

2027-2028 Elementary School Boundaries

Proposed realignment and redistribution plan following the closure of
Price Elementary

Primary Recommendation

Closure of Price Elementary at end of 2026–2027 school year

→ 295 Students: Reassigned by proximity

Enrollment Changes

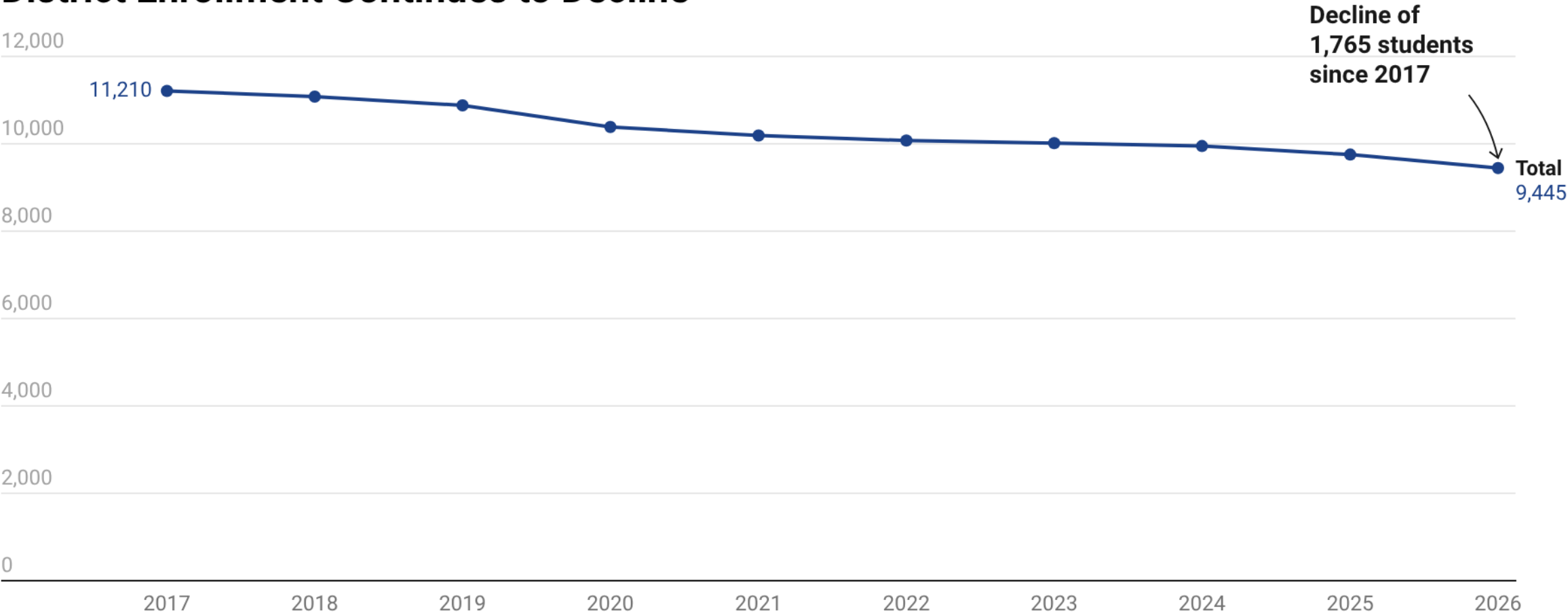
All numbers as of October 1, 2026





Enrollment Changes

District Enrollment Continues to Decline

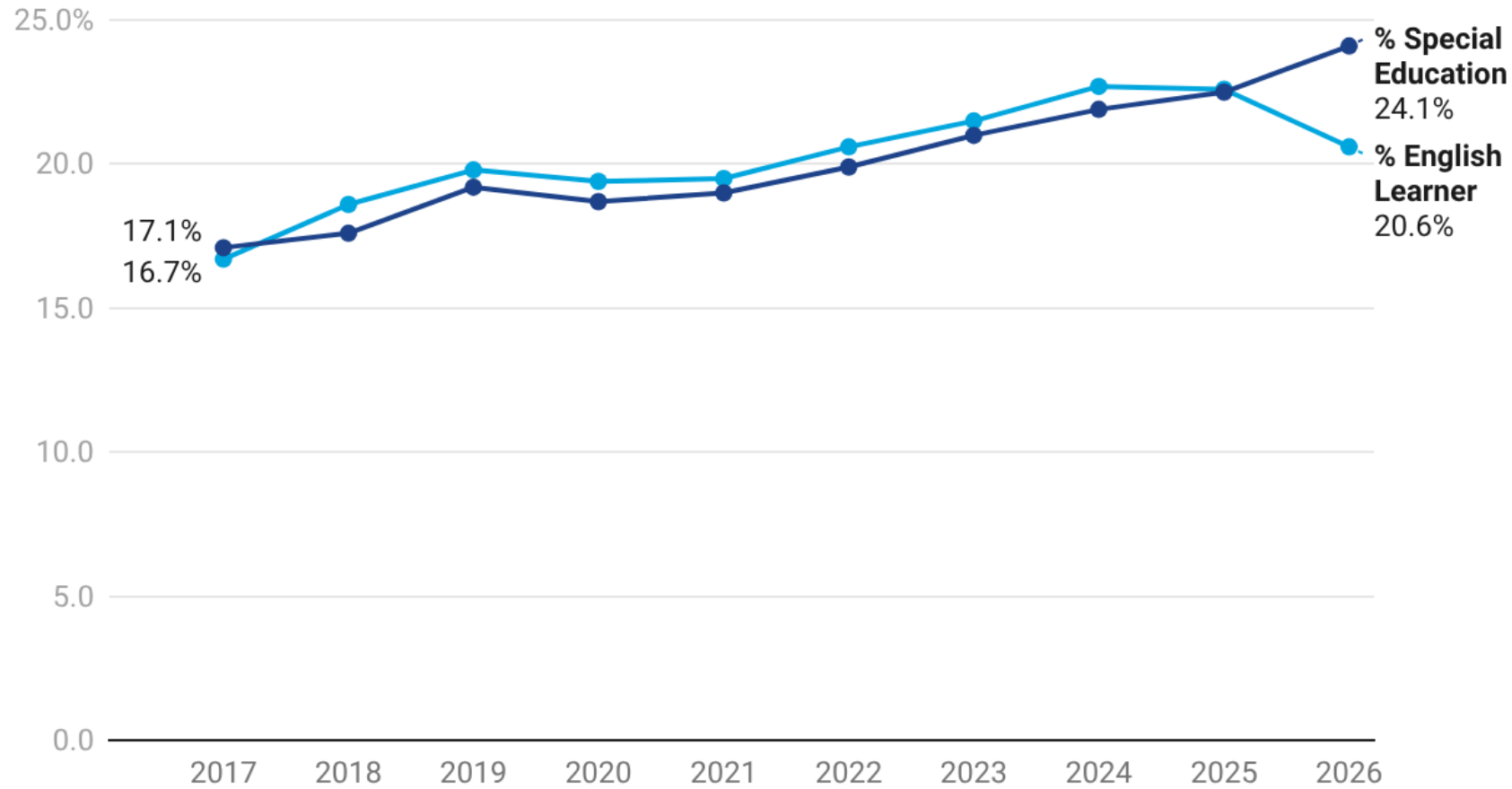


Note: 2026 October 1 Student Count is preliminary and not yet finalized by PDE



Enrollment Changes

Percentage of Students Receiving Special Education or English Learner Services Has Largely Trended Upward



