

# **SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REFERENDUM**

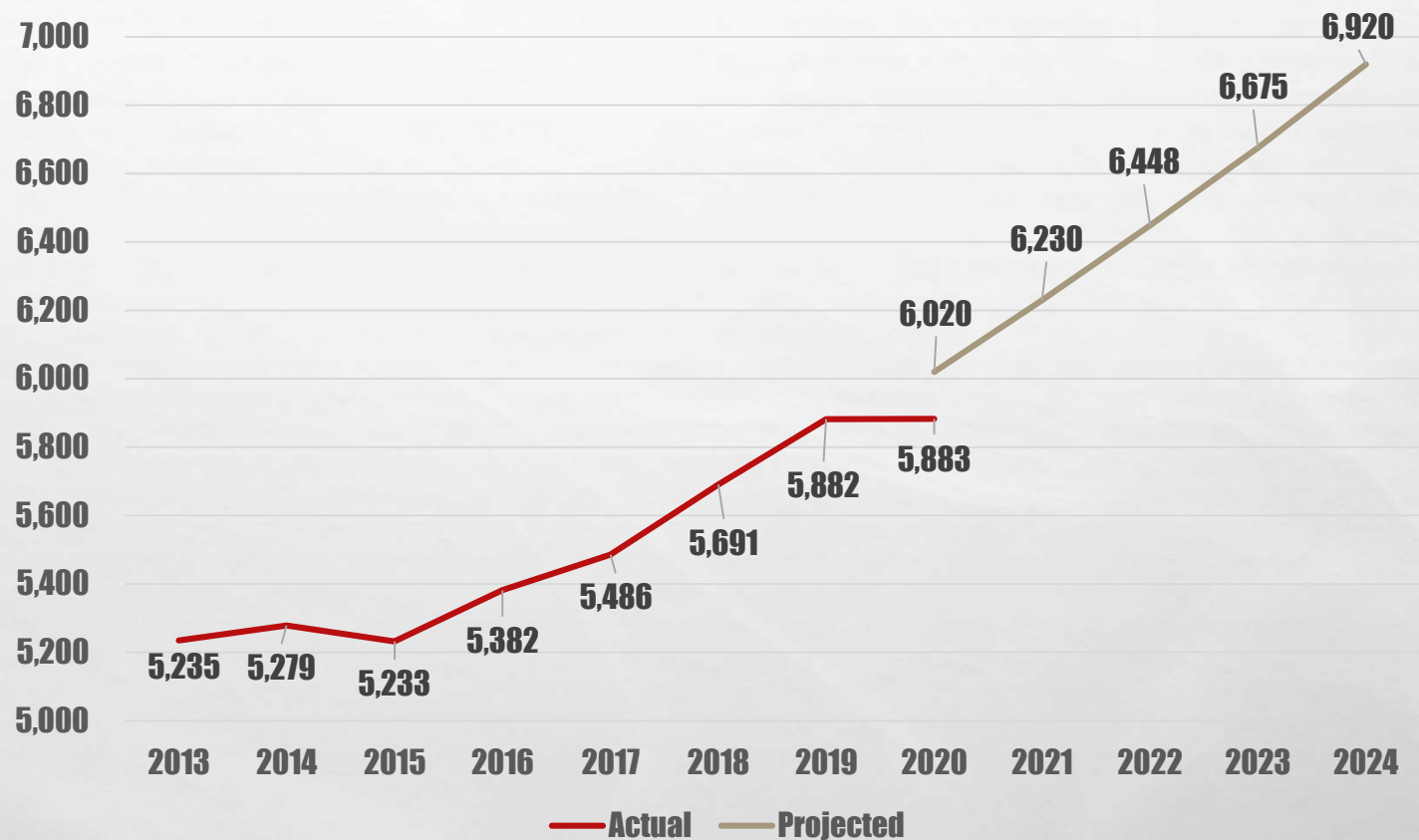
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# A Community District

