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Planning and Growth Management Department

TO: Citrus County School Board and Long Range Planning Committee

FROM: Chuck Dixon, AICP, Planning Director

DATE: January 27, 2021

RE: Summary of School Capacity – Year End 2020
and adoption of 2021-22 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1003.03 Maximum class size. — F.S. each school district is required to review its facility utilization each year to determine if the district is in compliance with the maximum class size requirements and to determine how to address capacity issues.

Each year, the Planning and Growth Management Department takes a snapshot of the schools 'capacity from the previous December and reports this information to the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC).

It is noted that the recommendation will focus primarily on attendance boundaries, but it may also include options to pursue land for new facilities, build new facilities, add student stations to existing facilities, or pursue programmatic changes.

Enrollment data from the last five years is included for consideration.

The Controlled Open Enrollment Plan was approved by the School Board beginning in 2017-18 and is now being approved every year. This plan enables the District to consider student assignment based on parental preference when requested by the parent as defined by Florida Statutes. It is being considered as part of the End of Year Report because it can also have a significant impact on the utilization of facilities. The proposed 2021-22 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan is attached to this report for consideration and adoption by the School Board. This year it includes some minor changes to Section “N” to address a student transferring into the District whose parent is transferred to a military installation within the State of Florida:

N. Out of County Students:

1. Students residing in the District shall not be displaced by a student from another district who is seeking enrollment through the open enrollment provisions.
2. A student whose parent is transferred, or is pending transfer, to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order shall be considered a resident of the school district for purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the school district, and shall be provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process of the school district pursuant to s. 1002.31, F.S.

The 2020-21 District Work Plan was completed during the COVID-19 Pandemic when Citrus Virtual School (CVS) was brought online to help relieve capacity issues at the schools and free up space for temporary social distancing. Students who selected this option were allowed to retain their space in their home school for ease of transition following the development of a vaccine or herd immunity when social distancing measures were no longer necessary.

Projected enrollment before the advent of the Pandemic conditions in March of 2020 indicated relatively flat growth in the near (5 year) term overall. This is because the enrollment model used gave more weight to the immediate past years as the most likely indicator of future growth within the 5-year planning period.

At the beginning of the 2020-21 School Year 3,954 students, or 27.1 percent of the student population, opted to enroll in the Citrus Virtual School (CVS) Blended Learning Program while maintaining a seat in their zoned home school or approved school of choice. This number peaked on September 8, 2020 at 4,038 students or 27.1 percent.

By the end of the calendar year the number of students enrolled in CVS had dropped to 2,820 on December 14, 2020 which is roughly 18.8 percent of the student population.

The trend is clearly students moving back into the brick and mortar buildings. However, this may take at least the remainder of the 2020-21 year due to lack of availability of a COVID-19 Vaccine. At this time staff is projecting that most students will return after the vaccine is administered to the general population.

This should also help with time to adequately plan for the Floral City Elementary Projects currently in the Work Plan 5 Year Project Schedule as well as the planned site improvements at Citrus High School.

In addition, if growth accelerates in the Central Ridge Area there is the option to move up the proposed new school in the Pine Ridge Area after the current phase of the Suncoast Parkway is complete. Although funding for construction has not yet been identified, the land has been purchased.

The Pine Ridge School Site was acquired by the School Board on November 17, 2011 so this site is available for elementary expansion when a new facility is needed. Currently,

schools in this general (Central Ridge) area are running at 91 percent capacity on average. This is slightly down from last year. However, this is an area that is projected to continue to grow due to the availability of affordable housing options.

The following is a snapshot of school capacity for December 14, 2020 (including student stations that are reserved for students attending Citrus Virtual School including students assigned to an out of zone school of choice pursuant to Policy 5.203 COVID-19 Pandemic Temporary Student Assignment to Citrus Virtual School While Assigned to An Out of Zone School as adopted on December 8, 2020 for the 2020-21 School Year:

High Schools

In summary, the total (combined) FISH capacity for all three high schools is 4,960 student stations with 4,416 students enrolled on December 14, 2020. This leaves a surplus of 544 student stations, or approximately 11 percent excess capacity.

As of the reporting date all portable/temporary classrooms have been removed from the high schools.

As a result of the most recent high school rezoning in 2013-14, approximately 125 students were relocated from Lecanto High School to Crystal River High School to more fully utilize the new facilities at Crystal River High School and help balance out the utilization rates between the high schools.

The following is a summary of the current capacity conditions as compared with last year s' conditions:

Current Excess Capacity Estimate by High School:

- Lecanto High School 0% (last year was 5%)
- Citrus High School 15% (last year was 18%)
- Crystal River High School 19% (last year was 21%)

Middle Schools

The total (combined) FISH capacity for all four middle schools is 4,292 student stations with 3,563 students enrolled on December 14, 2020. This leaves a surplus of 729 student stations, or approximately 17 percent excess capacity. No middle school has less than 4 percent excess capacity at the current time. No new middle school student stations are planned at this time. Higher growth at Citrus Springs Middle School was addressed by rezoning an area of Citrus Springs to Crystal River Middle School for the 2017-18 school year. This was done in phases by “grandfathering” students from two grade levels, 7th and 8th grade, instead of one. The target capacity at Citrus Springs Middle School was 85 percent for the 2019-20 school year and it is currently at 89 percent.

The current Work Plan does not indicate a need for additional middle school student stations within the planning term.