Source: PDE October 1 count (2026 data is preliminary)

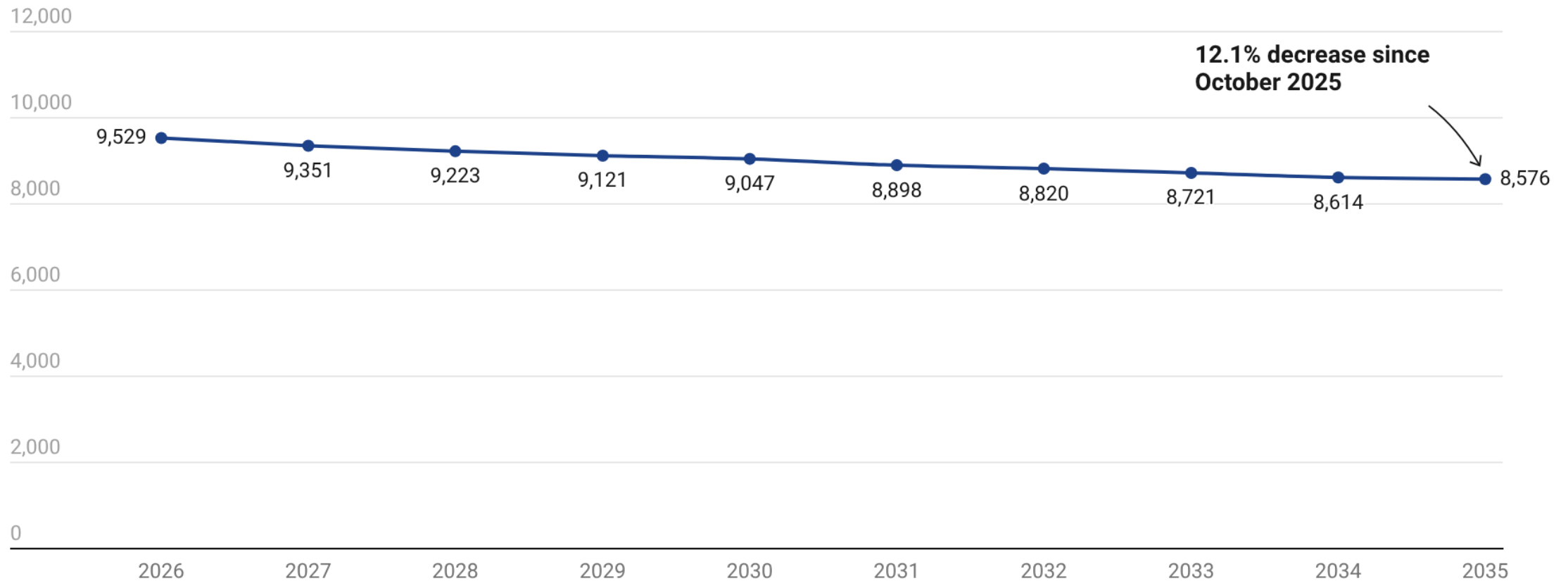


Enrollment Changes

Enrollment Declines are Projected to Continue for the Next Decade

Source: Cropper GIS model from Master Facilities Plan

— Student Enrollment Count (Projected)





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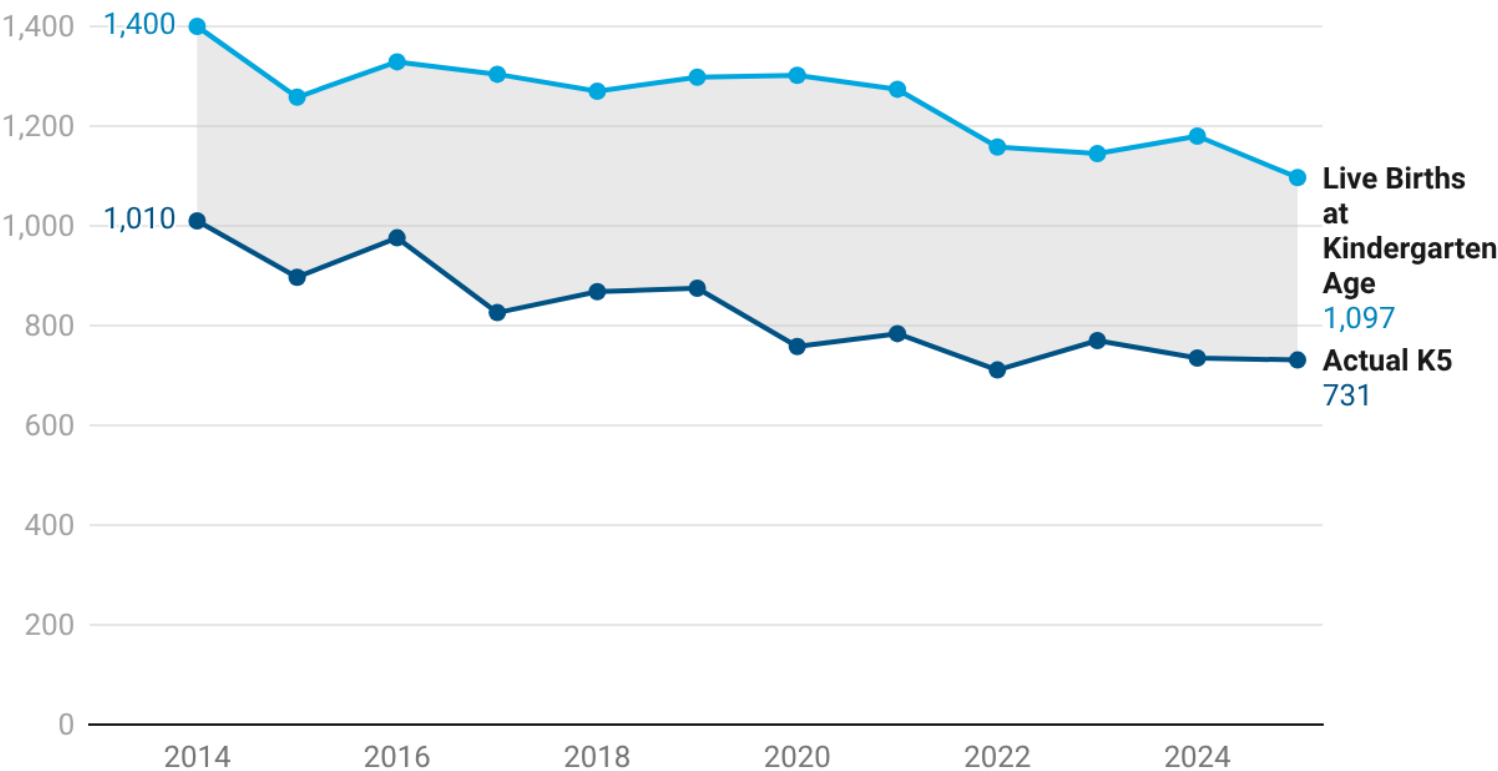
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Fewer students enrolling in public schools

