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Public Comments
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Reduction of authorized KG staff at PH: The current draft Budget for next year removes two (2) authorized KG teacher and IA positions. It goes from authorization of six (6) to four (4). With this years high enrollment at PH, what is the rationale for the significant drop in KG enrollment next year? This is a significant risk that has the potential to cause inequality issues, undue stress on the teachers, and undue hardship on our youngest students. We cannot make the same mistake next year. For reference, the lowest KG enrollment since 2018 was 114. Why are we now projecting only 88?

Enrollment for KG was:

SY 2018-2019 - 141

SY 2019-2020 - 116

SY 2020-2021 - 116

SY 2021-2022 - 114

SY 2022-2023 - 130

SY 2023-2024 - 88 (projected)

Why do we anticipate a 32% decrease in kids when the last four years have necessitated at least five classes based on the student-teacher ratio? Additionally the ACPS draft budget states "Capacity reassignment places grade level caps on schools that are over capacity. As new families enroll in these full grade levels, they are offered the option to enroll in other ACPS schools. ACPS staff helps families choose a different Alexandria school with space at their child's grade level and provide transportation to the affected students." However, there were numerous barriers and excuses from ACPS denying the ability to capacity transfers to neighboring schools (i.e. transportation difficulties or not available, not wanting to break up communities, etc.) Why establish a policy if it won't be followed?

	Actual	Projection	Actual/Prj	Over/Under	Yr Over Yr Change	(Pi Change (Act toProj)
SY 2013-2014	104	115		11		
SY 2014-2015	127	102		-25	22%	-11%
SY 2015-2016	109	130		21	-14%	27%
SY 2016-2017	105	110		5	-4%	-15%
SY 2017-2018	105	109		4	0%	-1%
SY 2018-2019	141	132		-9	34%	21%
SY 2019-2020	116	110		-6	-18%	-17%
Virtual In Person SY 2020-2021*	116	110		-6	0%	0%
SY 2021-2022**	114	110		-4	-2%	0%
SY 2022-2023	130	121	130	-9	14%	10%
SY 2023-2024		88	88	88	-32%	-27%