The following is a summary of the current capacity conditions as compared with last year s' conditions:

Current Capacity Estimate by Middle School:

- Citrus Springs Middle School 11% (last year was 10%)
- Crystal River Middle School 25% (last year was 23%)
- Inverness Middle School 21% (last year was 19%)
- Lecanto Middle School 4% (last year was 8%)

Elementary Schools

The total (combined) FISH capacity for all eleven elementary schools is 7,783 student stations with 7,059 students enrolled on December 14, 2020. This leaves a surplus of 724 student stations, or approximately 6 percent excess capacity.

The following is a breakdown of the current utilization rates in the context of the target rates from the most recent rezoning in 2017:

- Pleasant Grove Elementary – Target 90 percent or lower – Currently 87 percent
- Lecanto Primary – Target 90 percent or lower – Currently 100 percent
- Inverness Primary – Target 85 percent or lower –Currently 81 percent
- Homosassa Elementary – Target 90 percent – Currently 94 percent
- Floral City Elementary – Target 80 percent – Currently 65 percent
- Hernando Elementary – Target 90 percent – Currently 102 percent

The following is a summary of the current capacity conditions as compared with last year s' conditions:

Current Capacity Estimate by Elementary School:

- Central Ridge Elementary School 11% (last year was 3%)
- Citrus Springs Elementary School 9% (last year was 8%)
- Crystal River Primary School 5% (last year was over by 2%)
- Floral City Elementary School 35% (last year was 25%)
- Forest Ridge Elementary School 7% (last year was 3%)
- Hernando Elementary School (-2) % (last year was (-1) %)
- Homosassa Elementary School 6% (last year was 2%)
- Inverness Primary School 9% (last year was 13%)
- Lecanto Primary School 0% (last year was 7%)
- Pleasant Grove Elementary School 13% (last year was 12%)
- Rock Crusher Elementary School 7% (last year was 2%)

Additional Information

In summary, enrollment is up for the high schools this year, as projected, slightly down for the middle schools, and down for elementary schools as follows:

High Schools:	2019-20 was 4,244	2020-21 is 4,416	+172
Middle Schools:	2019-20 was 3,575	2020-21 is 3,563	-12
Elementary Schools:	2019-21 was 7,281	2020-21 is 7,059	-222

The overall change in enrollment at the traditional schools is -62 from December 2019 to December 2020.

Summary of County Development Activity/Projects

The following projects are in various stages of progress:

1. Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Projects:

- Pleasant Grove Elementary School Sidewalk Project – Projected cost \$549,382 – Under Construction and nearing completion as of December 2020. This project is being managed and implemented by FDOT.
- Beverly Hills/ FRE Sidewalk Project – Phase I - Projected cost \$1,548,766 – We were informed on August 25, 2020 of some issues regarding moving a water line for Rolling Oaks Utilities that may negatively impact the feasibility of this project. Construction is still scheduled for the Fall of 2021.
- Crystal River High School Sidewalk Project (W. Turkey Oak Drive) – Projected cost \$482,791 - Construction is scheduled for Spring/Summer of 2021.
- Beverly Hills/ FRE Sidewalk Project – Phase II – This project is on HOLD and currently not scheduled pending resolution for some right-of way issues.

2. Crystal River Middle School Area Traffic Issues – Congestion Management Issues Identified:

- The CRMS Traffic Circulation Improvement Project was carried over to the 2020-21 Work Plan for year 2022-23 since land is already purchased to expand the on-site traffic circulation and add parent pickup area. Grant Funding may be available to assist with the cost of this project which is projected to be \$250,000. The project is also impact fee fundable so it may be built with a combination of funding sources as available.

3. Inverness Middle School Area Traffic Issues

- The IMS Traffic Circulation Improvement Project was carried over to the 2020-21 Work Plan and moved out to year 5 as an unfunded project. This traffic problem area has been identified and discussed with FDOT for many years. Studies have been done by FDOT and they determined that a traffic signal is not warranted at the entrance to the School. FDOT claims that the planned improvements to US-41 will address the traffic issues and this project is finally moving forward (schedule below under item 11). The project has been given a high priority by the MPO. An IMS traffic circulation project was added to the 2017-18 FDOT Work Plan and carried forward as an unfunded project. CCSB Staff continues to monitor the situation and will work with FDOT to remedy this situation in the interim if necessary and appropriate. Land adjacent to the South side of the campus was explored for a potential vehicle stacking area to address some of the issues. However, an agreement on price could not be reached on one of the parcels that would be necessary for a viable project. Staff explored the possibility of acquiring three small parcels of land to the South of Ginger Porter Drive for expanding the vehicle stacking onsite and/or providing a new access drive to the South unimproved and unnamed street. An additional access point to the unnamed street would require coordination with the City of Inverness as a shared project. Currently this project is unfunded. This project will be left on the project list in the event funds become available from grants or other agency funding. The project is envisioned as an expansion of the on-site traffic circulation with additional parking for parents to pick up students after school similar to a “cell phone lot” to keep them from parking in the Right-of-way along Turner Camp Road. – This project is on hold until the various issues can be worked out including the FDOT Improvements to US-41 to see if this will remedy some of the issues. It has been moved out to year 5 in the 2020-21 District Work Plan as an unfunded project in case Grant Funding becomes available to assist with the cost of this project.

4. Citrus High School/ Inverness Primary School Internal Vehicle/ Pedestrian Circulation/Separation and Emergency Egress

- This project is in response to a safety audit. A comprehensive plan for traffic circulation is being proposed to address this issue. The project has been moved up from a long-range infrastructure project to the 5 Year Work Program because of the safety concerns with student walkers crossing internal drive lanes during the school day. Vehicular traffic at brick and mortar schools is currently down due to the Pandemic and blended learning but it is expected to increase in 2021-22 due to overall high school projected enrollment (Cohort Progression). Project has been included in the Work Plan for 2024-25. Projected cost is \$750,000 but this is subject to change based on the completion of the Master Plan.