- **We are more than just schools**
- **We are an integral part of our growing community**
- **We have been proud to step up to help our neighbors during this pandemic**
- **In time of crisis, our community core values have been on display for all to see.**
  - **Compassion – provide meals and support for food pantry**
  - **Integrity – maintain transparency with frequent communication**
  - **Perseverance – provide student counseling and wellness check ins**
  - **Respect – honor parent’s decision regarding hybrid vs virtual instruction**
  - **Responsibility – maintain the health and safety of students and staff and the virtual learning platform required for student learning**
- **It’s this community spirit and Eagle pride that attracts so many new residents**
- **But our success does create some challenges**

# Student Enrollment



**Source:**

**Actual - DOE September 30<sup>th</sup> Student Enrollment and Unit Allocation Report**

**Projected – Smyrna School District Estimates**

# **FACILITIES**

**LIKE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OUR COMMUNITY TAKES TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN OUR FACILITIES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN ONCE AGAIN ENJOY ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE SO READILY SUPPORTED.**

**OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, THE COMMUNITY HAS APPROVED SEVERAL PROJECTS TO INCREASE OUR CAPACITY AND MAINTAIN OUR BUILDINGS. THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN FISCALLY PRUDENT WITH THESE PROJECTS WHICH ALLOWED US TO EXPAND THE SCOPE TO MEET ADDITIONAL NEEDS.**

# **FACILITIES**

## **PROJECTS INCLUDED:**

**CLAYTON ELEMENTARY – 2005 ADDITION AND 2014 RENOVATION**

**NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY – 2005 ADDITION AND 2014 AND 2020  
RENOVATION**

**SMYRNA ELEMENTARY – 2005 ADDITION AND 2014 RENOVATION**

**SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY – 2005 NEW CONSTRUCTION – OPENED 2008**

# **FACILITIES**

## **ADDITIONAL PROJECTS INCLUDED:**

**CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE – 2007 CONSTRUCTION - OPENED IN 2012**

**JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE – 2014 RENOVATION**

**SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL – 2005 ADDITION**

**SMYRNA HIGH – 2007 ADDITION AND RENOVATION**

**THOMAS D. CLAYTON BUILDING – 2014 RENOVATION**



# **GROWTH PLAN**

- **IN 2019, THE DISTRICT COMPLETED A GROWTH PLAN AND BUILDING NEEDS ASSESSMENT IDENTIFYING AREAS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM.**
- **TRIED TO ADDRESS SOME IMPACTS THROUGH REALIGNMENT OF 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AT NSE/SES/JBM**
- **DUE TO FISCAL CONSTRAINTS, THE STATE COULD APPROVE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE REQUEST WHICH THE COMMUNITY APPROVED LAST FEBRUARY.**
- **IN 2020, THE DISTRICT UPDATED AND RESUBMITTED ITS PLAN AND THE STATE SUPPORTED OUR GROWTH NEEDS. UNFORTUNATELY, AVAILABLE FUNDING PRECLUDED THE STATE FROM APPROVING THE BUILDING RENOVATION REQUESTS.**

# APPROVED PROJECTS

- **LAND PURCHASE +/- 15 ACRES ACROSS FROM SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY**
  - **JULY 2021**
- **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
  - **JULY 2022 (THREE-YEAR FUNDING)**
- **CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE ADDITION AND RENOVATION**
  - **JULY 2023 (THREE-YEAR FUNDING)**
- **NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION**
  - **JULY 2023 (THREE-YEAR FUNDING)**



# **FUTURE GRADE AND FEEDER PLAN**

**UPON COMPLETION OF THE ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS, THE DISTRICT SCHOOL CONFIGURATIONS WILL BE:**