Drivers of Enrollment Decline

Number of Live Births in Lancaster City & Township Continue to Decline

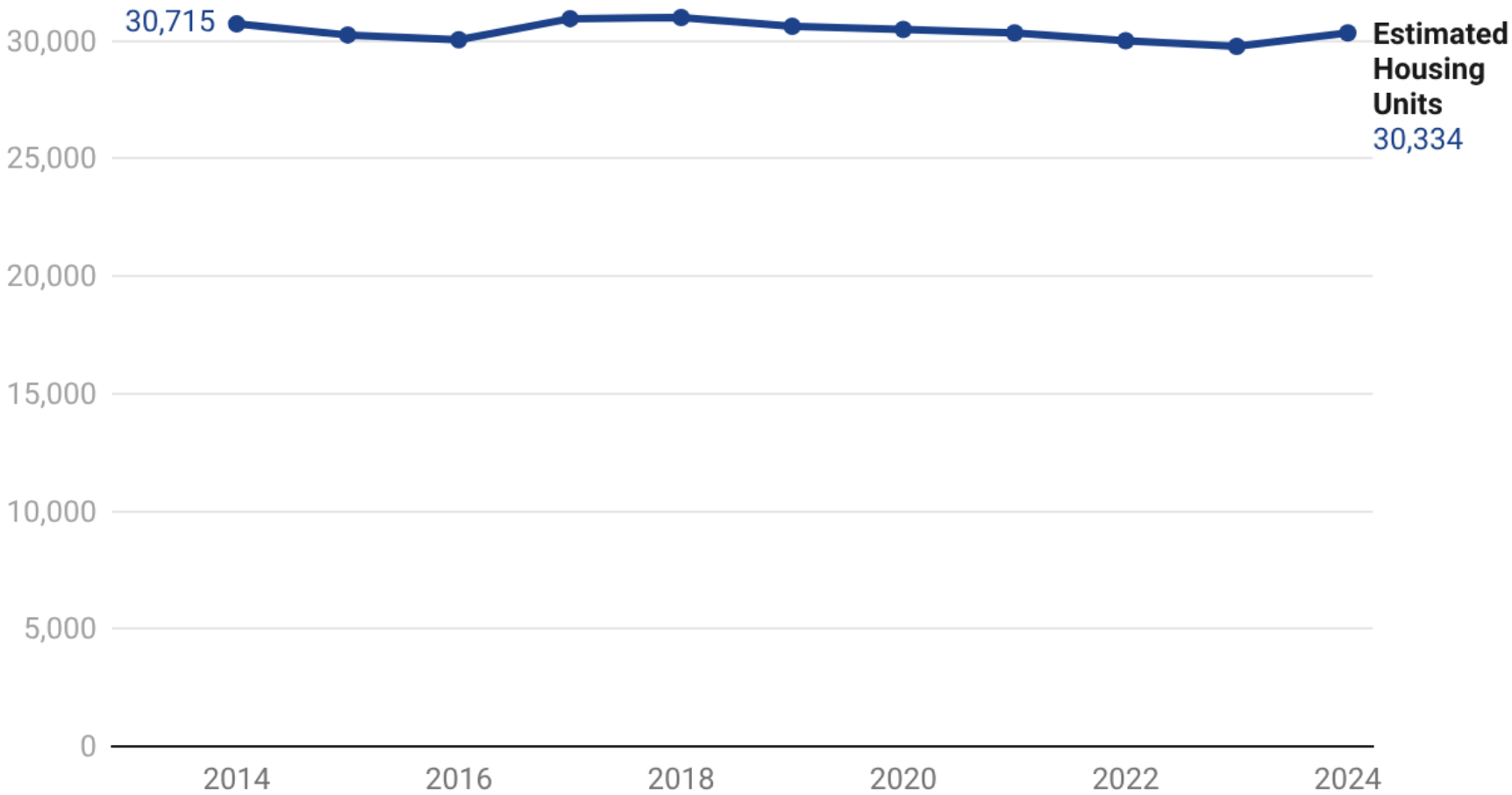


Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education Live Birth Rates by Municipality



Drivers of Enrollment Decline

Housing Units in School District of Lancaster Trend



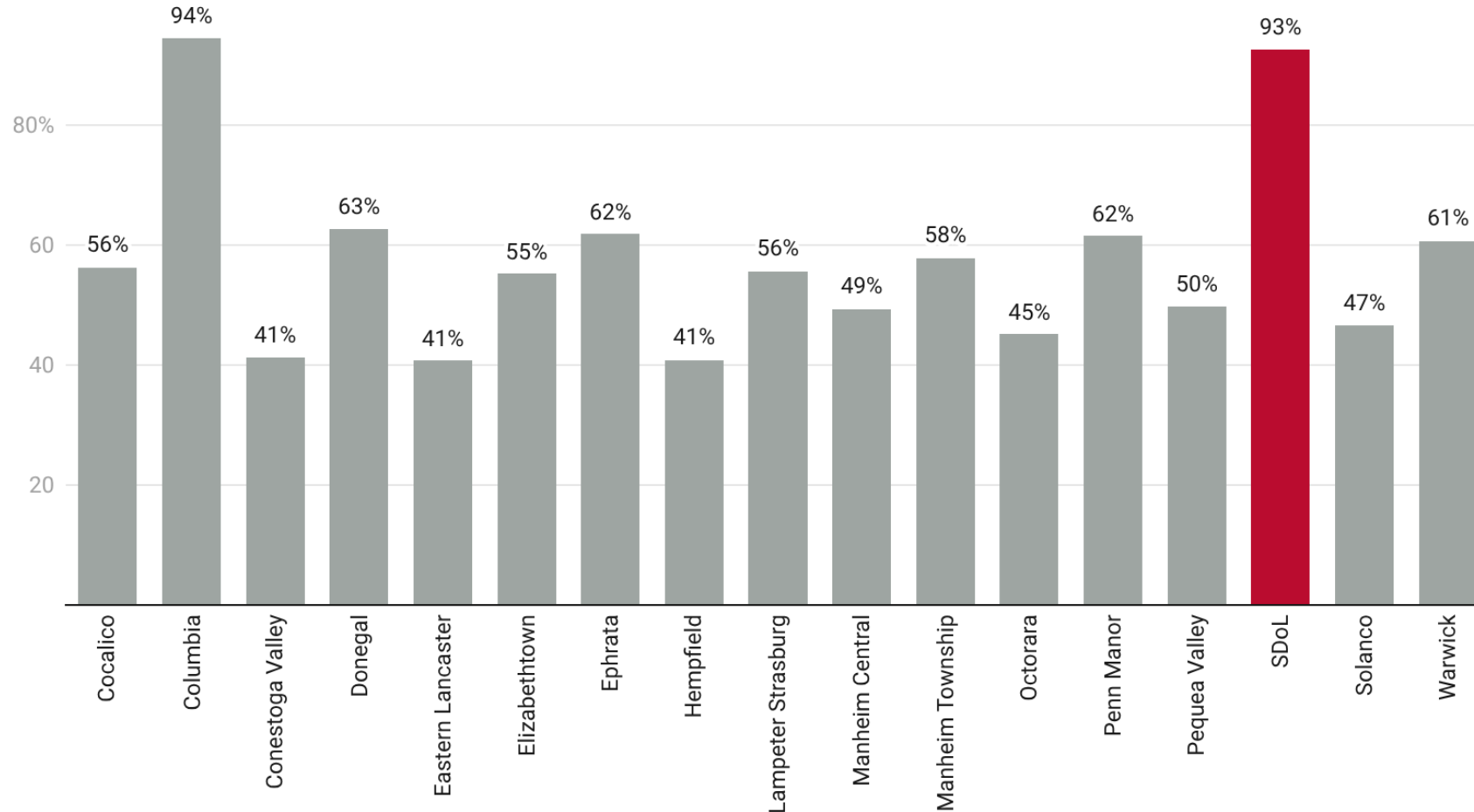
Source: US Census Estimated Housing Units 5 Year ACS