5. US-41 at IMS 2 Lane to 4 Lane Improvements

The following information has been provided by FDOT since the July LRPC Meeting regarding the project timeline:

- Appraisal work – July 2020-February 2021
- Offers and negotiations – December 2020 – May 2021
- ED Hearings – May 2021 – October 2021
- Relocation and Demo – Expected Finish April 2022
- Project ROW Certification – May 2022
- Construction Letting – December 2022

The FDOT and staff are working on transferring land for the ROW and improvements at IMS adjacent to US-41 as of December 2020 and this will be coming to the School Board in 2021 for final approval. The school campus will not be adversely impacted by the ROW acquisition as proposed.

6. Status of US-19 Widening and Reconstruction

- Phase I timeline is November 2016 to Spring 2020. Project has been modified to include a multiuse trail of varied widths from Hernando County all the way to Jump Court on the East Side of the roadway. The multiuse trail is also under construction. As of January 2021, significant progress has been made through the Homosassa Area while the area North is only partially complete.
- Phase II is from Jump Court to Fort Island Trail and it began on November 5, 2018. This phase is longer than Phase 1 and will also include pedestrian improvements on the East Side of US-19. The improvements will include a combination of multiuse trail segments and sidewalks depending on available ROW and these improvements will be maintained by the County rather than FDOT.

7. County 491 Corridor Development Plans

- Phase I – complete
- Phase II – survey work underway as of December 2020

8. Suncoast Parkway II Project

This project officially began on September 12, 2018.

Likely Phases (at the discretion of the contractor):

- US-98 to Hernando County Line
- Hernando County Line to W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.

- W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. to SR-44
- Update – SR-44 to CR-486 (next phase)

The project was delayed briefly in the Summer of 2018 due to a lawsuit filed to stop construction due to an archaeological site being in the path of the roadway. The project has restarted as of July 12, 2018. The current projected completion date for the project to end at SR-44 is April of 2022. At the MPO TAC Meeting on December 10, 2018 the Florida Turnpike Authority Representative announced that an additional 3-mile phase from SR-44 to CR-486 has been funded with a construction date of 2024. This will bring the termination of the Suncoast Parkway within two miles of the Future Pine Ridge School Site. The Suncoast Parkway Project is on schedule for completion to SR-44 in 2022. Plans for extending the Project to CR-486 have not been finalized as of December 2020.

9. M-CORES Update

The Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program is intended to revitalize rural communities, encourage job creation and provide regional connectivity while leveraging technology, enhancing the quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The program was [signed into law](#) by Governor Ron DeSantis on May 17, 2019. The intended benefits include, but are not limited to, addressing issues such as:

- Hurricane evacuation
- Congestion mitigation
- Trade and logistics
- Broadband, water and sewer connectivity
- Energy distribution
- Autonomous, connected, shared and electric vehicle technology
- Other transportation modes, such as shared-use nonmotorized trails, freight and passenger rail, and public transit
- Mobility as a service
- Availability of a trained workforce skilled in traditional and emerging technologies
- Protection or enhancement of wildlife corridors or environmentally sensitive areas
- Protection or enhancement of primary springs protection zones and farmland preservation areas

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is assigned with assembling task forces to study [three specific corridors](#):

- The [Suncoast Connector](#), extending from Citrus County to Jefferson County
- The [Northern Turnpike Connector](#), extending from the northern terminus of Florida's Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway

- The [Southwest-Central Florida Connector](#), extending from Collier County to Polk County

The Florida Legislature charged each Task Force with providing recommendations and evaluations in a final report by November 15, 2020, which will guide the Florida Department of Transportation in its subsequent study phases through the implementation of high-level needs, guiding principles, and instructions.

As of December 2020, the M-CORES Report Outlines the following conceptual project routes consistent with the study corridors:

- A 150-mile Southwest-Central Florida Connector from Lakeland to Naples.
- A Suncoast Connector, a 40-mile span linking Florida Turnpike and I-75 with the Suncoast Parkway.
- A Northern Turnpike Connector extending Suncoast Parkway 150 miles north to Georgia.

Under SB 7068, construction would begin in 2022 and end in 2030. M-CORES would be funded through license plate tag revenue; \$1.1 billion over a decade to finance a bond. The bill authorized \$90 million for M-CORES in the 2020-21 Budget, \$135 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$140 million annually through fiscal year 2030.

10. SR44 Crystal River School Zone Upgrades Scheduled for December 2022

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is proposing to mill and resurface, add 8' sidewalk adjacent to the north roadway, add midblock crossings and provide access management along SR 44 from US19/US 98/SR 55/Suncoast Blvd. to E. of NE 10th Ave. As part of the project, the FDOT is reviewing the school zone limits within this corridor. Currently, the school zone along SR 44 is between NE 8th Ave. and NE 9th Ave with crosswalks at NE 8th Ave. and NE 9th Ave. – Virtual Meeting was on April 2, 2020 with FDOT/consultants. The City of Crystal River is also proposing advanced ROW Improvements along this portion of SR44 to make it more pedestrian friendly and more like a formal entrance to the City.

