



Superintendent's Report December 12, 2022 Board of Education Meeting



DeKalb County
School District

A blue-tinted background image showing a group of students in a classroom. In the foreground, a young boy in a plaid shirt is looking towards the right. Behind him, several other students are visible, some looking at a computer monitor on the right side of the frame. The overall scene suggests a collaborative learning environment.

FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT FORECAST

Enrollment Forecast

- 1-Year Enrollment Forecast by DCSD Staff (FY24 Budget)
- The forecast assists various departments and schools to:
 - determine needs for next year (e.g., textbooks, portables, buses)
 - inform the number of teachers and staff positions that are needed

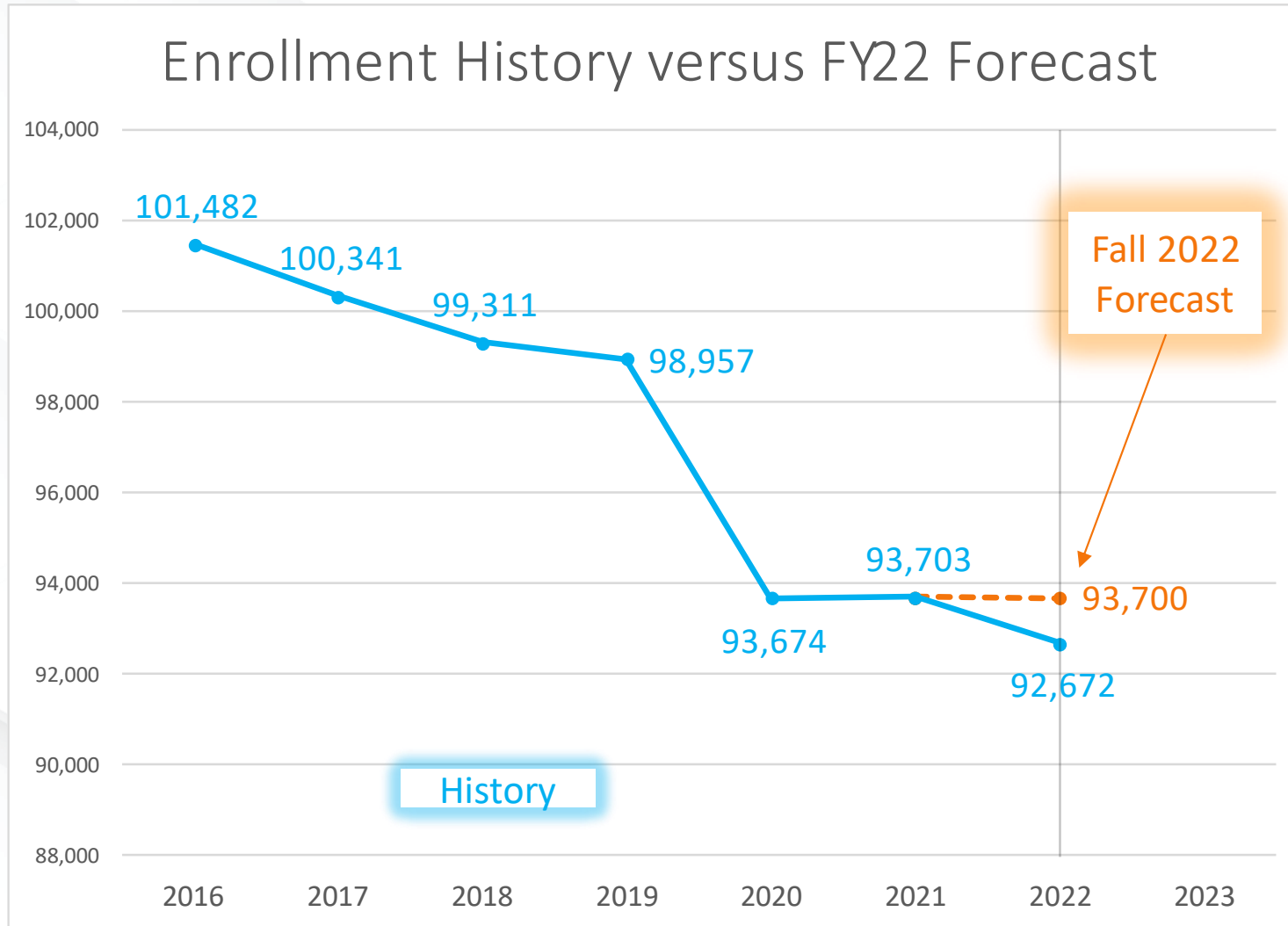


Enrollment Forecast Methods

- Modified Cohort-Survival Model
 - Grade Progression Rates
 - Birth Rates
 - Housing Trends
- School Choice and Student Assignment
- COVID-19 Adjustments

