



**North Hunterdon-Voorhees
Regional High School District**

Demographic and Facility Study

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The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional School District has requested that Ross Haber and Associates provide an updated demographic and facility utilization study. The purpose of this study is to provide the Board of Education with data regarding future enrollments in each of the high schools. In order to do this the study required that an enrollment projection model be developed for each of the constituent districts. From this a District-wide enrollment projection could be made based upon the growth or decline of the enrollments in each of the K-8 schools and for each of the high schools.

The overall enrollment for the entire regional has undergone a sharp decline since 2002. Up until that point some of the constituent Districts were undergoing unprecedented residential housing construction resulting in rapid growth in the Districts and the two high schools. With the Highlands Act this growth came to a virtual standstill and has put an end to the growth. Table 1 shows the impact of the Highlands Act on construction in the Regional Community.

Table 1: Impact of the Highlands Act on Construction¹

Distribution of Permits and CO's 2000, 2011, 2015						
2000			2011		2015	
Town	Permits	CO's	Permits	CO's	Permits	CO's
Bethlehem	17	39	0	1	0	2
Califon	1	0	1	0	0	0
Clinton Town	1	17	0	0	0	2
Clinton Township	83	154	0	2	3	1
Franklin Townshp	22	6	0	2	3	5
Glen Gardner	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hampton	1	2	0	0	0	1
High Bridge	2	0	0	0	12	0
Lebanon Boro	15	17	0	54	0	0
Lebanon Township	49	33	2	2	5	4
Tewksbury	35	36	3	3	3	8
Union	22	44	0	0	2	4
Total	249	348	7	64	28	27

Table 1 shows the distribution of building permits issued in 2000, 2011 and 2016. In 2000 there were 249 permits issued for new housing units and 348 certificates of occupancy were approved.

¹ Source: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Assuming that there was full buildout regarding the permits and that the 348 certified units were occupied that would result in a total of 597 new residential units. Using an average student yield (taking into account all types of housing units) of .78 this number of units would yield approximately 466 students, which was close to the average growth per year up to when the Highlands Act was put in place.

In 2011 this combined number of permits and certifications was down to 71, which would have yielded approximately 56 students and in 2016 there were 55 units which would have yielded approximately 43 students. At the same time the overall combined enrollment declined significantly. As of 2002 there were 9,319 students combined from all of the constituent Districts. As of 2011 this number decline to 8,136 which was a drop of 1,183 students or approximately 12.7%. The enrollment as of 2016 was 7,403 which is a decline from the base year of the study (2011-12) of 733 students or approximately 9%. This was over a 5 year period as opposed to the 12.7% drop between 2002-03 and 2011-12 (nine years) making it even more significant. The projection for the entire Regional out to the 2021-22 school year is 6,682 which is a further decline of 721 students or approximately 9.75%.

Other Demographic Factors

Along with the decline in new housing construction other factors have contributed to the drop in enrollment in the schools. In 1995 there were 633 reported live births attributed to the constituent communities of the Regional. By 2014 the number of livebirths dropped to 329 which is a drop of 304 children or approximately 48%. This drop had significant impact on school enrollment. There was also an increase in the median age in the constituent communities from 36.4 in 2000 to 41.9 in 2015. This was an increase in the median age five and half years or 13%. The higher the median age the lower the percentage of children introduced into the schools.

Impact on the High Schools

In 2002 there were 1,550 students attending North Hunterdon High School and 1,126 attending Voorhees. This was a total of 2,676 students. In 2011 there were 1,737 students in North Hunterdon High School and 1,075 in Voorhees. This was a total of 2,812 students which was an overall increase of 136 students or approximately 4.9%. In 2016-17 there are 1,706 students in North Hunterdon High School and 1,083 in Voorhees. This is a total of 2,789 students. This is a decline of 23 students which, at the high school level, showed stability. The projection out to 2021-22 indicates that North Hunterdon High School will have a total enrollment of 1,402 and Voorhees enrollment will be 896. This is a total 2,298 which is a decline from the current school year of 491 students or approximately 17.6%. This decline represents the flow through from the K-8 Districts. Up until the current school year the high schools had been experiencing the results of the earlier growth in the communities. Through the 2002 - 2005 period families with younger children were still moving into the District (that would be families with young school aged children, preschoolers or families who had not yet had

additional children). As these children age out through the system they will filter through the high schools and by the 2021-22 school year the full impact of this declining enrollment will be felt.