11. Citrus County Schools (District Wide) Dedicated Fiber WAN Project

This project will reduce annual operating costs substantially by owning the system infrastructure instead of paying for space on a constricted commercial provider system. It will expand the network capacity to accommodate additional projected users for the next 25 years. The capital cost is projected to be \$2,350,000 over 4 years with 80 percent being refunded through the e-Rate Program. The project is being done in conjunction

with a commercial cell phone company who is installing a Fiber Network (probably for 5G Service). Project is included in the current work plan for construction in 2021.

12. Floral City Elementary expansion projects have been approved by DOE and are targeted to begin in 2022-23 with the Kitchen and Cafeteria. After the cafeteria is complete the new classroom wings will follow in 2023-24 or latter depending on demand and projected need. Portable classrooms are projected to go to Lecanto High School as needed to address a bubble in High School Enrollment. This project will be broken out into 2 or more phases as the plans are finalized.

Summary of Impact of COVID 19 Pandemic on Enrollment for 2020 and Implications for 2021-22 Facility Utilization

This is a new section of the report for 2021 to address the unique conditions presented by the COVID 19 Pandemic. The result has been an accelerated focus on virtual education and reliance on technology to ease crowding in the brick and mortar schools. Increasing reliance on virtual learning was happening before the Pandemic.

As stated, at the beginning of the 2020-21 School Year 27 percent of the student population opted to enroll in the Citrus Virtual School (CVS) and this dropped to roughly 19 percent by the end of 2020.

The trend is clearly students moving back into the brick and mortar buildings and for planning purposes will assume that most students will be back in the brick and mortar classrooms to start 2021-22. We will hold off on conducting a zoning study or making plans to rezone at this time but will closely monitor enrollment in the Fall.

Staff Recommendation:

1. Readopt the current attendance boundaries for the elementary schools for 2021-22.
 - Monitor enrollment in the Central Ridge Area and South into the Lecanto Area. These areas will be most impacted by residential development around the future terminus of the Suncoast Parkway as well as in and around the Cardinal Road Interchange where multi-family apartment units are likely based on proposed County land use initiatives.
 - Monitor enrollment South of Inverness to Floral City in order to plan for future additional capacity at Floral City Elementary.

- Continue to balance growth between Inverness Primary School, Pleasant Grove Elementary, and Floral City Elementary using the special attendance process.
2. Readopt the current attendance boundaries for the middle schools for 2021-22.
- Continue to balance growth between Citrus Springs Middle and Crystal River Middle using the special attendance process.
 - Continue to work with FDOT District 7, the MPO/County and the City of Crystal River to address traffic issues at Crystal River Middle School including the expansion of the parent pick up area and traffic circulation improvements as funding is available.
 - Work with FDOT District 7 to help facilitate the planned 4-Lane improvements to US-41 fronting Inverness Middle School and the City of Inverness to address traffic issues at Inverness Middle School when there are opportunities for cooperation.
3. Readopt the current attendance boundaries for the high schools for 2021-22.
- Monitor growth in the Citrus Springs Community where the most recent attendance boundary changes were made for 2013-14. This has historically been a high growth area for high school student enrollment.
 - New for this year we will need to monitor the enrollment in virtual programs during a temporary increase in overall high school enrollment. The use of portables at Lecanto High School will likely be necessary over the next 5 years to address a bubble in high school enrollment. The portables will be moved from Floral City Elementary and will be relocated to Lecanto High School as needed.
 - The overall high school enrollment will be balanced as much as possible through the Controlled Open Enrollment Process when practical.
4. Adopt the new 2021-22 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan as presented.

New Language Summarized as follows:

Under “Out of County Students”:

- B. A student whose parent is transferred, or is pending transfer, to a military installation within the state while on active military duty

pursuant to an official military order shall be considered a resident of the school district for purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the school district, and shall be provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process of the school district pursuant to s. 1002.31, F.S.

5. Continue to monitor the impact on open enrollment at all the school levels and make policy and/or procedural adjustments if necessary.

Additional Information for Trend Analysis:

- Five Year Enrollment Data (from end of year reports)
- Projections for Next Year_

Historical Enrollment by School

Elementary Schools:

- Citrus Springs Elementary School

Current =	740
2019 =	748
2018 =	715
2017 =	712
2016 =	743

- Crystal River Primary School

Current =	628
2019 =	651
2018 =	643
2017 =	650
2016 =	615

- Floral City Elementary School

Current =	324
2019 =	374
2018 =	395
2017 =	407
2016 =	356

- Forest Ridge Elementary School
 - Current = 708
 - 2019 = 740
 - 2018 = 703
 - 2017 = 730
 - 2016 = 721

- Hernando Elementary School
 - Current = 772
 - 2019 = 758
 - 2018 = 764
 - 2017 = 735
 - 2016 = 677

- Homosassa Elementary School
 - Current = 387
 - 2019 = 405
 - 2018 = 394
 - 2017 = 402
 - 2016 = 296

- Lecanto Primary School
 - Current = 854
 - 2019 = 800
 - 2018 = 810
 - 2017 = 768
 - 2016 = 832

- Pleasant Grove Elementary School
 - Current = 659
 - 2019 = 663
 - 2018 = 670
 - 2017 = 668
 - 2016 = 761

- Rock Crusher Elementary School
 - Current = 648
 - 2019 = 687
 - 2018 = 664
 - 2017 = 634
 - 2016 = 626

- Inverness Primary School
 - Current = 617
 - 2019 = 670
 - 2018 = 659
 - 2017 = 690
 - 2016 = 679

