School Capping Recommendations

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2020-21 Capped Schools (17 Elementary, 1 Middle, 2 High)

Elementary		Middle	High
Abbotts Creek Alston Ridge (MTYR) Beaverdam Cedar Fork Combs Highcroft Drive Holly Grove (MTYR) Hortons Creek Lead Mine	Mills Park Oakview Olive Chapel (MTYR) Rogers Lane Scotts Ridge Sycamore Creek Weatherstone White Oak	Mills Park	Heritage Panther Creek



School Capping Considerations

- Class size legislation
- Impacts to school capacity
- Core facilities overloaded
- Alternative means of accommodating growth within school building exhausted
- Trailer additions not possible
- Projected enrollment growth beyond capacity



School Capping Consideration Details

- Must accommodate students living in their base prior to cap
- Program classrooms converted to capacity classrooms
- K-1 classrooms must be on first floor
- K-1 accommodated in trailers and/or a modular
- Number of co-teaching classrooms
- Number of combination classrooms
- Number of students per classroom



K-3 Class Size Legislation Details (2021 - 2022)

K class size - 18:1

• 1st grade class size - 16:1

• 2nd and 3rd grade class size - 17:1 each



2021-22 Capping Recommendations

Staff recommends that all currently capped schools retain their enrollment caps.



2021-22 Capping Recommendations

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Staff recommends these 4 additional schools be capped:

School	Percent Crowding with Trailers	
Northwoods Elementary	114.5%	
Zebulon Elementary	113.1%	
Apex Friendship Middle	110.0%	
Apex Friendship High	113.8%	



2021-22 Capping Recommendations (Overflow Schools)

Staff recommends these 4 additional schools be capped with these potential overflow schools:

School	Proposed Overflow School	Percent Crowding with Trailers
Northwoods Elementary	Cary Elementary	87.0%
Zebulon Elementary	Wakelon Elementary	94.3%
Apex Friendship Middle	Apex Middle	102.9%
Apex Friendship High	Apex High	97.8%



Growth Management Options

Apply Enrollment Caps

Convert Schools to Multi-Track Year-Round

Reassign Students



Cost Implications

- Approximately 9 additional buses needed to accommodate the new proposed school caps
- Hiring additional drivers will continue to be the greatest challenge
- Increased bus ride times for students



Recommended Caps

Staff proposes:

- Continue existing schools' caps.
- Implement the new schools' caps immediately.



Next Steps – Timeline and Questions

March 16 Board of Education Meeting

Approve 2021 capping recommendations

Dialogue & Questions