Methodology

This study used the cohort survival method for the enrollment projections. The cohort survival method traces students as they move from grade to grade to determine the growth and decline of enrollment from year to year. For example, if there are 100 students in grade 1 in the year 2014 and when this group moves into second grade the total number of students is 110 it means there was a 10% increase (or a migration ratio of 1.1). This is then average for five years and that number is applied to each grade to project future growth. Other factors considered in projecting enrollment include live births, new housing construction and any other significant factors which could impact enrollment (e.g.-economic factors, closing of business, shutting down of a military facility). In the case of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional School District a projection had to be made for each of the K-8 Districts in order to project enrollment for the two high schools. In essence the study created two K-12 Districts using the feeders for each of the high schools. We do understand there are some cases in which students do not necessarily attend the high school for which their town is zoned, but these are few and have little impact on the individual high school projections.

Enrollment History and Projection

Chart 1: Enrollment History and Projection

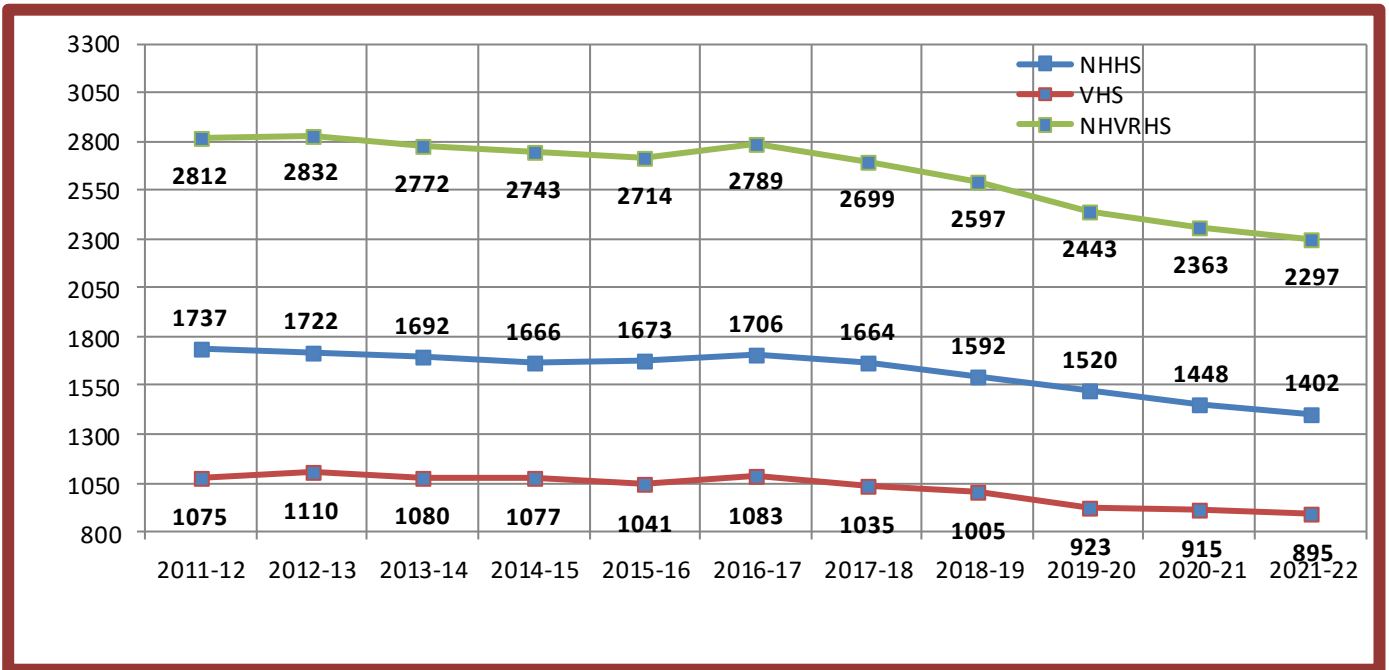


Chart 1 shows the total enrollment for the high schools (top green line). The District enrollment declined from 2,817 in the 2011-12 school year to 2,789 as of October, 2015. This was a decrease of 28 students or approximately 1%. The high school enrollment is projected to decline from the current 2,789 to 2,297 in 2021-22. This will be a decline of 492 students or approximately 17.6%. The enrollment in North Hunterdon High School (blue line) decreased from 1,737 students in 2011-12 to 1,706 in 2016-17. This is a decrease of 31 students or approximately 1.8%. The enrollment in North Hunterdon High School is projected to decrease from the current 1,706 to 1,402 in 2021-22. This would be a decrease of 304 students or approximately 17.2%. Voorhees High School (red line) had 1,075 students in 2011-12. This increased slightly to 1,083 in 2016-17, a marginal increase of less than 1%. The enrollment in Voorhees High School is projected to decline to 895 in 2021-22. This is a projected decrease of 188 students or approximately 17.3%.