- Central Ridge Elementary School

Current =	722
2019 =	785
2018 =	788
2017 =	799
2016 =	770

Elementary School Totals:

Current =	7,059
2019 =	7,281
2018 =	7,205
2017 =	7,195
2016 =	7,076

Middle Schools:

- Citrus Springs Middle School

Current =	758
2019 =	765
2018 =	799
2017 =	798
2016 =	810

- Crystal River Middle School

Current =	907
2019 =	932
2018 =	842
2017 =	852
2016 =	732
2015 =	738

- Inverness Middle School

Current =	1,063
2019 =	1,089
2018 =	1,065
2017 =	1,039
2016 =	1,031

- Lecanto Middle School

Current =	835
2019 =	789
2018 =	785
2017 =	761
2016 =	764

Middle School Totals:

Current =	3,563
2019 =	3,575
2018 =	3,491
2017 =	3,450
2016 =	3,337

High Schools:

- Lecanto High School

Current =	1,734
2019 =	1,647
2018 =	1,628
2017 =	1,614
2016 =	1,590
- Citrus High School

Current =	1,484
2019 =	1,436
2018 =	1,443
2017 =	1,402
2016 =	1,444
- Crystal River High School

Current =	1,198
2019 =	1,161
2018 =	1,286
2017 =	1,307
2016 =	1,339

High School Totals:

Current =	4,416
2019 =	4,244
2018 =	4,357
2017 =	4,323
2016 =	4,373

Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2020-21

This section of the End of Year report started in 2018. It is based on “rolling up” the enrollment for elementary, middle, and high school from the date of the last enrollment report of 2019. It assumes Kindergarten enrollment to be unchanged from the previous year and PK enrollment is based on projected staffing and classroom availability. This information will be used as a starting point for more detailed enrollment projections by school and for the 2021-22 FTE Projections.

- 2021-22 Preliminary Projected Elementary Enrollment = 7,044*

- 2021-22 Preliminary Projected Middle School Enrollment =3,518*
- 2021-22 Preliminary Projected High School Enrollment =4,582*

2021-22 Preliminary Project ed Traditional School Total Enrollment = 15,144*

Additional information regarding the County and City projections of the amount, type, and distribution of population growth may be considered prior to finalizing the enrollment projections for 2021-22with a breakdown by each individual school.

The difference between current enrollment (as of December 2020) and the 2020-21 preliminary projected enrollment is as follows:

- Elementary School Enrollment Change = down 21 from 7,059
- Middle School Enrollment Change = down 47 from 3,563
- High School Enrollment Change = up 183 from 4,416

Total Enrollment Project ed Increase/Decrease = up 115 from 15,038 in December 2020

Last year the projected enrollment increase was 148 overall and this year it is 115 based on the January 2021 Enrollment Data.

*Note: Preliminary elementary enrollment projections do not include factoring in birth rate changes from the previous year for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten grade levels and they do not include growth projections from residential building occupancy changes at this point in the planning process. These enrollment projections represent a starting point in the enrollment projection process for 2021-22.

For 2021-22 additional enrollment projections may be warranted in May or June based on enrollment activity in January 2021. Early indication is that more students are enrolling who were receiving educational services from other means during the early phase of the Pandemic. The building permit activity continued to be high throughout 2020 so these factors may necessitate a second look at the projections going into the 2021-22 School Year. This information will be used to prioritize capital projects in the 2021-22 Work Plan which is adopted with the Budget in September and also assist with a potential attendance boundary study that will be needed when the new classroom wings at Floral City Elementary are constructed.

Attachments:

2021-22 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan – for adoption

Enrollment Report – December 14, 2020

Preliminary Enrollment Projection Report – January 26, 2021

2021-22 Zoning Maps for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools (separate files)

Citrus County School District Controlled Open Enrollment Plan 2021-22

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https://www.citruschools.org/departments/planning_and_growth_management/planning_documents

Controlled Open Enrollment Plan Provisions

A. Eligibility Requirements:

1. All students shall be eligible to apply to attend and out of zone school unless they have been suspended or expelled from a school within the last six (6) months.
2. All students must be enrolled at their home school if they are new students to the Citrus County School District prior to reviewing a request to attend and out of zone school through the Controlled Open Enrollment Process.

B. Application Process:

1. The application for Controlled Open Enrollment can be obtained from the Citrus County Schools Website for printing or at any of the schools in hard copy.
2. The application is completed and signed by the parent or guardian and submitted to the Planning and Growth Management Department at the District Student Services Center or it can be dropped off at any school site and forwarded to the Department of Planning and Growth Management for processing. It may also be submitted directly from the District Web Site.
3. The Planning and Growth Management Technician will receive the application, assign a tracking number, and attach a review sheet for electronic routing to the school of choice for consideration.
4. The reviewing school administrator will review the information provided by the applicant and the Planning and Growth Management Department. The receiving school administrator may utilize staff to help verify place of residence information provided by the parent/guardian if this level of verification is necessary.
5. The receiving school administrator will check one of the boxes on the review form that best describes the reason for approval or denial of the special attendance request as follows:
6. Approved – Controlled Open Enrollment
7. Approved – Special Program

8. Denied – because the request does not comply with the Citrus County School Board Attendance Zone Student Reassignment Policy / Administrative Guidelines
9. Denied – because the receiving schools projected enrollment exceeds capacity or because the school is in a high growth area and subject to substantial enrollment increases throughout the school year.
10. The application and review form are returned to the Planning and Growth Management Department for a final sign off and distribution to the impacted schools for enrollment purposes, and the parent/guardian is notified.