Drivers of Enrollment Decline

School District of Lancaster Has Lancaster County's 2nd Highest % Increase in Home Values from 2017 to 2024

Median home value jumped from \$123,800 in 2017 to \$238,300 in 2024



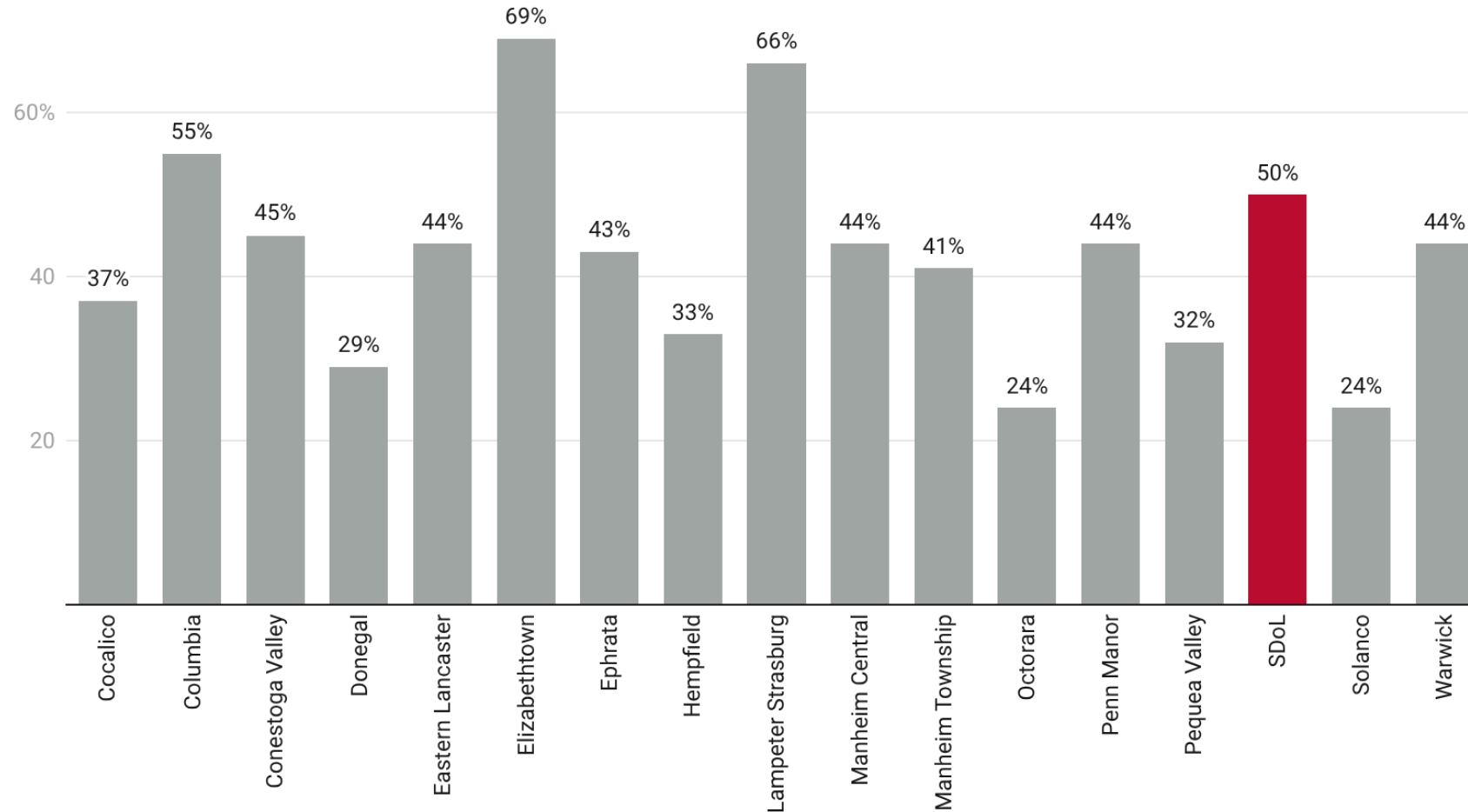
Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates from 2017 and 2024



Drivers of Enrollment Decline

School District of Lancaster Has Lancaster County's 4th Highest % Increase in Median Rent from 2017 to 2024

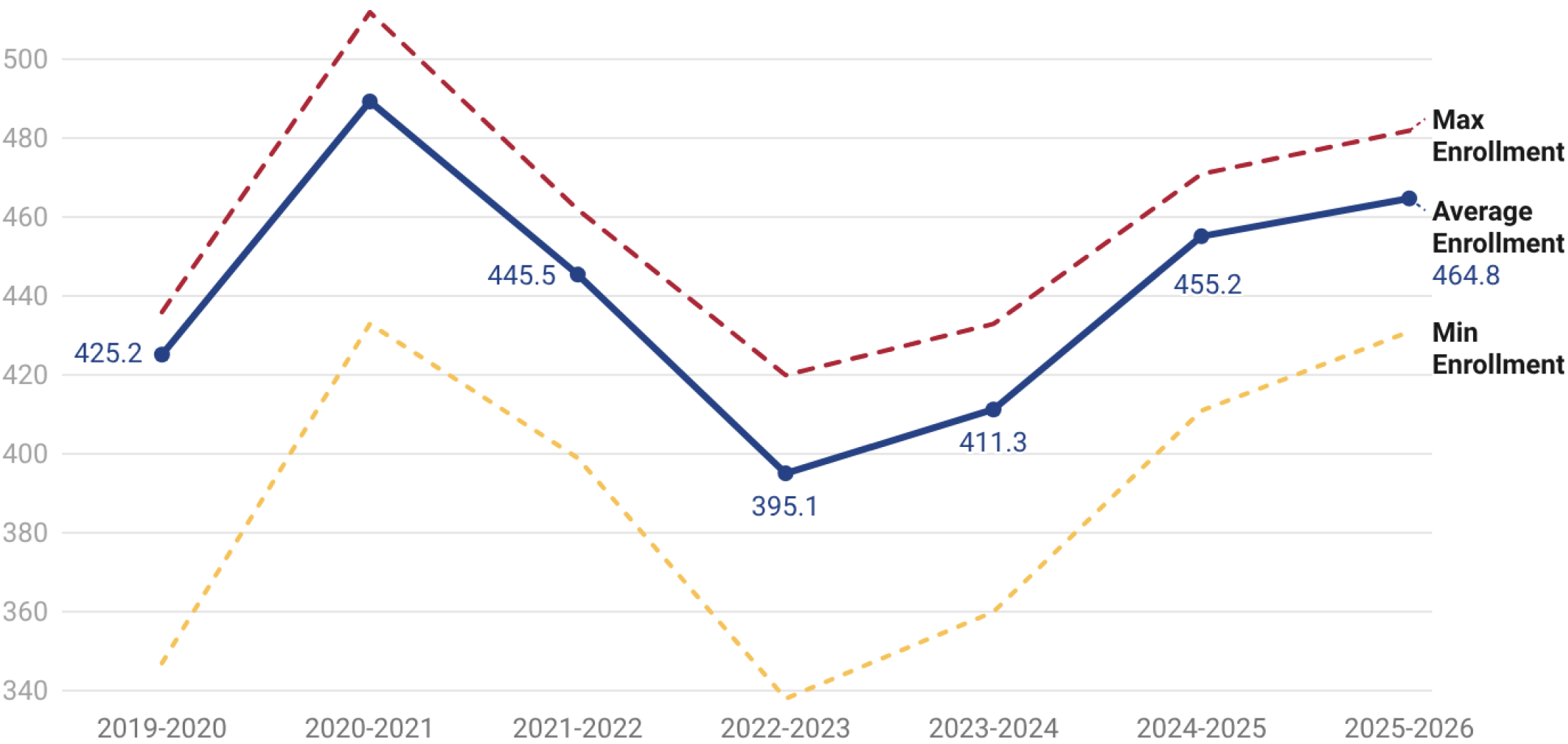
Median rent increased from \$713 in 2017 to \$1,066 in 2024



Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates from 2017 and 2024



Charter School Enrollment Over Time



Catalysts for Realignment



Enrollment Decline

-12.1%

Projected student decrease between 2025 and 2035



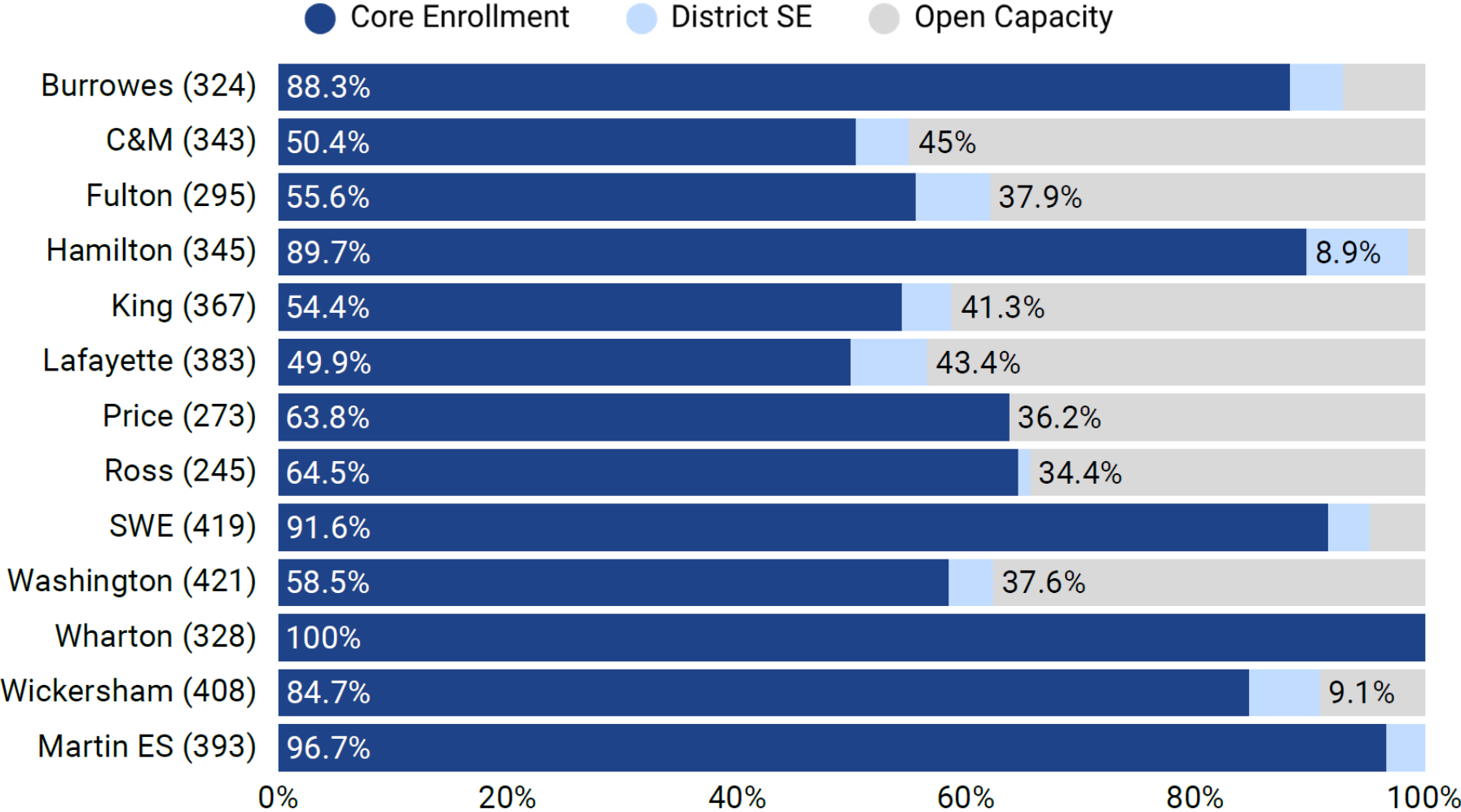
Capacity Imbalance

78.1%

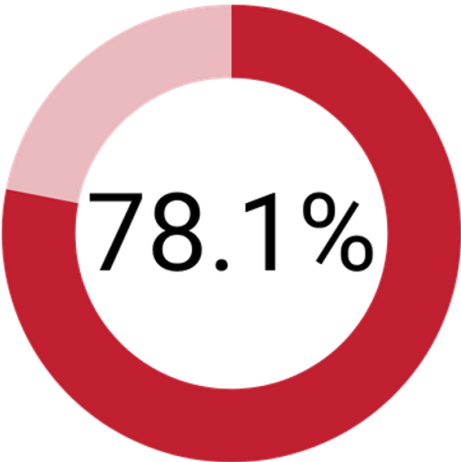
Current average elementary school utilization district-wide

October 1, 2026 Enrollment

Elementary School Enrollment



Average ES Utilization



Lowest Impact Transition



Neighborhood Proximity

Assignments to the nearest elementary school.