North Hunterdon High School

Table 2: North Hunterdon High School Enrollment History and Projection

Year	9	10	11	12	Total
2011-12	461	437	436	403	1737
		1.00	0.92	0.99	
2012-13	428	459	403	432	1722
		0.99	0.99	1.01	
2013-14	409	422	453	408	1692
		1.00	0.9	0.93	
2014-15	457	409	380	420	1666
		1.00	0.95	1.08	
2015-16	415	457	390	411	1673
		1.03	0.98	1.06	
2016-17	417	429	448	412	1706
Average		1.00	0.95	1.01	
	9	10	11	12	Total
2017-18	385	418	407	454	1664
2018-19	396	386	397	413	1592
2019-20	354	397	367	402	1520
2020-21	345	355	376	372	1448
2021-22	337	346	337	382	1402

Table 2 shows the enrollment history and projection for North Hunterdon High School.

North Hunterdon High School K-8 Districts

The following tables show the enrollment history and projections for each of the Districts which feed North Hunterdon High School.

Table 3: Bethlehem Township Enrollment History and Projection

Bethlehem																
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total			
2011-12	32	37	44	50	53	67	79	46	74	482	1	1	484			
		1.09	1.14	1.25	1.00	1.04	0.96	0.99	0.96							
2012-13	32	35	42	55	50	55	64	78	44	455	1	1	457			
		1.03	0.97	0.98	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.02	1.05							
2013-14	28	33	34	41	56	51	57	65	82	447		2	449			
		1.11	0.88	1.00	1.05	0.96	1.02	1.04	0.97							
2014-15	30	31	29	34	43	54	52	59	63	395	5		400			
		1.17	1.13	1.00	1.12	0.98	0.98	1.00	0.97							
2015-16	40	35	35	29	38	42	53	52	57	381	2		383			
		0.88	1.03	1.06	1.00	1.08	1.00	1.04	1.04							
2016-17	30	35	36	37	29	41	42	55	54	359	0		359			
		1.05	1.03	1.06	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.00							
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	PK	UG	Total			
2017-18	32	32	36	38	38	29	41	43	55	344			344			
2018-19	32	34	33	38	39	39	29	42	42	328			328			
2019-20	33	34	35	34	39	40	39	30	41	325			325			
2020-21	33	35	35	37	36	40	40	39	30	324			324			
2021-22	32	35	36	37	38	36	40	41	39	334			334			