C. Time period for accepting applications:

Applications will be accepted beginning in Mid-March for the following school year. They will be accepted for at least forty-five (45) days. Applications for the current school year will not be accepted after midterm in the Second Semester unless the student's residence changes or extraordinary circumstances warrant moving a student this close to the end of the school year.

D. Method of determining capacity of schools:

Capacity of the schools shall be determined by the Department of Planning and Growth Management at the school level and by the Principal at the grade level. The basis will be the Florida Inventory of School House (FISH) Capacity and class size requirements as determined by the Florida Department of Education and either the projected or actual enrollment, depending on the time of year when the determination is made.

E. Enrollment and Capacity Report:

An enrollment report will be posted on the District Web Site that identifies the current projected or actual enrollment at each District School and the utilization rate for each facility.

F. Identification of schools that have not reached capacity:

Schools that have not reached capacity will be identified in green.

Schools that have reached capacity will be identified in red and schools where grade level capacity may be exceeded for one or more grades will be identified in yellow.

G. Class Size Standards:

Class size standards shall be as required by the Florida Department of Education. For core curriculum classrooms that are pre-Kindergarten through grade 3, the class size is 18 student stations. For core curriculum classrooms that are grades 4 through 8, the class size is 22 student stations, and for core curriculum classrooms that are grades 9 through 12, the class size is 25 student stations.

H. Lottery procedure for determining student assignment if transfer requests exceed available space:

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces the names will be placed in a "Random Name Picker" program such as the one found at the following web site <http://www.miniwebtool.com/random-name-picker/> or a similar system where the names are picked using a random process.

- I. Provision for a parent to request placement of siblings within the same school:**
Siblings residing at the same address will be placed together unless it is determined that placing them in the same educational setting would not be in the child's best interest.
- J. Appeals Process:**
The appeals process is administered by the Department of Planning and Growth Management. Appeals must be filed after a determination is made by the receiving school principal and must include the reason for the appeal and any supporting documentation.
- K. Availability of Transportation:**
Students attending an out of zone school may utilize the closest bus stop within the school zone subject to bus capacity. Out of zone transportation is provided for students enrolled in school specific special programs such as the Computer Science Academy at Citrus High School, Health Academy at Crystal River High School and the International Baccalaureate Program at Lecanto High School as approved by the School Board.
- L. Automatic Approval Process for Students that Move out of Zone:**
In the case of a student changing residence during the school year, the Department of Planning and Growth Management shall create a new special attendance preference record for the student so they may remain at the school in subsequent years until the student completes the highest grade level at the school unless the student is suspended or expelled from the school. If the student is suspended or expelled from the school, the reassignment may be rescinded. Transportation shall not be provided for students who reside out of zone unless the student is enrolled in a special program and the School Board has approved out of zone transportation for the particular program.
- M. Method and timeline for notifying a parent of his/her child's placement for the next school year:**
Parents/guardians are notified by US Mail within 30 days after a determination is made that the student can be placed in the receiving school of choice.
- N. Out of County Students:**
- A. Students residing in the District shall not be displaced by a student from another district who is seeking enrollment through the open enrollment provisions.
 - B. A student whose parent is transferred, or is pending transfer, to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order shall be considered a resident of the school district for purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the school district, and shall be provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process of the school district pursuant to s. 1002.31, F.S.
- O. Required Preference Criteria:**
Preferential treatment shall be provided for the following students:
1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders;
 2. Children who have moved due to foster care placement in a different school zone;

3. Children who have moved due to a court-ordered change in custody as a result of separation or divorce;
4. Children who have moved due to the serious illness or death of a custodial parent;
5. Students at multiple session schools; and
6. Students residing in the District.

Additional Contact Information:

Information relevant to the School Choice (Controlled Open Enrollment Plan) Process is provided in a central location on the Citrus County School District Department of Planning and Growth Management Web Site:

<http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/cms/one.aspx?portalid=737701&pageid=858107>

School specific program information can be found on the individual school websites from the following link:

<http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=737701&pageId=3142698>

Transportation information can be found from the Transportation Department Website from the following link:

<http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/cms/one.aspx?portalid=737701&pageid=881022>