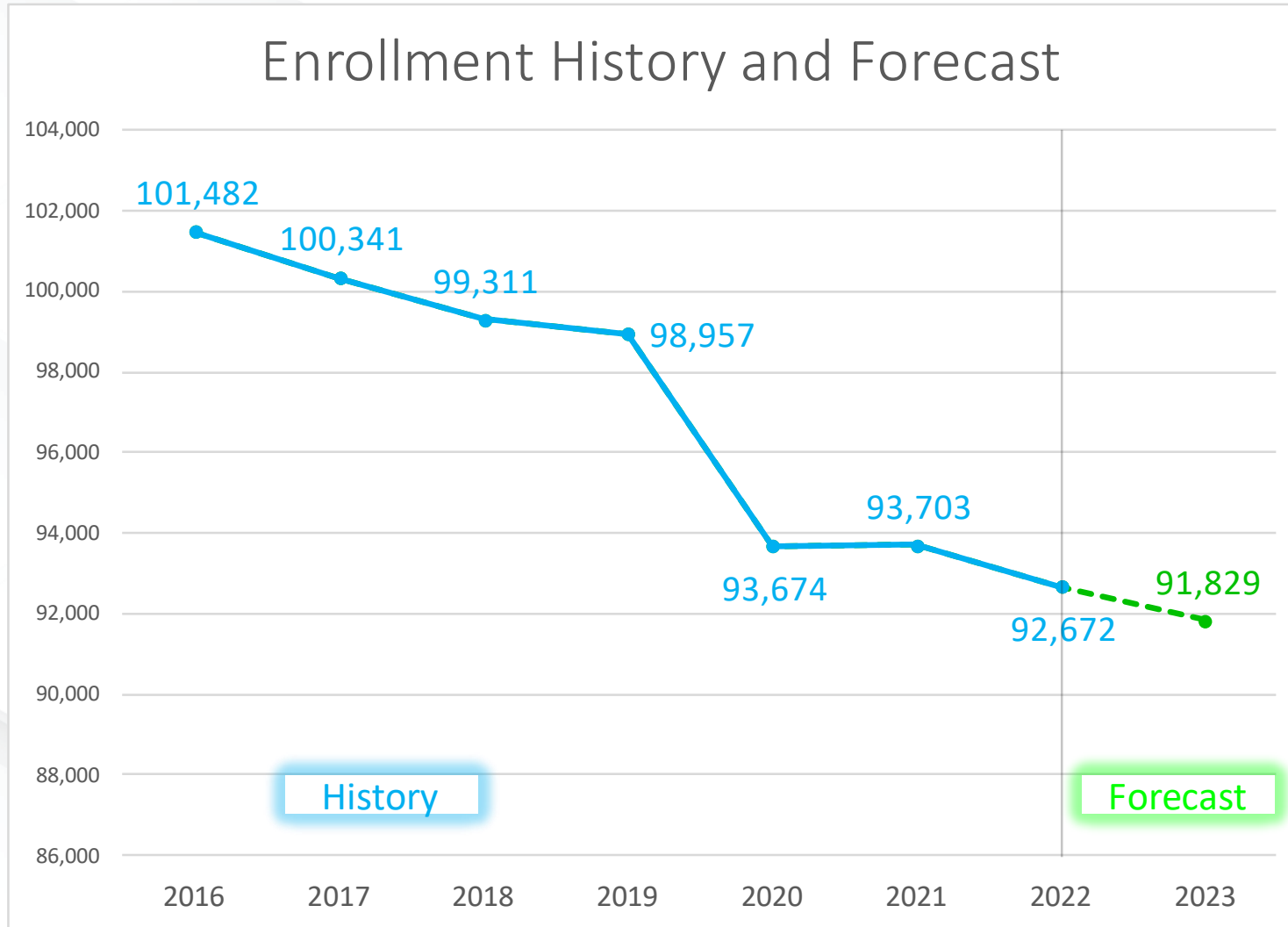


Fall 2022 Enrollment



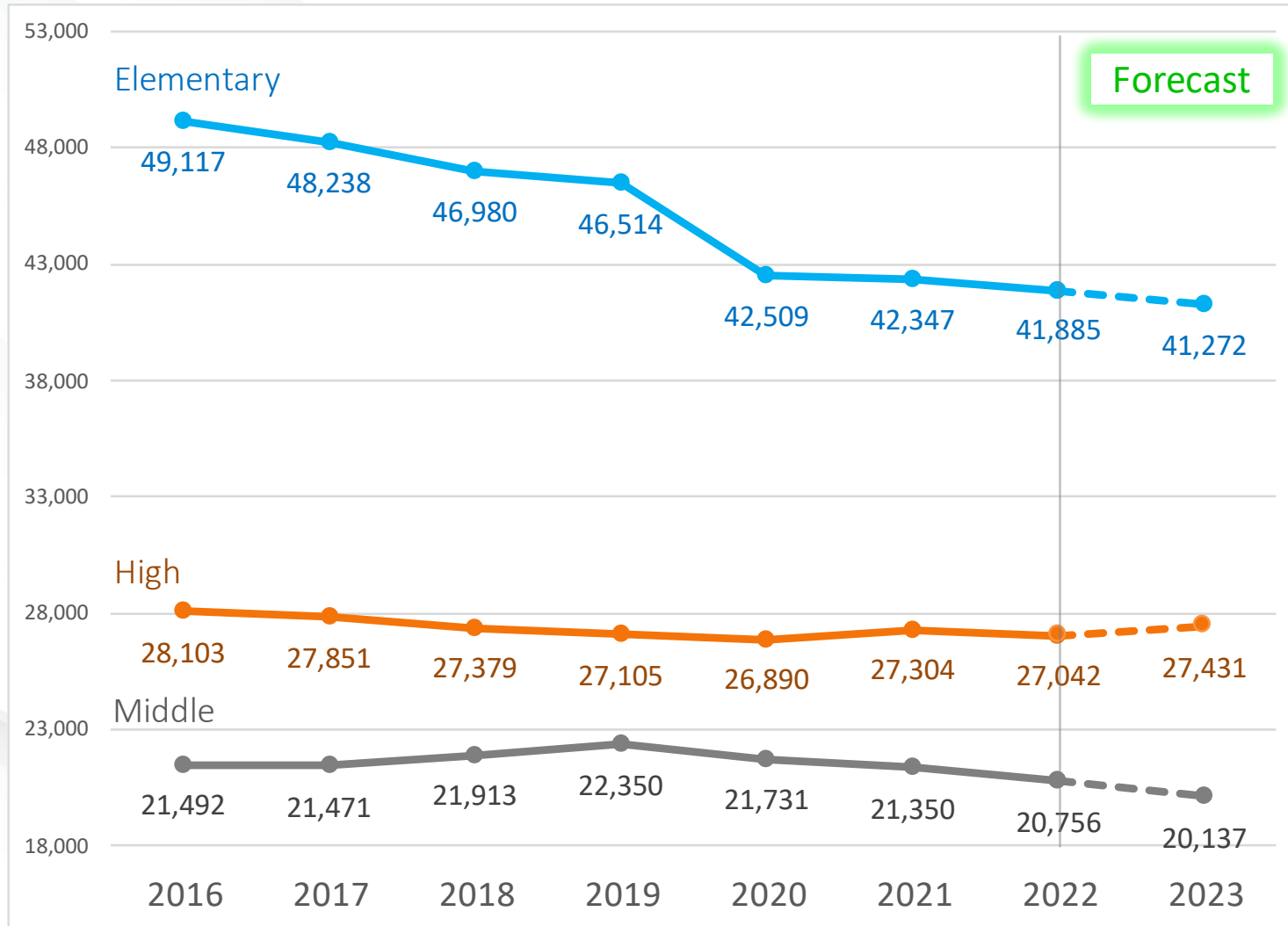
- Enrollment this year, as counted on Oct 4, 2022, is 92,672.
- Enrollment is down -1,031 students from last year and -1,028 below forecast.
- Continued uncertainty and disruption from COVID-19.