Building Utilization

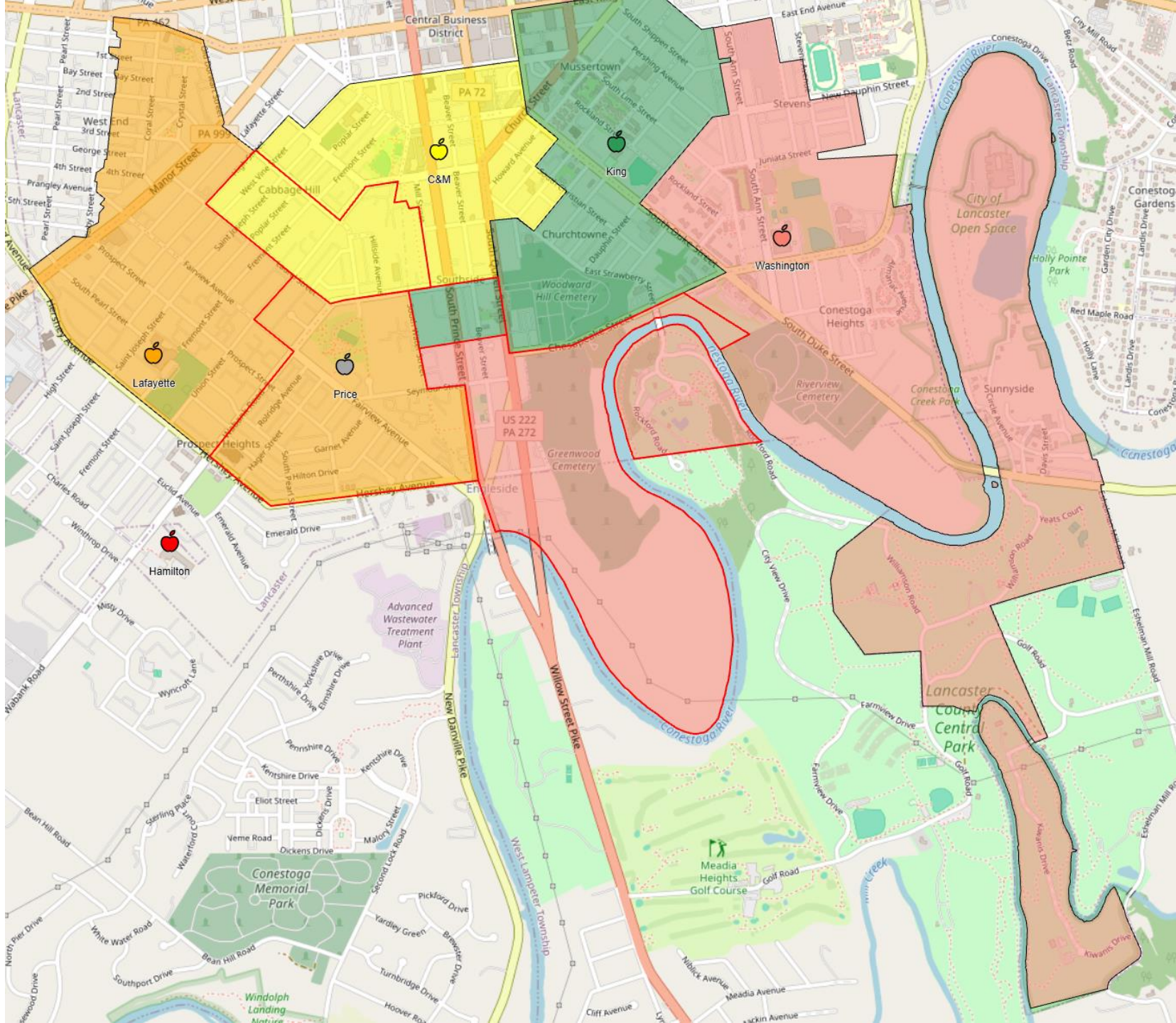
Balanced enrollment distribution across receiving schools.