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		11/30/20	2020-21 Projections as of 01/07/20					
Central Ridge Elementary	PK		50	32			0	
Central Ridge Elementary	KG		114	81			22	
Central Ridge Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Central Ridge Elementary	P3		0	8			0	
Central Ridge Elementary	01		114	87			16	
Central Ridge Elementary	02		127	94			24	
Central Ridge Elementary	03		114	77			24	
Central Ridge Elementary	04		115	106			24	
Central Ridge Elementary	05		124	98			29	
Central Ridge Elementary Total*		810	758	583	227	72%	139	89%
Citrus Springs Elementary	PK		45	40			0	
Citrus Springs Elementary	KG		132	96			15	
Citrus Springs Elementary	P2		0	1			0	
Citrus Springs Elementary	P3		0	3			0	
Citrus Springs Elementary	01		132	115			23	
Citrus Springs Elementary	02		117	92			15	
Citrus Springs Elementary	03		100	89			14	
Citrus Springs Elementary	04		113	93			14	
Citrus Springs Elementary	05		123	100			30	
Citrus Springs Elementary Total*		810	762	629	181	78%	111	91%
Crystal River Primary	PK		40	35			0	
Crystal River Primary	KG		111	73			11	
Crystal River Primary	P2		0	1			0	
Crystal River Primary	P3		0	3			0	
Crystal River Primary	01		111	95			19	
Crystal River Primary	02		103	91			11	
Crystal River Primary	03		109	85			15	
Crystal River Primary	04		102	84			15	
Crystal River Primary	05		87	75			15	
Crystal River Primary Total*		661	663	542	119	82%	86	95%
Floral City Elementary	PK		30	21			0	
Floral City Elementary	KG		66	46			9	
Floral City Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Floral City Elementary	P3		0	0			0	
Floral City Elementary	01		66	41			14	
Floral City Elementary	02		55	39			12	
Floral City Elementary	03		53	35			8	
Floral City Elementary	04		51	41			5	
Floral City Elementary	05		64	41			12	
Floral City Elementary Total		497	385	264	233	53%	60	65%
Forest Ridge Elementary	PK		45	35			0	
Forest Ridge Elementary	KG		127	68			26	
Forest Ridge Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Forest Ridge Elementary	P3		0	4			0	
Forest Ridge Elementary	01		127	106			19	
Forest Ridge Elementary	02		117	93			25	
Forest Ridge Elementary	03		102	78			26	
Forest Ridge Elementary	04		108	90			22	
Forest Ridge Elementary	05		114	86			30	
Forest Ridge Elementary Total*		759	740	560	199	74%	148	93%
Hernando Elementary	PK		45	35			0	
Hernando Elementary	KG		131	114			12	
Hernando Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Hernando Elementary	P3		0	3			0	
Hernando Elementary	01		131	106			30	
Hernando Elementary	02		116	109			14	
Hernando Elementary	03		115	99			19	
Hernando Elementary	04		113	93			18	
Hernando Elementary	05		122	99			21	
Hernando Elementary Total*		754	773	658	96	87%	114	102%

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Homosassa Elementary	PK		30	27			0	
Homosassa Elementary	KG		58	51			7	
Homosassa Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Homosassa Elementary	P3		0	2			0	
Homosassa Elementary	01		58	55			8	
Homosassa Elementary	02		70	54			6	
Homosassa Elementary	03		67	58			6	
Homosassa Elementary	04		68	51			7	
Homosassa Elementary	05		53	45			10	
Homosassa Elementary Total*		412	404	343	69	83%	44	94%
Inverness Primary School	PK		45	34			0	
Inverness Primary School	KG		96	75			16	
Inverness Primary School	P2		0	0			0	
Inverness Primary School	P3		0	7			0	
Inverness Primary School	01		96	81			9	
Inverness Primary School	02		108	78			17	
Inverness Primary School	03		97	84			19	
Inverness Primary School	04		89	66			20	
Inverness Primary School	05		118	89			22	
Inverness Primary Total*		766	649	514	252	67%	103	81%
Lecanto Primary School	PK		35	39			0	
Lecanto Primary School	KG		113	101			16	
Lecanto Primary School	P2		0	0			0	
Lecanto Primary School	P3		0	4			0	
Lecanto Primary School	01		113	105			24	
Lecanto Primary School	02		129	112			24	
Lecanto Primary School	03		107	103			20	
Lecanto Primary School	04		145	125			30	
Lecanto Primary School	05		128	124			27	
Lecanto Primary Total*		858	770	713	145	83%	141	100%
Pleasant Grove Elementary	PK		60	47			0	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	KG		98	89			22	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	P2		0	1			0	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	P3		0	5			0	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	01		98	86			11	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	02		110	93			9	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	03		90	84			10	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	04		87	76			16	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	05		107	89			21	
Pleasant Grove Elementary Total*		757	650	570	187	75%	89	87%
Rock Crusher Elementary	PK		45	35			0	
Rock Crusher Elementary	KG		123	95			16	
Rock Crusher Elementary	P2		0	0			0	
Rock Crusher Elementary	P3		0	5			0	
Rock Crusher Elementary	01		123	94			11	
Rock Crusher Elementary	02		118	90			11	
Rock Crusher Elementary	03		104	83			16	
Rock Crusher Elementary	04		107	82			19	
Rock Crusher Elementary	05		91	76			15	
Rock Crusher Elementary Total*		699	711	560	139	80%	88	93%
Elementary School Total		7,783	7,265	5,936	1,847	76%	1,123	91%

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Citrus Springs Middle	06		240	196			61	
Citrus Springs Middle	07		237	189			44	
Citrus Springs Middle	08		276	211			57	
Citrus Springs Middle Total*		852	753	596	256	70%	162	89%
Crystal River Middle	06		323	240			41	
Crystal River Middle	07		319	256			69	
Crystal River Middle	08		296	232			69	
Crystal River Middle Total		1,215	938	728	487	60%	179	75%
Inverness Middle	06		365	281			53	
Inverness Middle	07		347	278			72	
Inverness Middle	08		385	318			61	
Inverness Middle Total		1,354	1,097	877	477	65%	186	79%
Lecanto Middle	06		246	249			45	
Lecanto Middle	07		271	230			50	
Lecanto Middle	08		259	211			50	
Lecanto Middle Total*		871	776	690	181	79%	145	96%
Middle School Total		4,292	3,564	2,891	1,401	67%	672	83%
Citrus High	09		393	297			75	
Citrus High	10		386	318			68	
Citrus High	11		381	305			86	
Citrus High	12		340	242			93	
Citrus High Total		1,756	1,500	1,162	594	66%	322	85%
Crystal River High	P0		11	1			0	
Crystal River High	P1		0	0			0	
Crystal River High	P2		0	1			0	
Crystal River High	P3		0	0			0	
Crystal River High	KG		0	0			0	
Crystal River High	09		377	282			51	
Crystal River High	10		254	201			58	
Crystal River High	11		274	219			77	
Crystal River High	12		309	222			86	
Crystal River High Total (with PK)		1,477	1,225	926	551	63%	272	81%
Lecanto High	09		431	351			90	
Lecanto High	10		410	292			121	
Lecanto High	11		447	349			116	
Lecanto High	12		403	311			104	
Lecanto High Total*		1,727	1,691	1,303	424	75%	431	100%
High School Total (with PK)		4,960	4,416	3,391	1,569	68%	1,025	89%
Citrus Virtual School (CVS) K-12-students not assigned to a base school								
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	KG			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	01			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	02			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	03			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	04			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	05			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	06			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	07			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	08			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	09			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	10			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	11			0				
Citrus Virtual School (K-12)	12			0				
Citrus Virtual School (CVS) K-12-students not assigned to a base school Total				0				
Academy of Environmental Science	09			69			0	
Academy of Environmental Science	10			52			1	
Academy of Environmental Science	11			0			0	
Academy of Environmental Science	12			0			0	
Academy of Environmental Science Total**		125		121	4	97%	1	98%