Table 4: Town of Clinton Enrollment History and Projection

Clinton Town																					
Year	K		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	K-8	UG	PK	Total
2011-12	39		43		65		59		43		67		52		58		49	475	16	5	496
		1.03		1.12		1.03		0.98		0.98		1.06		1.06		1.00					
2012-13	33		40		48		67		58		42		71		55		58	472	9		481
		0.94		1.18		0.98		0.99		0.95		0.98		1.01		1.00					
2013-14	42		31		47		47		66		55		41		72		55	456	15	8	479
		1.00		1.29		0.96		1.00		0.97		0.95		1.05		1.00					
2014-15	44		42		40		45		47		64		52		43		72	449	11	22	482
		1.00		1.05		1.05		1.04		1.04		1.00		1.06		1.02					
2015-16	44		44		44		42		47		49		64		55		44	433	13	9	455
		1.09		0.89		1.07		0.98		0.89		0.98		0.98		1.02					
2016-17	52		48		39		47		41		42		48		63		56	436			436
		1.01		1.10		1.02		1.00		0.97		0.99		1.03		1.01					
Year	K		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	K-8	PK	UG	Total
2017-18	43		53		53		40		47		40		42		50		64	429	13	9	451
2018-19	45		43		58		54		40		45		39		43		50	418	13	9	440
2019-20	46		46		48		59		54		38		45		41		43	419	13	9	441
2020-21	46		46		50		49		59		52		38		46		41	427	13	9	449
2021-22	46		46		51		51		49		57		52		39		47	438	13	9	460

Table 5: Clinton Township Enrollment History and Projection

Clinton Township																					
Year	K		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	K-8	UG	PK	Total
2011-12	101		139		129		164		185		170		193		225		231	1537	2	61	1600
		1.34		0.99		1.12		1.06		1.07		1.06		1.18		1.02					
2012-13	112		135		137		145		174		198		181		228		229	1539	0	56	1595
		1.00		1.08		1.08		1.07		1.07		0.97		1.10		1.02					
2013-14	174		112		146		148		155		186		192		199		232	1544	0	83	1627
		0.60		1.29		1.00		1.00		1.04		0.99		1.12		0.99					
2014-15	97		105		145		146		148		161		185		215		197	1399	5	47	1451
		1.05		1.08		1.01		1.02		1.01		1.01		1.04		1.01					
2015-16	120		102		113		147		149		149		163		193		218	1354	11	23	1388
		0.98		1.22		1.05		1.01		1.03		1.03		1.12		1.01					
2016-17	104		118		124		119		149		154		154		182		195	1299			1299
		0.99		1.13		1.05		1.03		1.04		1.02		1.11		1.01					
Year	K		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	K-8	PK	UG	Total
2017-18	121		103		133		131		123		156		156		171		184	1279	11	23	1313
2018-19	123		121		117		141		135		128		158		174		173	1270	11	23	1304
2019-20	113		123		137		123		145		141		130		176		176	1263	11	23	1297
2020-21	116		113		139		144		127		152		143		145		177	1256	11	23	1290
2021-22	116		116		127		146		149		133		154		159		146	1246	11	23	1280

Table 6: Franklin Township Enrollment History and Projection

Franklin Township																	
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2011-12	24	32	31	27	35	29	41	30	36	285	1	11	297				
		1.17	1.00	1.06	0.96	0.86	1.00	0.93	1.00								
2012-13	32	28	32	33	26	30	29	38	30	278	1	6	285				
		1.06	0.96	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.00	1.07	1.03								
2013-14	20	34	27	33	35	28	30	31	39	277	0	14	291				
		1.15	1.09	1.04	1.06	1.11	0.93	1.13	1.10								
2014-15	27	23	37	28	35	39	26	34	34	283	0	17	300				
		1.07	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.03	1.05	1.00	1.00								
2015-16	23	29	26	37	29	36	41	26	34	281	0	12	293				
		0.96	1.07	1.04	1.00	1.00	1.06	0.95	1.00								
2016-17	22	22	31	27	37	29	38	39	26	271	0	13	284				
		1.08	1.05	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.02	1.02								
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	PK	UG	Total				
2017-18	25	24	23	32	28	38	29	39	40	277		13	290				
2018-19	23	27	25	24	33	28	38	30	40	267		13	280				
2019-20	24	25	28	26	24	33	28	38	30	258		13	271				
2020-21	23	26	27	29	26	25	34	29	39	258		13	271				
2021-22	24	25	27	27	30	27	25	34	29	249		13	262				

