

Dear Dr. Glasspool and School Board Members,

I am writing in regards to the Act 34 Hearing. I believe that the demographic study that was done in 2012, shows that overall there will be growth for Plum Borough School District.

Out of the 4 scenarios in the demographic study, 3 predict a positive increase for Elementary enrollment for 2012-2022. The only one that doesn't is scenario 2, listed on pages 38 and 39 of the study, and is listed as the least likely prediction for Plum Borough as "there is certainly no basis for assuming a decrease in births". Which means 75% of the scenarios predict a POSITIVE increase.

Scenario 1 predicts a 2% increase from 2012-2017 and an overall increase of 1%. Now, 1% may not seem huge, but as President Sal pointed out in a letter to the Advanced Leader, the current capacity of the New Holiday Park, the New Pivik, and Center is 2060 students. In 2014-2015 school year, Plum had 2003 Elementary students. Even without an increase, that would put Plum at 97.23% capacity if Regency Park Elementary were to be closed.

Scenario 3, which the study states as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most likely, predicts a 3% increase in years 2012-2017, and an overall increase of 7% in Elementary schools. 3% of 2000 is 60 students, putting us at 100% capacity by 2017, the year that a new Regency could be slated as opening! According to table 18 that uses the increase of 7% overall, the district would be at 99.8% capacity by 2018 and over 100% capacity by 2019. Again, this is listed in the demographic study, on page 39, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most likely scenario.

Scenario 4 predicts predicts 2,108 students by 2022. Including an additional 360 student capacity at Regency Park that would still put 4 schools at a combined 87% capacity. Oh and scenario 4, still more likely than the only decreasing scenario, predicts an 8% increase by 2022.

I'd like to think that if you are really putting all your eggs into the "enrollment is decreasing" basket, that you take an additional look.

Thank you for your time,

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