

SY2020-21 Preliminary Enrollment Update

School Committee
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Objectives

- ▶ Outline preliminary enrollment based on October 1 submission to DESE
- ▶ Comparisons
 - ▷ October 1 SIMS (2019)
 - ▷ Cropper & McKibben (Feb. 2020) forecasts
- ▶ Discuss reasons for enrollment decrease
- ▶ Review enrollment after Learning Model Switch
- ▶ Next steps -- enrollment projections

Preliminary 2020-21 Enrollment By Grade Level

	Number of Students
PreK	154
Kindergarten	488
Grade 1	501
Grade 2	504
Grade 3	545
Grade 4	494
Grade 5	542
Grade 6	567
Grade 7	502
Grade 8	555
Grade 9	509
Grade 10	490
Grade 11	514
Grade 12	505
SP	20
Total	6890

Notes:

- Active preliminary October 1 enrollment sent to Department of Education (DESE)
- Out of district students (67)
 - If added: 6957
- Lower Pre-K enrollment based on decisions about BEEP programming for 2020-21

Enrollment by Grade Span:

- K-8: 4698 students
- BHS (9-SP): 2038 students

Preliminary 2020-21 Enrollment Compared to Oct 1 SIMS (2019)

	Oct. 1 SIMS (2020)	Oct. 1 SIMS (2019)	Difference
PK	154	252	-98
Kindergarten	488	600	-112
Grade 1	501	613	-112
Grade 2	504	613	-109
Grade 3	545	574	-29
Grade 4	494	627	-133
Grade 5	542	654	-112
Grade 6	567	582	-15
Grade 7	502	618	-116
Grade 8	555	561	-6
Grade 9	509	521	-12
Grade 10	490	557	-67
Grade 11	514	512	2
Grade 12	505	474	31
SP	20	19	1
Total	6890	7777	-887

Notes:

- Decrease of 887 students (PK-SP) compared to forecasts for 2020-21
 - Largest decrease in grades K-2

Difference by Grade Span:

- K-8: -744 students
- BHS (9-SP): -45 students

[*Oct. 1 2019 DESE Enrollment](#)

Preliminary 2020-21 Enrollment Compared to '20 Forecasts

	Oct. 1 SIMS (2020)	Cropper & McKibben	Difference
PK	154	252	-98
Kindergarten	488	626	-138
Grade 1	501	623	-122
Grade 2	504	616	-112
Grade 3	545	617	-72
Grade 4	494	565	-71
Grade 5	542	613	-71
Grade 6	567	651	-84
Grade 7	502	563	-61
Grade 8	555	612	-57
Grade 9	509	550	-41
Grade 10	490	529	-39
Grade 11	514	540	-26
Grade 12	505	510	-5
SP	20	19	1
Total	6890	7886	-996

Notes:

- Decrease of 996 students (PK-SP) compared to forecasts for 2020-21
 - Largest decrease in grades K-2

Difference by Grade Span:

- K-8: -788 students
- BHS (9-SP): -110 students

*Cropper & McKibben: [10 year enrollment forecasts produced February 2020](#)

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Potential Reasons for Enrollment Decline

- ▶ Kindergarten families held students back for additional Pre-K year
- ▶ 366 students withdrew to private schools
- ▶ Over 600 students withdrew due to moves outside of Brookline
 - ▷ 50% outside of MA and the United States
- ▶ 55.8% decrease (275 students) in enrollment of students identified as EL recently arrived in the U.S.
- ▶ International students scheduled to leave due to expiration of VISAS not replaced with new families
- ▶ 300% increase in homeschool applications (50 students) as of Oct. 1
 - ▷ 17 total homeschool students in 2019-20

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Final* - Learning Model Change Requests

- ▶ 57 students transferring to hybrid
 - ▷ 16 BHS
 - ▷ 41 RLA
- ▶ 273 students to remote
 - ▷ 147 BHS
 - ▷ 126 RLA

*Small updates since presentation was drafted

Learning Model Change by Grade Level

	To Remote	To Hybrid	Remote Change
Kindergarten	2	3	-1
Grade 1	8	4	4
Grade 2	14	2	12
Grade 3	14	2	12
Grade 4	23	4	19
Grade 5	18	7	11
Grade 6	13	5	8
Grade 7	19	3	16
Grade 8	15	11	4
Grade 9	17	5	12
Grade 10	21	5	16
Grade 11	36	4	32
Grade 12	72	2	70
Beyond Grade	1	0	1
Total	273	57	216

Remote Learning Academy (K-8): New Enrollment

	Current RLA Enrollment	Transfer to RLA	Transfer Out of RLA	New RLA Enrollment	Students by Section
Kindergarten	63	2	3	62	16
Grade 1	80	8	4	84	21
Grade 2	66	14	2	78	20
Grade 3	75	14	2	87	22
Grade 4	65	23	4	84	21
Grade 5	52	18	7	63	21
Grade 6	56	13	5	64	16
Grade 7	75	19	3	91	23
Grade 8	67	15	11	71	18
Total	599	126	41	684	

- Every grade in the RLA has 4 sections except grade 5 (3 sections)
- Hybrid sections at home schools (grades 1-8) run between 7-9 students (on average) a section

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Next Steps

Enrollment projections -- initial ideas:

- ▷ Meeting with other districts to see how they are treating this year's enrollment
- ▷ Cropper & McKibben recommends we skip projections this year
- ▷ Pause
 - ▷ Until we have better Kindergarten enrollment numbers (February)
 - ▷ Until/if we have a better understanding of virus (infection rates with students in school, vaccine, etc.)
 - ▷ Until we have 2nd round of open enrollment for learning model change
- ▷ Budget perspective: Use Cropper projections for 2020-21

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QUESTIONS?