**CLAYTON ELEMENTARY (K-3)**

**NORTH SMYRNA (PK – 3)**

**SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY (K-3)**

**SMYRNA ELEMENTARY (K-3)**

**NEW SCHOOL (4-5)**

**JBM INTERMEDIATE (4 – 5)**

**CLAYTON MIDDLE (6-8)**

**SMYRNA MIDDLE (6 – 8)**

**SMYRNA HIGH (9 – 12)**

# COST BY PROJECT

	<b>STATE SHARE (77%)</b>	<b>LOCAL SHARE (23%)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>LAND PURCHASE</b>	<b>\$ 693,000</b>	<b>\$ 207,000</b>	<b>\$ 900,000</b>
<b>NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$ 22,155,500</b>	<b>\$ 6,617,800</b>	<b>\$ 28,773,300</b>
<b>CIS ADDITION</b>	<b>\$ 19,730,900</b>	<b>\$ 5,893,600</b>	<b>\$ 25,624,500</b>
<b>NSE ADDITION</b>	<b>\$ 27,420,100</b>	<b>\$ 8,190,400</b>	<b>\$ 35,610,500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 69,999,500</b>	<b>\$ 20,908,800</b>	<b>\$ 90,908,300</b>

# **COST BY YEAR**

	<b>STATE SHARE (77%)</b>	<b>LOCAL SHARE (23%)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>\$ 693,000</b>	<b>\$ 207,000</b>	<b>\$ 900,000</b>
<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,138,600</b>	<b>\$ 638,700</b>	<b>\$ 2,777,300</b>
<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>\$ 17,770,300</b>	<b>\$ 5,308,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,078,300</b>
<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>\$ 34,930,000</b>	<b>\$10,433,700</b>	<b>\$ 45,363,700</b>
<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>\$ 14,467,600</b>	<b>\$ 4,321,400</b>	<b>\$ 18,789,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 69,999,500</b>	<b>\$ 20,908,800</b>	<b>\$ 90,908,300</b>

# TAX IMPLICATION

Year	Impact	Year	Impact	Year	Impact
FY 2022	(\$2.40)	FY 2030	(\$34.59)	FY 2038	(\$1.18)
FY 2023	(\$5.97)	FY 2031	(\$11.98)	FY 2039	(\$2.39)
FY 2024	\$13.16	FY 2032	(\$2.40)	FY 2040	(\$2.40)
FY 2025	\$38.21	FY 2033	(\$2.40)	FY 2041	(\$2.40)
FY 2026	\$6.02	FY 2034	(\$1.27)	FY 2042	(\$1.27)
FY 2027	(\$8.41)	FY 2035	(\$3.52)	FY 2043	(\$4.79)
FY 2028	\$0.00	FY 2036	(\$4.80)	FY 2044	(\$14.38)
FY 2029	(\$8.42)	FY 2037	(\$9.63)	FY 2045	(\$21.58)

For property with a district average \$200,000 market value  
Assumes five bond sales at a 3.5% interest rate

# OPERATIONS

- **IN 2014, THE COMMUNITY APPROVED AN INCREASE IN OUR TAX RATE THAT WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT EXPENSES FOR THREE YEARS**
- **THE DISTRICT HAS MANAGED TO MAKE THE INCREASE LAST MORE THAN TWICE AS LONG (SEVEN YEARS) THROUGH PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**
- **THE DISTRICT MAINTAINS A CONSERVATIVE FISCAL APPROACH AND HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS A GOOD STEWARD OF THE TAX FUNDS IT RECEIVES**
- **IN 2020/21, THE DISTRICT HAS THE FOURTH LOWEST TOTAL TAX RATE IN THE STATE**
- **IN 2018/19, THE DISTRICT HAD THE FOURTH LOWEST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL AMOUNT IN THE STATE**

