

## Q and A

**What is the student enrollment at each school currently?**

School Name	Ungraded	K	1	2	3	4	5	Totals
Bartlett	23.5	48	63	47	71	71	70	393.5
Brummer		83	57	72	77	62	112	463
Dolsen		41	53	61	64	55	58	332
Hardy	7.68	139	102	110	100	103	99	660.68
Kent Lake		102	89	114	96	88.05	91	580.05
Salem		37	52	53	51	68	45	306
Sayre		92	84	74	91	96	96	533

(Based on February Count)

**Have the 2009 MEAP scores been released?**

Yes, as of Friday. Please see attached. All of our elementary schools scores were above the State and County averages. When averaging the seven assessment scores at each building all elementary schools range between 93% and 98%. The MDE has given all on our schools "A's."

**What is the projected future road and building construction proposed for the New Hudson area?**

Lannie Young, Lyon Township Supervisor, stated there will be some road construction this summer (2010). During the summer of 2011 and early fall there will be road work on Grand River between the two roundabouts. No other road work is scheduled and no construction is scheduled at this time. Most of the work will be completed during the summer of 10-11. Also, Mr. Young stated that new construction is not planned until the economy improves.

**How is a school determined to be a Title I school?**

The low income percentages are based on the enrollment numbers and the free/reduced lunch count on a specific date. If a school has a higher poverty percentage than the district average or the grade span grouping average then they may qualify as a Title I school. We used the numbers from 5/11/09 for this school year. Salem, Bartlett and Dolsen are the Title I schools. Other buildings have been title one buildings in the past, including Kent Lake and Hardy.

***The amount of funding that is given to the district does not change based on which schools are Title I or how many schools are Title I.***

**Can the committee recommend "grandfathering" students who may be impacted by redistricting?**

This is not part of our current charge, but committees in the past have recommended that the Board consider this as an option. However, it would potentially impact the number of School of Choice students that could attend a particular building.

#### **What is the District using to forecast growth?**

In the January 11<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Board, a five year plan showed 2% growth during that time. This would equate to about 150 students in 5 years.

#### **Why redistrict now?**

The redistricting and temporary school closure is a needed cost savings measure for the district. However, even without the school closure, Hardy Elementary boundaries would have needed to be looked at due to Hardy being almost to capacity.

Even with redistricting Hardy has the potential to experience the quickest growth.

#### **Why leave room for growth?**

The goal of leaving 2 to 3 classrooms available at each building is to allow room for growth so that we do not reach capacity at even one of our buildings too quickly, thus causing a need to redistrict before year four.

The 26.1 students per classroom is also an average for the committee to work from. If the budget forecast changes and we end up hiring additional teachers, beyond the 100 teachers currently allocated for grades 1-5, class sizes would be reduced and thus additional classrooms would be used. We believe we will be hiring teachers back.

If grandfathering is an option, the additional classrooms could also be used for this transition time.

#### **Building comparisons:**

Dolsen Parking lot- 86 regular spots, 6 handicap spots

Salem parking lot- 72 regular spots, 4 handicap spots

**Met with architect – reviewed blueprints since 1990 at both schools –**

#### **Dolsen**

Built 17 new classrooms

Built new media center

Built new cafeteria

Remodeled kitchen

Replaced gym floor, lighting, bleachers, baskets

Painted gym and stage

Remodeled stage area

Built new main north/south hallway  
Built new entranceway  
Built new main office and conference room  
Remodeled east/west hallway  
Remodeled 4 classrooms in KG area  
Built a reading recovery room  
Widened and reconfigured bus entrance  
Resurfaced bus loop  
Built a new west parking area  
Built new playground area and added almost all new playground equipment  
Built new teachers lounge  
Replaced all windows

Summary: 17 of 22 classrooms are new (77%)

### Salem

Renovated kitchen  
Built 8 new classrooms  
Remodeled music room  
Built new gymnasium and stage  
Expanded and remodeled media center  
Remodeled main office  
Remodeled cafeteria  
Remodeled teacher's lounge  
Remodeled front entrance  
Built new resource rooms  
Minor remodel of 14 classrooms – ceiling, lights, toilets  
Replaced B-wing windows  
Replaced B-wing lockers  
Built new playground area and added almost all new playground equipment

Summary: 8 of 22 classrooms are new (36%)