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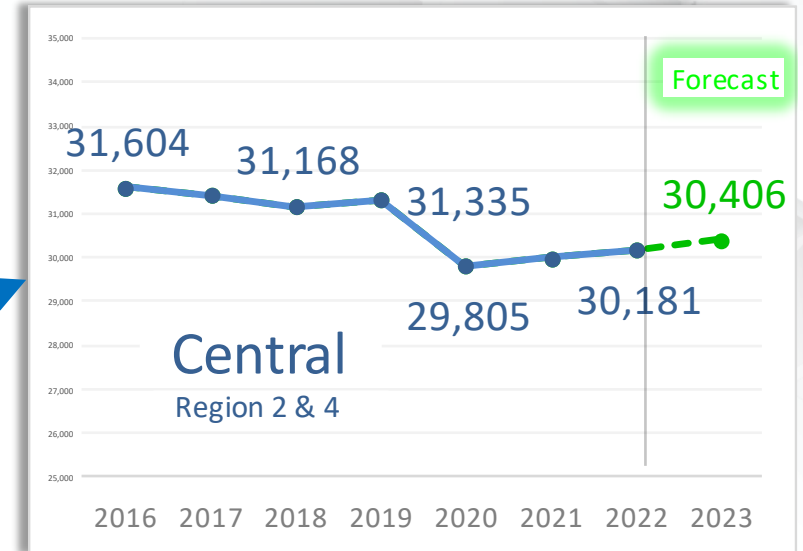
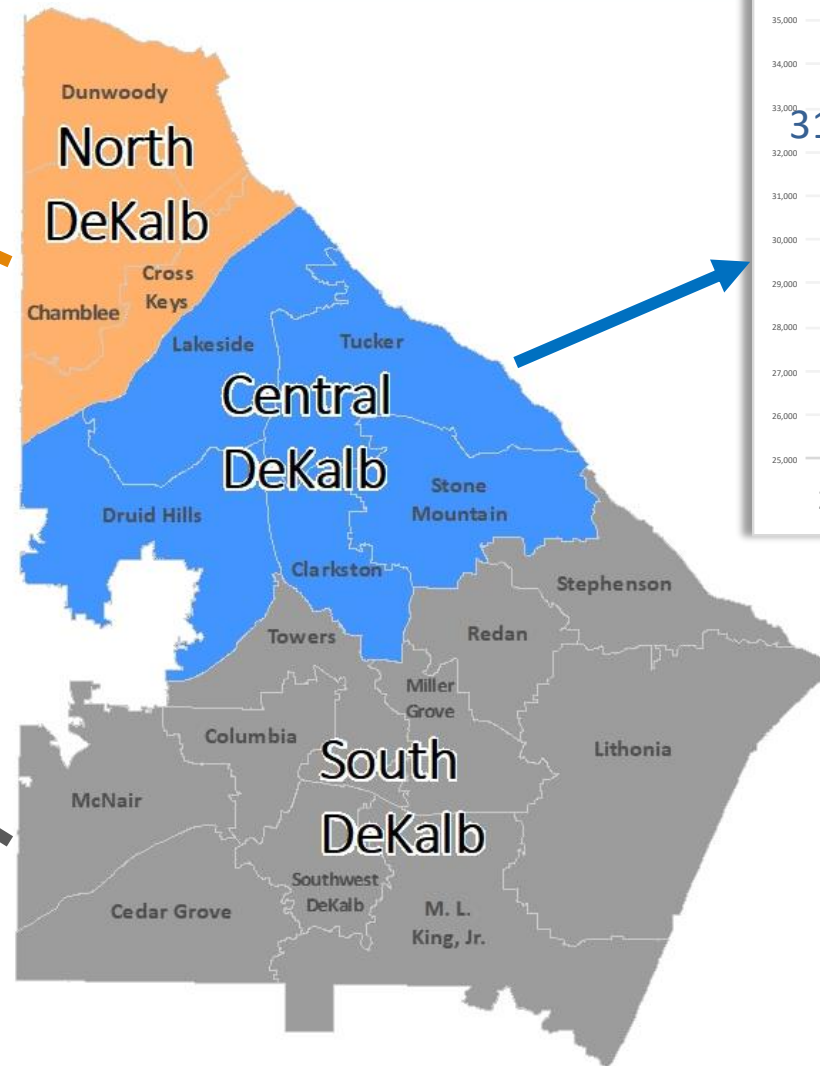
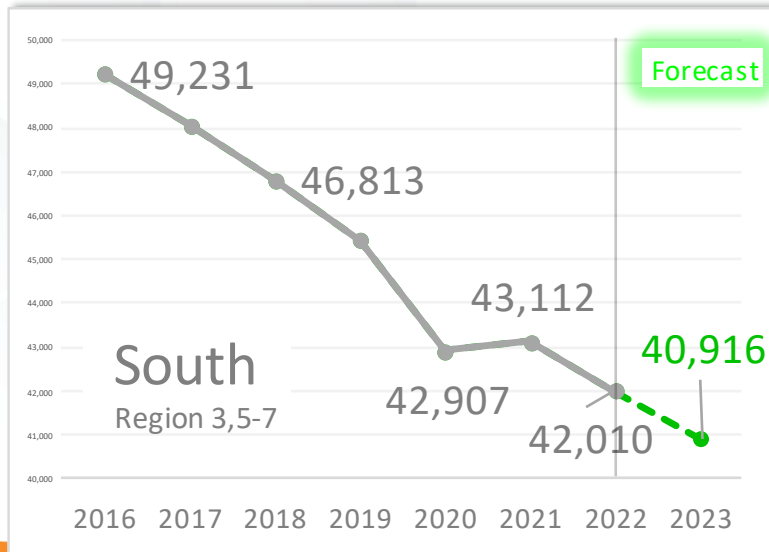
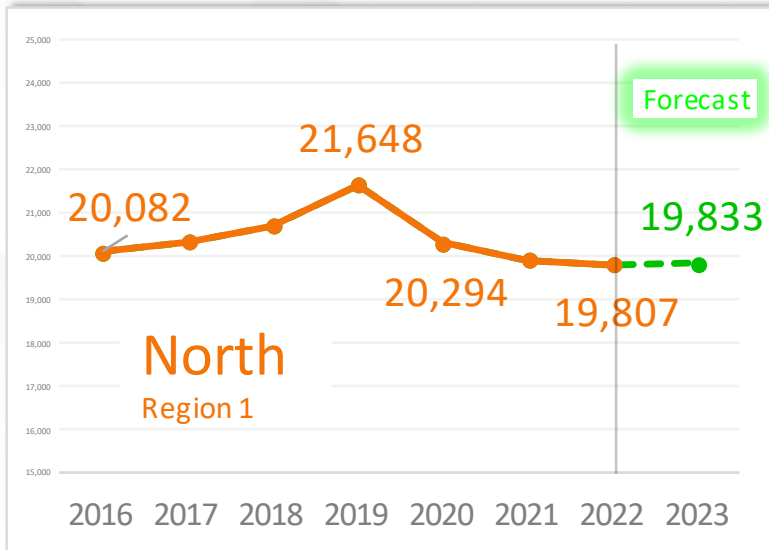
After modeling new housing developments, birth data, and historic enrollment patterns, the enrollment forecast for October 2023 is 91,829 students or down 843 from current enrollment.

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1. Elementary enrollment is expected to decrease with a smaller kindergarten entering.
2. Middle-school enrollment is expected to decrease with a larger cohort graduating.
3. High-school enrollment is expected to increase with another large cohort entering 9th grade next year.

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*Enrollment data is by student address and does not include students who live out-of-district, or who have unknown addresses. Regions were forecasted separately from the total District.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The enrollment forecast is an important component of budgeting and planning for the next school year.
- The District's enrollment forecast is based on a robust population forecasting model.
- Enrollment is declining in part because of a lower number of births over the last several years. New housing is helping to moderate the decline.
- At least for next year, enrollment district-wide is expected to decrease.
- The DCSD enrollment forecast for FY24 is 91,829 students, or 843 lower than as FY23 enrollment.



QUESTIONS