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		11/30/20							
CREST	PK				0			0	
CREST	KG				0			0	
CREST	01				0			0	
CREST	02				2			0	
CREST	03				6			0	
CREST	04				6			1	
CREST	05				9			0	
CREST	06				8			0	
CREST	07				10			0	
CREST	08				11			0	
CREST	09				9			0	
CREST	10				8			0	
CREST	11				9			0	
CREST	12				30			1	
CREST	GD				0			0	
CREST Total		304			108	196	36%	2	36%
PACE	05				0				
PACE	06				4				
PACE	07				11				
PACE	08				8				
PACE	09				10				
PACE	10				8				
PACE	11				9				
PACE	12				1				
PACE Total		125			51	74	41%		
Renaissance/SRMI	06				2				
Renaissance/SRMI	07				15				
Renaissance/SRMI	08				27				
Renaissance/SRMI	09				14				
Renaissance/SRMI	10				14				
Renaissance/SRMI	11				13				
Renaissance/SRMI	12				9				
Renaissance/SRMI Total		266			94	172	35%		
Withlacoochee Technical College	PK				0				
Withlacoochee Technical College	KG				0				
Withlacoochee Technical College	08				0				
Withlacoochee Technical College	09				0				
Withlacoochee Technical College	10				0				
Withlacoochee Technical College	11				9				
Withlacoochee Technical College	12				17				
Withlacoochee Technical College	30				48				
Withlacoochee Technical College	31				274				
Withlacoochee Technical College Total		828			348	480	42%		
Alternative School Total w/out Citrus Virtual		1,648			722	926	44%		
Citrus Virtual Total								2,823	
District Total (PK-12) without Alternative Schools		17,035	15,245		12,218	4,817	72%		
District Total with Alternative Schools including all CVS					15,763				

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FISH numbers fluctuate based on DOE inspection and classification criteria in addition to facility changes.

Schools identified in red are considered to be at capacity because they are at 90% or above.

Schools identified in yellow are considered to be at capacity for one or more grade levels.

* Indicates school is located in high growth area

**Please note that the AES is a CCSB Public sponsored Charter School. PACE and REN/SRMI are alternative schools.

Students "Co-Enrolled" between the High Schools and WTC are counted within the "Enrollment" totals for each High School. They ARE counted in the "Enrollment" total for WTC as seats taken towards capacity.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	GR PK	GR KG	GR 01	GR 02	GR 03	GR 04	GR 05	Total Projected 2021-2022	FISH	Open Seats	Capacity
Central Ridge Elementary	45	103	103	104	124	105	129	713	810	97	88%
Citrus Springs Elementary	45	108	108	140	107	104	106	718	810	92	89%
Crystal River Primary	45	85	85	112	104	102	100	633	661	28	96%
Floral City Elementary	30	54	54	56	50	42	46	332	497	165	67%
Forest Ridge Elementary	45	95	95	128	120	102	110	695	759	64	92%
Hernando Elementary	45	130	130	141	126	116	110	798	754	-44	106%
Homosassa Elementary	30	57	57	59	58	65	58	384	412	28	93%
Inverness Primary	45	91	91	89	97	102	87	602	766	164	79%
Lecanto Primary	45	118	118	131	137	125	153	827	858	31	96%
Pleasant Grove Elementary	60	113	113	95	103	94	91	669	757	88	88%
Rock Crusher Elementary	45	111	111	104	101	99	102	673	699	26	96%
Total Elementary	480	1065	1065	1159	1127	1056	1092	7044	7783	739	91%
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	GR 06	GR 07	GR 08	Total Projected 2021-2022	FISH	Open Seats	Capacity				
Citrus Springs Middle	243	262	236	741	852	111	87%				
Crystal River Middle	318	282	325	925	1215	290	76%				
Inverness Middle	353	334	351	1038	1354	316	77%				
Lecanto Middle	241	292	281	814	871	57	93%				
Total Middle	1155	1170	1193	3518	4292	774	82%				
HIGH SCHOOLS	PK	GR 09	GR 10	GR 11	GR 12	Total Projected 2021-2022	FISH	Open Seats	Capacity		
Citrus High		439	373	383	387	1582	1756	174	90%		
Crystal River High	10	356	327	256	293	1242	1477	235	84%		
Lecanto High		435	448	409	466	1758	1727	-31	102%		
Total High	10	1230	1148	1048	1146	4582	4960	378	86%		