Table 7: Lebanon Boro Enrollment History and Projection

Lebanon Boro															
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total		
2011-12	12	10	21	10	10	11	12			86			86		
		0.75	0.90	0.76	0.80	0.80	0.64	0.00	0.00						
2012-13	19	9	9	16	8	8	7			76	0		76		
		0.74	1.22	1.00	0.94	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00						
2013-14	15	14	11	9	15	8	8			80	0		80		
		1.00	1.07	1.18	1.22	0.87	1.13	0.00	0.00						
2014-15	8	15	15	13	11	13	9			84	0		84		
		1.13	0.93	0.87	1.00	1.00	1.23	0.00	0.00						
2015-16	14	9	14	13	13	11	16			90	0		90		
		1.00	0.89	1.21	0.92	0.85	1.18	0.00	0.00						
2016-17	15	14	8	17	12	11	13			90	0		90		
								0							
		0.92	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.90	1.03	0.00							
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total		
2017-18	14	14	14	8	17	11	11			89			89		
2018-19	13	13	14	14	8	15	11			88			88		
2019-20	13	12	13	14	14	7	16			89			89		
2020-21	14	12	12	13	14	12	7			85			85		
2021-22	14	13	12	12	13	12	13			89			89		

Table 8: Union Township Enrollment History and Projection

Union Township																	
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2011-12	37	41	45	57	52	69	53	54	58	466	31	0	497				
		1.16	1.10	0.87	0.98	1.00	0.93	1.00	0.93								
2012-13	32	43	45	39	56	52	64	53	50	434	35		469				
		1.06	0.88	1.11	1.18	0.96	1.13	0.86	1.17								
2013-14	32	34	38	50	46	54	59	55	62	430	36		466				
		1.44	1.18	1.24	0.92	1.00	1.02	0.97	1.16								
2014-15	29	46	40	47	46	46	55	57	64	430	43	2	475				
		1.21	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.22	1.07	1.09	1.09								
2015-16	37	35	48	44	49	56	49	60	62	440	9		449				
		0.95	1.37	0.92	1.11	1.14	0.88	1.22	1.03								
2016-17	37	35	48	44	49	56	49	60	62	440			440				
		1.16	1.11	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.08								
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2017-18	33	43	39	50	46	52	56	50	65	435			435				
2018-19	34	39	48	41	53	49	52	58	54	427			427				
2019-20	34	39	43	50	43	56	49	54	62	431			431				
2020-21	35	40	44	45	53	46	56	51	58	427			427				
2021-22	35	41	44	46	47	56	46	58	55	427			427				

Voorhees High School

Table 9: Voorhees High School Enrollment History and Projection

Year	9		10		11		12	Total
2011-12	267		291		268		249	1075
		1.01		0.97		1.01		
2012-13	287		271		282		270	1110
		0.99		0.92		0.97		
2013-14	274		285		248		273	1080
		0.96		1.01		1.11		
2014-15	252		262		288		275	1077
		0.99		0.96		0.93		
2015-16	271		250		252		268	1041
		1.03		1.04		1.13		
2016-17	259		280		259		285	1083
		1.00		0.98		1.03		
Year	9		10		11		12	Total
2017-18	236		258		274		267	1035
2018-19	234		236		253		282	1005
2019-20	198		234		231		260	923
2020-21	251		198		229		237	915
2021-22	216		251		193		235	896

Table 9 shows the enrollment history and projection for Voorhees High School.

