



OVERCROWDING IN WILSON HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER PATTERN

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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

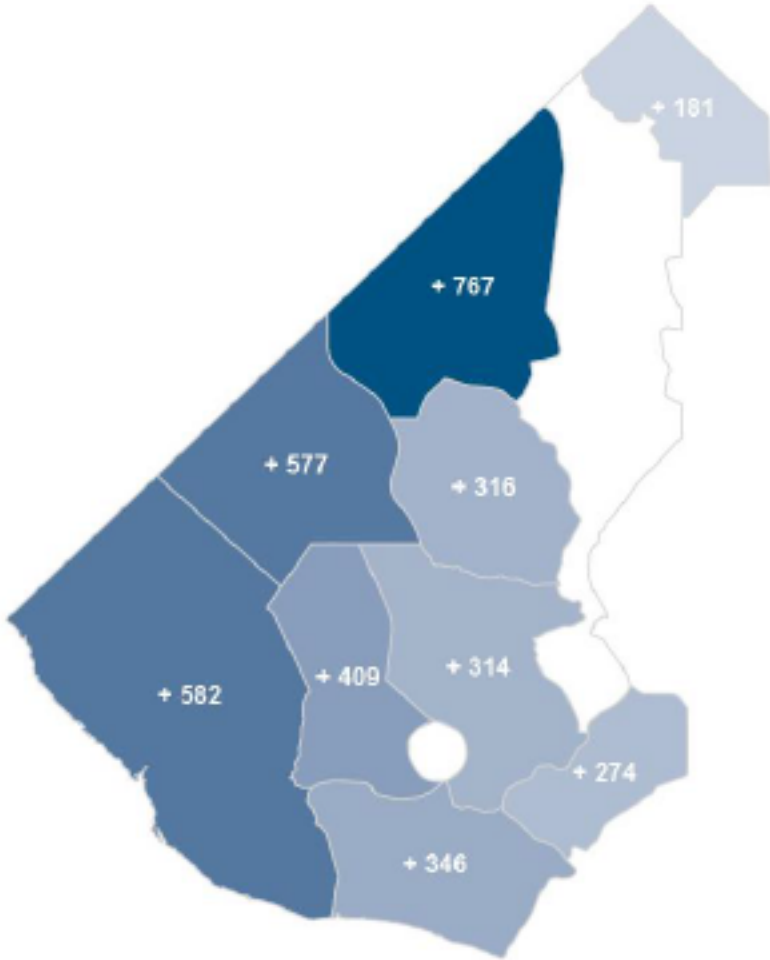
- Almost ALL schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern are at or above capacity
- Even conservative projections have the problem getting substantially worse in coming years

Facility Utilization in the Wilson Feeder Pattern

School Name	SY2016-17 Enrollment	SY2015-16 Permanent Capacity	SY2015-16 Portable Capacity	Total Capacity (Permanent + Portable)	% Total Capacity Enrolled
Bancroft ES*	530	563		563	94%
Deal MS	1476	1370	+200	1570	94%
Eaton ES*	477	386		386	124%
Hardy MS	374	485		485	77%
Hearst ES	312	330		330	95%
Hyde-Addison ES*	329	330		330	100%
Janney ES	722	700		700	103%
Key ES	397	364	+44	408	97%
Lafayette ES	761	805		805	95%
Mann ES	379	370		370	102%
Murch ES*	572	488*	+286	774*	74%
Oyster-Adams Bilingual (Adams)	323	358		358	90%
Oyster-Adams Bilingual (Oyster)	335	350		350	96%
Shepherd ES	360	400		400	90%
Stoddert ES	435	320	+154	474	92%
Wilson HS	1750	1700		1700	103%

* Funded for modernizations in Capital Budget. Murch's planned post-construction capacity is 720 and Hyde-Addison's is 400.

Forecasted 3-18 Year Old Growth in the Wilson Feeder Pattern*



Office of Planning's Low Population forecasts continued growth for Ward 3, particularly in Lafayette ES's boundary.

OP Forecast	2015	2020	2025	10 Yr Growth	10 Yr % Growth
Low	17,558	19,179	21,324	+3,766	+21%
High	17,558	19,229	21,397	+3,839	+22%

*Not pictured: Bancroft's neighborhood cluster, which extends significantly into Columbia Heights.

WHAT IS DCPS DOING AND WHY?

- Convened advisory group with representatives from each school in feeder group, W3ENet, School Board, and Councilmember Cheh's office
- Meets monthly through October/November
- Conducting community survey
- To make recommendations in November/December in time for FY19 budget and Master Facilities Plan

- Speculation as to why

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE?

- Group broken into 3 subcommittees: Facilities, Enrollment Policies, and Programming
- Lots of ideas raised, for example:
 - Reopen Old Hardy School
 - Look for additional space or partnerships
 - Make more use of existing space (year-round use, overlapping schedules, Duke Ellington)
 - Combine Deal and Hardy Middle Schools
 - Dual feeder rights
 - Additional options outside of feeder pattern
- 3 options ruled out: Remove schools from feeder, Discontinue OOB feeder rights, Widely redraw boundaries

CHALLENGES

- DCPS Funds are limited, and existing renovation needs are high around city
- DCPS has substantial existing capacity around city
- Most solutions are imperfect
- “Looser” considerations
 - Politics are “tricky” – Perceptions of Ward 3
 - Wilson feeder parents reluctant to try options outside of feeder