

Board of Education

Redistricting Committee
Public Hearing, 10/30/2007

Why Redistricting?



- To address imbalances in school enrollments by building capacity.
- To address imbalances in the socio-economic make-up of school populations.
- To incorporate the Environmental Magnet School (open 9/09) into SPS enrollment districts and fiscal plan.

Last comprehensive redistricting was in 1998

Redistricting Criteria/Evaluating Redistricting Scenarios



- Use the new integration metric. Balance schools to within +/- 10% of metric.
 - Balance school enrollment by building capacity.
 - Increase the number of walkers.
 - Decrease the length of bus rides and the number of bus riders.
 - Minimize fiscal impact.
 - Maintain school feeder patterns.
 - Minimize disruption of students/families.
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Elementary school balance



- The 10% rule
- 10% rule historically applied by race
- Beginning next year, 10% rule will be applied by socio-economic status (advantaged vs. disadvantaged)

District Demographics by Race and by New Balanced Metric



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School	% Race/Ethnicity Minority (old criterion)	% Free/Reduced Lunch, ELL, Income Restricted Housing (new criteria)
Davenport	58.6	52.5
Hart	79.0	61.8
Toquam	57.6	38.2
KT Murphy	75.0	68.8
Newfield	45.2	31.4
Northeast	52.1	40.7
Rogers	70.3	64.8
Roxbury	51.5	41.2
Springdale	59.9	51.8
Stark	74.2	59.9
Stillmeadow	65.2	43.4
Westover	52.4	32.0
Sub-Total	60.7	47.9
Cloonan	58.8	43.3
Dolan	61.3	47.2
Turn of River	56.5	44.2
Scofield	52.3	34.3
Rippowam	57.2	47.0
Sub-Total	57.2	43.5
Stamford High	57.4	41.9
Westhill	58.5	41.0
AITE	54.4	31.9
Sub-Total	57.6	40.4
District Total	58.9	44.6



Environmental Magnet School:

Background

- Opening September, 2009
- Located on the East Side adjacent to Clairol
- Approved by all 3 city boards in 2005
- \$58 million project - 95% reimbursed by State
- \$19 million expended to date



Environmental Magnet School: Stamford Public Schools

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Capacity

- 75% students from Stamford, 25% from outside Stamford
- 660 students, pre-K through 8
- 360 students K-5 total - 270 from Stamford

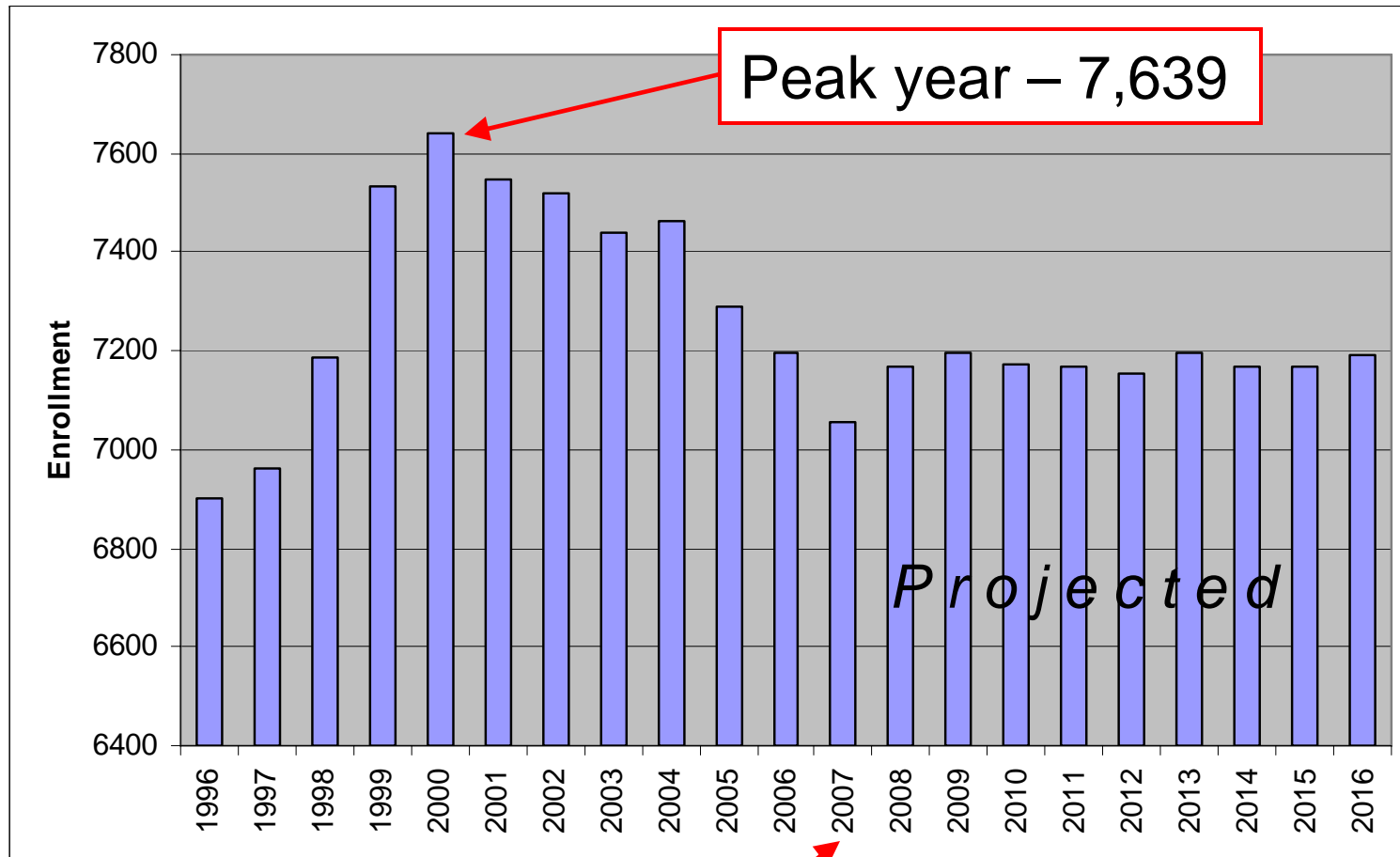
Projected that C. 30% of operating costs will be reimbursed by the State.

Total K-5 enrollment



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Current year - 7,057

K-5 enrollment by school



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	Target enrollment*	Oct 07 enrollment	+/-
Davenport	550 - 625	515	-35
Hart	500 - 550	419	-81
KT Murphy	520 - 595	548	In range
Newfield	580 - 660	631	In range
Northeast	760 - 865	814	In range
Rogers	730 - 835	525	-205
Roxbury	750 - 850	653	-97
Springdale	580 - 665	566	-14
Stark	650 - 750	601	-49
Stillmeadow	665 - 755	598	-67
Toquam	490 - 559	453	-37
Westover	710 - 800	638	-72
Env. Magnet	270 in-city K-5	Opening 2009	-270
Total			-964

* From Fletcher-Thompson capacity study, 2003

Fiscal considerations



- \$5.4 million = projected cost difference of 13 vs. 12 elementary schools in September, 2009, when new magnet opens
- \$5.4 million = about 2.5% of school budget

Won't know until March 2009 if other city boards will approve an additional \$5.4 million.

Recent budget history



	Initial BOE request	Final City approval
2004-05	7.7%	4.5%
2005-06	7.9%	5.0%
2006-07	5.6%	4.4%
2007-08	5.1%	2.7%