# **OPERATIONS - CHALLENGES**

- **AT RISK OF LOSING NEARLY \$1.3 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING IF LEGISLATION “FREEZING” THE EQUALIZATION FORMULA IS NOT CONTINUED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET**
- **ABSORB A REDUCTION IN EXCESS OF \$1.0 MILLION ANNUALLY IN STATE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING**
- **INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FROM GROWTH IS NOT KEEPING PACE WITH INCREASES IN COSTS**
- **COST OF OPERATING NEW AND EXPANDED FACILITIES**
- **ABILITY TO MAINTAIN EXISTING AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS FOR OUR STUDENTS**



# **OPERATIONS - OPPORTUNITIES**

- **THE STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT AND STUDENT SUCCESS BLOCK GRANT ARE DEDICATED FUNDS THAT CAN ASSIST ONLY WITH PROVIDING INCREASED SERVICES TO CERTAIN GRADE LEVELS AND OUR ELL AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS**
- **COVID-19 HAS INCREASED THE FOCUS ON SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY AND THE FEDERAL CARES ACT HAS HELPED MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEED AND LAY A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE**

# **CARES ACT FUNDING**

**THE DISTRICT HAS USED THIS ONE-TIME FUNDING TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS FROM THE PANDEMIC SUCH THAT WE CAN SUPPORT ON-GOING COSTS AND MINIMIZE FUTURE FUNDING ISSUES. THE PANDEMIC EMPHASIZED HOW IMPORTANT THESE ISSUES ARE TO OUR COMMUNITY MOVING FORWARD.**

- **INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORTS**
- **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS**
- **ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**
- **PPE AND CLEANING SUPPLIES**
- **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

# CURRENT EXPENSE REFERENDUM

- **\$2,499,791 TO MEET PROJECTED EXPENSES OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS**

<b>Year</b>		<b>Impact</b>
<b>FY 2022 +</b>		<b>\$119.85</b>

**For property with a district average \$200,000 market value**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## INSTRUCTION

- **HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR ELA, MATH AND SCIENCE**
  - **ARC; BRIDGES; ILLUSTRATIVE; AMPLIFY**
- **MATH AND READING SPECIALISTS IN EVERY BUILDING**
- **ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IMMERSION PROGRAM**
- **NEW PATHWAYS AT SHS**
  - **ALLIED HEALTH**
  - **CULINARY ARTS**
  - **STEM**
- **SHS ED RISING PATHWAY IS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT CLASSES K-12**
- **COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS FOR PK – 12 WITH PLAN TO EXPAND TO INCLUDE 18–21 YEAR-OLDS**
- **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS**
- **TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING**
- **RESTORATIVE PRACTICES**
- **TAKE CARE DELAWARE PILOT DISTRICT**
- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS SUPPORTS**
- **PAWS FOR PEOPLE DOG THERAPY**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

- **INCREASED BUILDING BANDWIDTH**
- **EXPANDED WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BUILDINGS**
- **CREATED TECHNOLOGY HELP LINE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**
- **PROVIDED MIFI AND OTHER INTERNET ACCESS SOLUTIONS TO FAMILIES**

## SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

- **ESTABLISHED SECURE BUILDING ENTRANCES**
- **UPDATED SPRINKLERS AND OTHER LIFE, HEALTH SAFETY SYSTEMS**
- **MAINTAIN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS THROUGH AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL POLICE**



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT**
- **SMYRNA MESSENGER**
- **UPDATES THROUGH TEXT, EMAIL, PHONE CALLS AND OTHER APPS**
- **ONLINE CNP MENUS**
- **ONLINE HOME ACCESS**
- **GRADUATION AND ATHLETICS LIVE STREAMING**

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

- **FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP**
- **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**
- **AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK SHACK**
- **DONATIONS TO CODE PURPLE**
- **WEEKLY MEAL SERVICE**
- **USDA FARM TO FAMILIES MEAL KITS**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## LEVERAGED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **CURRICULUM**
- **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**
- **MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS**
- **FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP**
- **CNP FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
- **CNP EQUIPMENT**
- **FACILITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
- **DEMAND RESPONSE**
- **PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

# QUESTIONS

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