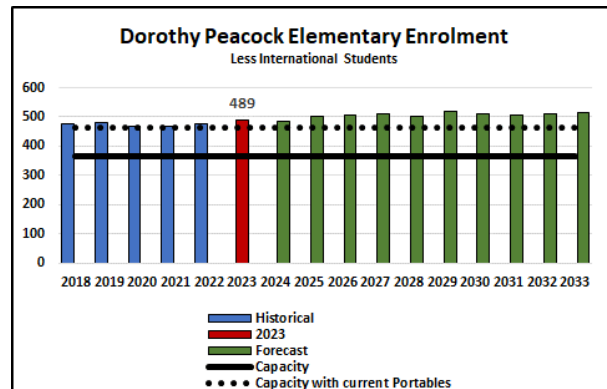
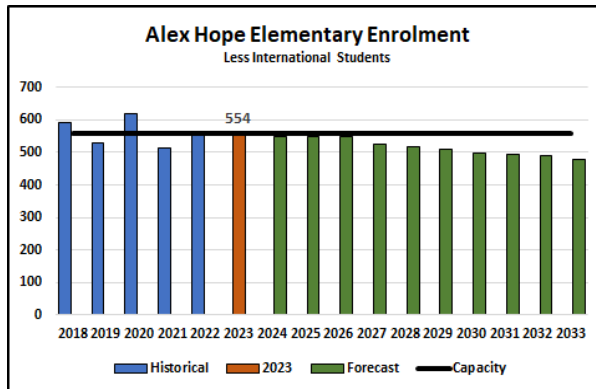


The new middle school is proposed for the same property as the new secondary school. The province has authorized a Project Definition Report for the new middle school. Hopefully, construction will follow promptly on the heels of the new secondary school and conceivably allow opening for September 2028.

WALNUT GROVE CATCHMENT

This catchment is forecasted to decrease by 19 students for 2024 and further decrease of 113 students by 2033.

Most of the elementary students living in Walnut Grove catchment attend their catchment schools and those schools should be able to accommodate their catchment enrolment until 2033.

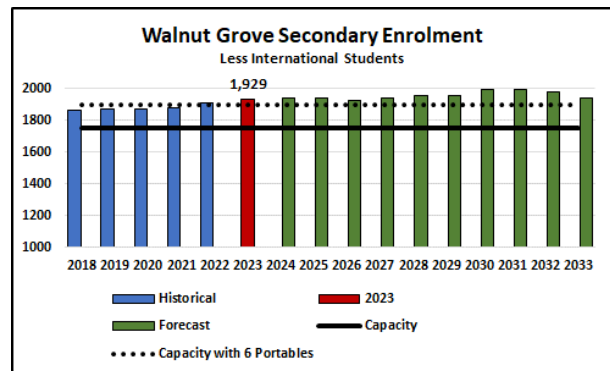


Walnut Grove Secondary shows some increase in the longer term as current students progress through the grades to graduation.

Walnut Grove Catchment does not yet have a middle school. Analysis identified a middle school capacity of almost 1,100 students would be required and this is a larger facility than desirable for a middle school with grades 6, 7 & 8.

Two middle schools would be required but converting two elementary schools to middle schools does not leave sufficient elementary capacity for the remaining grade K-5 students.

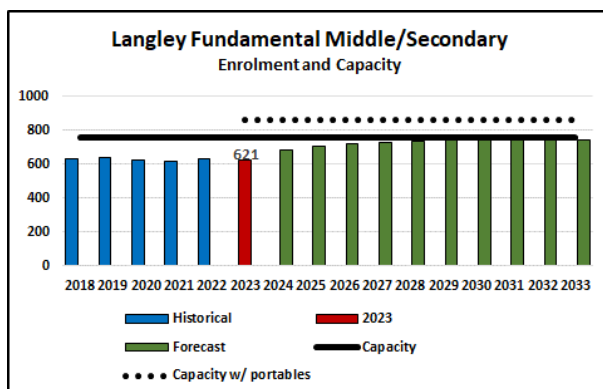
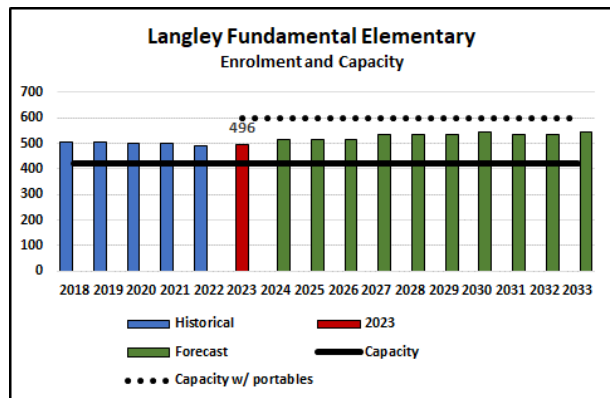
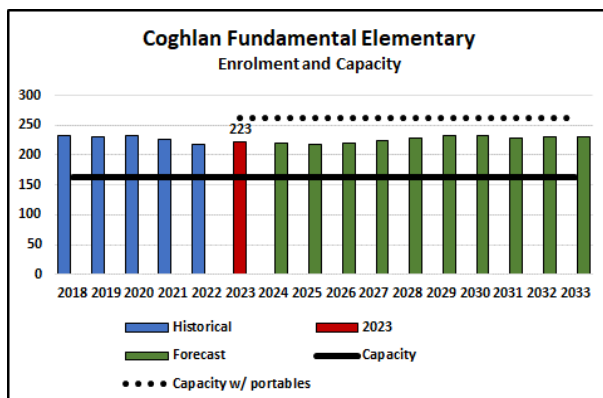
Converting a single elementary school is possible along with a new middle school.



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

No changes are suggested for Langley Fine Arts, Langley Education Centre, and all Alternate schools. The enrolment for these schools is managed by student registration.

Both Langley Fundamental Elementary and Langley Fundamental Middle Secondary have some surplus capacity in 2023. Increasing registration at these schools with students from Willoughby and Langley Central catchments would reduce some enrolment pressure in those catchments.



SUMMARY

The 2024-2033 enrolment forecast has been updated in time for consultation.

Critical catchments requiring major capital project approvals from the province are Willoughby and Langley Central. Although this is unchanged from previous years, the urgency for new schools is now critical since existing schools in these catchments are already at capacity including portable classrooms and there is little space on these sites to locate additional portable classrooms.

The recommended major capital projects are unchanged from previous reports and are listed below.

1. Press for approval of the new Smith Secondary.
2. Identify three new sites and request land acquisition and new elementary schools in Willoughby catchment.
3. Request funding for a new Smith Middle school.
4. Request an addition to Nicomekl Elementary (prefabricated classrooms).
5. Request a 12-classroom addition for R.E. Mountain Secondary.
6. Identify a new site and request land acquisition and a new middle school for Brookwood catchment.
7. Identify a new site and request acquisition and a new middle school in Walnut Grove in conjunction with conversion of an existing elementary school to a middle school.
8. Request seismic mitigation for:
 - D.W. Poppy Secondary
 - Brookwood Secondary

The complete LRFP document including all reference documents will be updated following the consultation and presented to the Finance & Facilities Committee and the Board of Education for consideration and adoption.

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