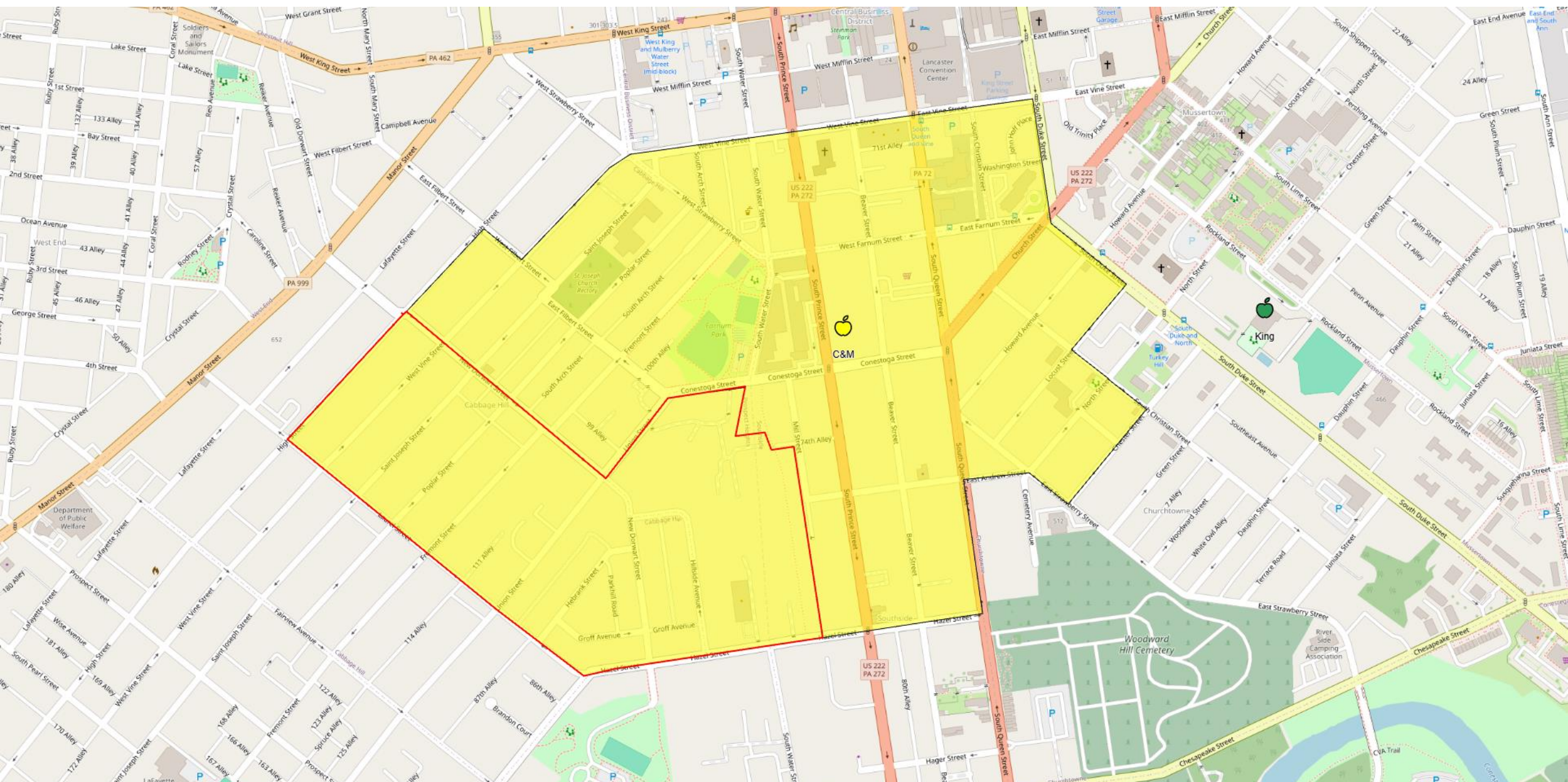
Final Model

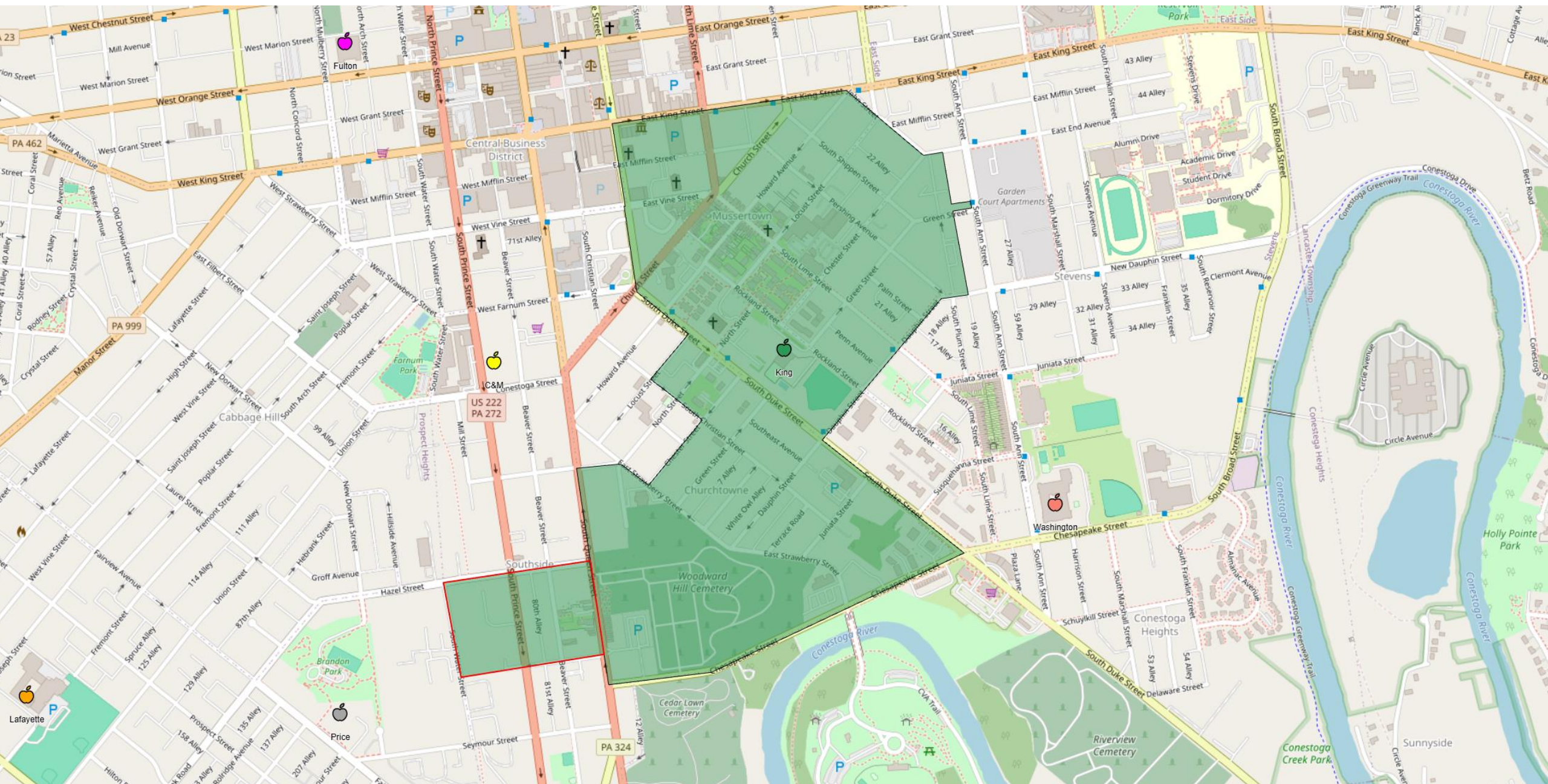
Proposed Boundary Distribution

Price Elementary catchment dissolved and absorbed by four neighboring boundaries.

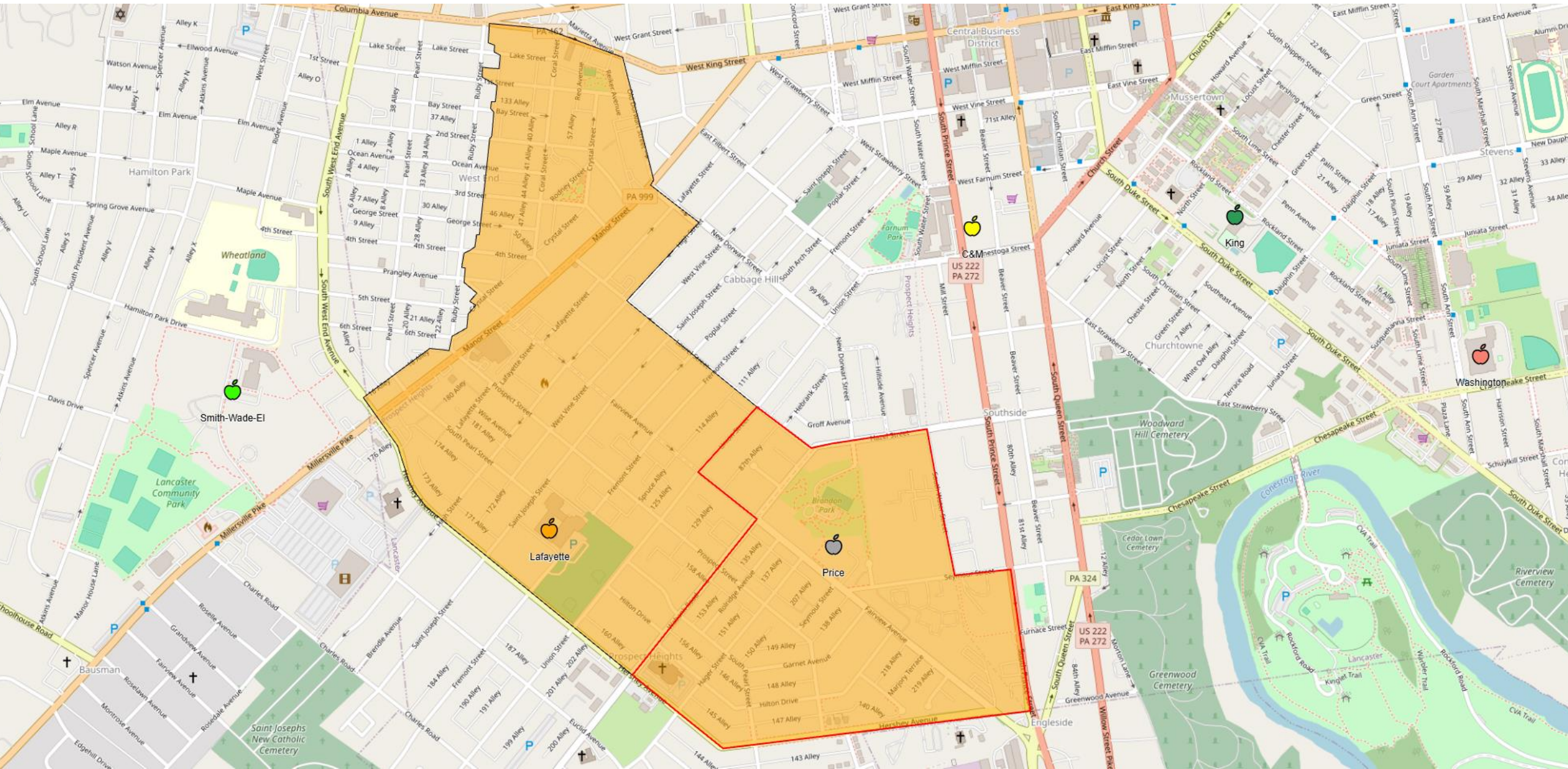
- Carter & MacRae
- King
- Lafayette
- Washington