Voorhees High School K-8 Districts

Table 10: Califon Boro Enrollment History and Projection

Califon Boro																		
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2011-12	8	12	14	20	16	14	15	21	8	128		10	138					
		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.95									
2012-13	19	8	12	14	20	16	14	14	20	137		6	143					
		0.58	1.25	0.75	0.71	0.45	0.88	0.86	0.93									
2013-14	11	11	10	9	10	9	14	12	13	99		11	110					
		0.82	1.18	0.90	1.00	1.10	1.11	1.00	1.08									
2014-15	10	9	13	9	9	11	10	14	13	98		11	109					
		1.00	1.00	1.08	1.00	1.11	1.00	1.00	0.93									
2015-16	8	10	9	14	9	10	11	10	13	94		14	108					
		0.88	0.90	0.67	0.86	1.00	0.90	1.00	0.90									
2016-17	10	7	9	6	12	9	9	11	9	82		11	93					
		0.85	1.07	0.88	0.91	0.93	0.98	0.96	0.96									
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2017-18	12	9	7	8	5	11	9	9	11	80		11	91					
2018-19	10	10	9	7	7	5	11	8	8	76		11	87					
2019-20	10	9	11	8	6	7	5	10	8	73		11	84					
2020-21	10	8	9	9	7	6	7	5	10	71		11	82					
2021-22	10	8	9	8	8	7	5	6	5	68		11	79					

Table 11: Hampton Boro Enrollment History and Projection

Hampton Boro																	
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2011-12	8	12	14	20	16	14	15	21	8	128		10	138				
		0.88	0.67	0.71	0.35	0.44	0.79	0.80	0.81								
2012-13	10	7	8	10	7	7	11	12	17	89		19	108				
		0.60	0.43	1.00	0.90	1.14	0.71	1.00	0.92								
2013-14	6	6	3	8	9	8	5	11	11	67		15	82				
		2.17	2.00	1.00	0.75	1.56	1.25	1.20	1.00								
2014-15	21	13	12	3	6	14	10	6	11	96	2	25	123				
		0.76	0.92	1.08	1.33	1.17	0.93	0.70	1.00								
2015-16	17	16	12	13	4	7	13	7	6	95		27	122				
		0.94	1.13	1.08	1.08	2.75	1.57	1.15	1.43								
2016-17	15	16	18	13	14	11	11	15	10	123	5	20	148				
		1.07	1.03	0.98	0.88	1.41	1.05	0.97	1.03								
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2017-18	14	16	16	18	11	20	12	11	15	133		20	153				
2018-19	15	15	16	16	15	16	21	11	11	137		20	157				
2019-20	16	16	15	16	14	22	17	20	12	148		20	168				
2020-21	15	17	16	15	14	20	23	16	21	158		20	178				
2021-22	15	16	18	16	13	20	21	22	17	158		20	178				

Table 12: High Bridge Boro Enrollment History and Projection

High Bridge Boro																		
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2011-12	38	31	43	35	37	41	30	46	60	361	7	27	395					
		1.18	0.97	0.95	1.06	0.92	1.02	1.07	1.07									
2012-13	28	45	30	41	37	34	42	32	49	338	6	18	362					
		1.18	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.00	0.88	1.05	0.91									
2013-14	45	33	47	31	42	37	30	44	29	338	7	17	362					
		0.96	1.03	1.06	1.10	0.93	1.08	0.93	0.98									
2014-15	39	43	34	50	34	39	40	28	43	350	7	23	380					
		1.05	0.95	1.06	1.02	1.03	0.95	1.08	1.07									
2015-16	38	41	41	36	51	35	37	43	30	352	5	22	379					
		0.87	0.95	1.00	1.06	1.02	1.11	1.00	1.05									
2016-17	44	33	39	41	38	52	39	37	45	368	6	17	391					
		1.05	0.99	1.02	1.05	0.98	1.01	1.02	1.01									
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2017-18	39	46	33	40	43	37	53	40	37	368	6	17	391					
2018-19	41	41	46	33	42	42	38	54	40	377	6	17	400					
2019-20	40	43	40	47	35	41	43	39	55	382	6	17	405					
2020-21	40	42	42	41	49	34	41	44	39	373	6	17	396					
2021-22	41	42	42	43	43	48	35	42	44	381	6	17	404					