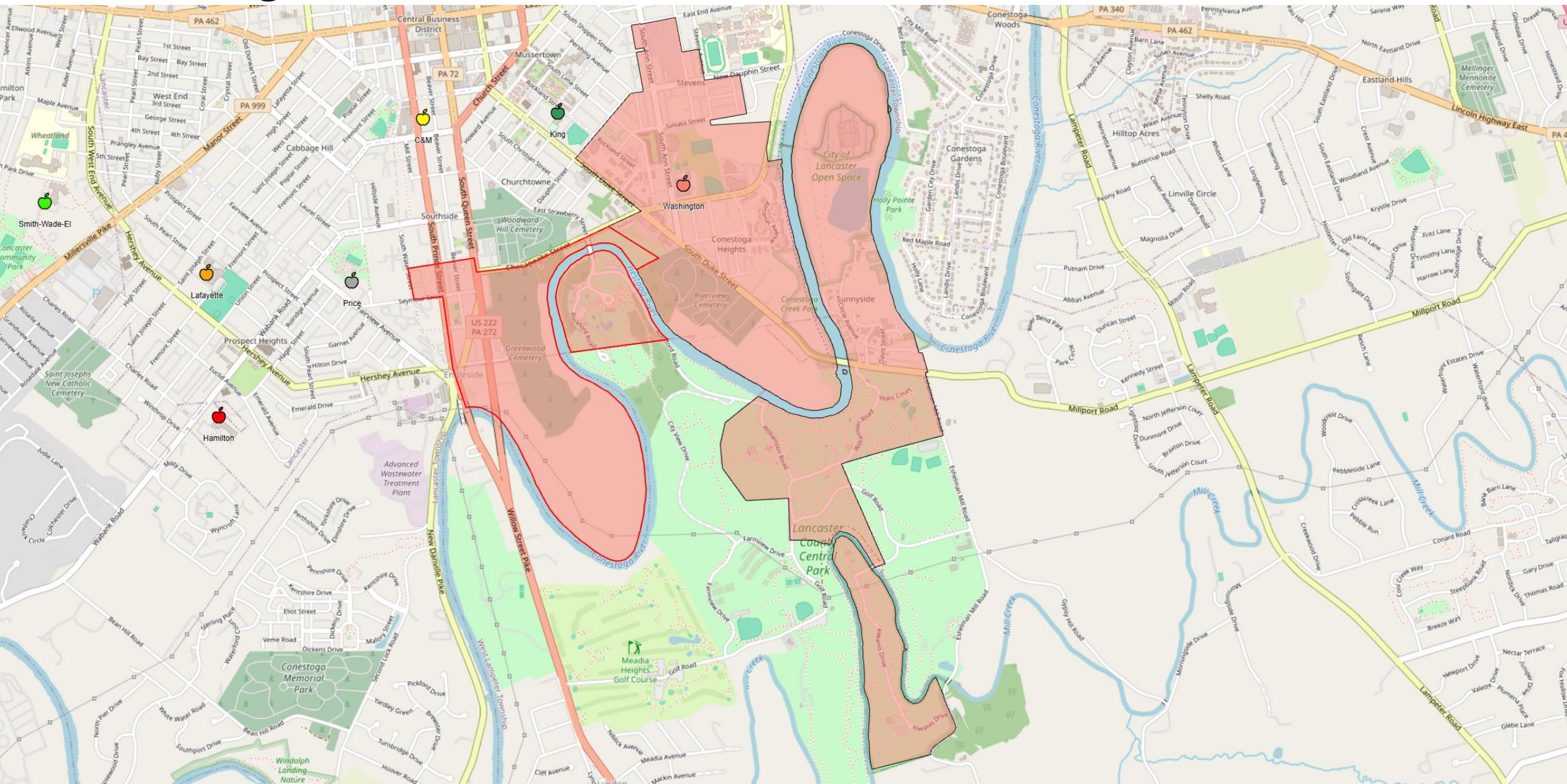




● Lafayette



Washington



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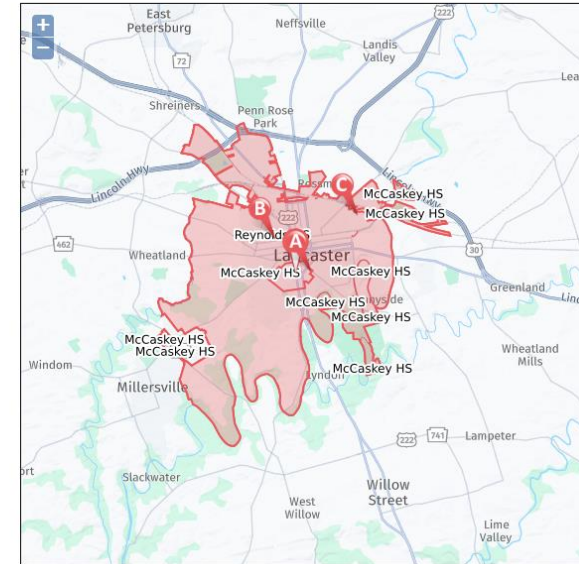
SchoolSearch

Matching Results

A Carter and MacRae
Assigned school
251 S Prince St
Lancaster, PA 17603

B Reynolds MS
Assigned school
605 W Walnut St
Lancaster, PA 17603

C McCaskey HS
Assigned school
445 N Reservoir St
Lancaster, PA 17602



https://app.guidek12.com/lancasterpa/school_search/2027/

Projected Building Utilization Post-Realignment



Carter & MacRae

69.8%

436 of 625 capacity

Post-realignment projection

King

63.7%

398 of 625 capacity

Post-realignment projection

Lafayette

72.3%

488 of 675 capacity

Post-realignment projection

Washington

69.5%

469 of 675 capacity

Post-realignment projection

Commute and Walking Impact



Walker Analysis

Calculated distance changes modeled



Bus Rider Shifts

Adjusted transportation volumes calculated

Transit Logistics

Detailed transportation impacts – Building Average

Receiving School	Walker Change	Bus Rider Change	Proposed Avg Distance	Avg Distance Change	Proposed Avg Time	Avg Time Change
Carter & MacRae (97)	+75	+22	0.30 mi	+0.04 mi	7.09 min	+0.98 min
King (34)	+23	+11	0.28 mi	+0.02 mi	6.82 min	+0.58 min
Lafayette (114)	+82	+32	0.57 mi	+0.01 mi	13.41 min	+0.15 min
Washington (50)	+41	+9	0.46 mi	+0.04 mi	11.10 min	+0.99 min

Transit Logistics

Detailed transportation impacts – 295 Impacted Students

Receiving School	Walker Change	Bus Rider Change	Proposed Avg Distance	Avg Distance Change	Proposed Avg Time	Avg Time Change
Carter & MacRae	0	0	0.47 mi	-0.04 mi	11.12 min	-1.82 min
King	0	0	0.58 mi	+0.09 mi	15.16 min	+2.20 min
Lafayette	0	0	0.58 mi	+0.30 mi	14.01 min	+7.28 min
Washington	+1	-1	0.78 mi	+0.32 mi	20.11 min	+7.77 min

Community Engagement Timeline

Sept 29



School Closure Hearing

Hosted at Price Elementary

Oct - Nov



Listening Series

Three sessions spanning Oct 27, Oct 29, and Nov 2

Jan 19



School Closure Vote

Tentative board decision date (2027)





Questions?