Table 13: Lebanon Township Enrollment History and Projection

Lebanon Township																		
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2011-12	54	56	71	69	105	82	91	80	96	704	18	25	747					
		1.19	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.99	0.98	1.03	1.04									
2012-13	58	64	58	70	70	104	80	94	83	681	16	19	716					
		1.21	1.17	1.02	1.06	1.13	0.99	1.09	1.00									
2013-14	61	70	75	59	74	79	103	87	94	702	7		709					
		0.97	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.96	0.97	1.01	1.00									
2014-15	46	59	69	76	59	71	77	104	87	648	11	24	683					
		1.11	1.03	0.96	1.04	1.03	1.00	1.03	0.98									
2015-16	50	51	61	66	79	61	71	79	102	620	16	23	659					
		1.10	1.14	1.10	1.08	1.01	1.07	0.99	0.99									
2016-17	57	55	58	67	71	80	65	70	78	601		21	622					
		1.11	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.00	1.03	1.00									
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total					
2017-18	54	63	59	59	70	73	80	67	70	595	16	21	632					
2018-19	54	61	68	60	61	71	73	82	67	597	16	21	634					
2019-20	52	60	65	69	62	63	71	75	82	599	16	21	636					
2020-21	53	58	64	66	72	64	63	73	75	588	16	21	625					
2021-22	54	60	62	65	68	73	64	64	73	585	16	21	622					

Table 14: Tewksbury Township Enrollment History and Projection

Tewksbury Township																	
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2011-12	61	56	69	81	82	94	84	89	75	691	8	8	707				
		1.11	1.16	1.06	1.00	1.01	0.99	0.99	0.98								
2012-13	49	68	65	73	81	83	93	83	87	682	13		695				
		1.08	0.97	1.03	1.01	0.99	1.07	1.00	1.02								
2013-14	52	53	66	67	74	80	89	93	85	659	15	10	684				
		1.12	1.08	1.11	0.99	1.01	0.93	0.97	1.00								
2014-15	50	58	57	73	66	75	74	86	93	632	17	7	656				
		1.06	1.02	0.98	1.03	0.92	1.04	0.91	0.99								
2015-16	45	53	59	56	75	61	78	67	85	579	13	7	599				
		1.04	1.04	1.03	1.07	1.00	1.08	1.01	1.09								
2016-17	40	47	55	61	60	75	66	79	73	556		15	571				
		1.08	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.99	1.02	0.97	1.02								
Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	UG	PK	Total				
2017-18	47	43	49	57	62	59	77	64	80	540	13	15	568				
2018-19	47	51	46	52	58	61	61	75	65	516	13	15	544				
2019-20	46	51	54	48	53	58	63	59	76	506	13	15	534				
2020-21	45	50	53	56	48	52	59	61	60	484	13	15	512				
2021-22	45	49	52	56	57	48	53	57	62	479	13	15	507				

Facilities²

With the enrollment declining it is clear that there are no issues regarding available classrooms and the ability to accommodate programs in each of the buildings. In fact, North Hunterdon High School has just begun a Bio-Medical Academy open on a competitive basis to the entire County. Students qualifying for this program will be taught at North Hunterdon High School by a teacher from the County Technical School. They will then take their other classes at North Hunterdon High School. The program will enroll 24 students per year. At the end of four years that will add an additional 100 students to the North Hunterdon High School enrollment. With the overall enrollment in the school dropping down from the current 1,706 to 1,402 in 2021-22 this will not create any space problems in the school.

In speaking with both principals the only concern each of them had was facilities. At the time of the discussion they informed me that the referendum to be voted on November 8, 2016 was designed to address these issues. By the time this report was written the referendum had passed and this will relieve the concerns of the building principals.

The other concern at Voorhees is the property limitations, which restrict access to athletic fields. Where there are sports that occur in the same season the school has to scramble for practice space on a daily basis. Given the footprint of the school building and the land-locked nature of the property external alternatives (practice fields off property) would seem to be a solution to the problem.

In reviewing the course of studies offered by the Regional it appears that accommodating all of these offerings and keeping class sizes at optimal levels will not be a problem for the District. As far as long term projections are concerned review of the sending districts, particularly in the lower grades, indicates that the total enrollment by 2021-22 will hit its lowest point, but should remain stable for several years after 2021-22.

² During the course of the interviews with the principals facility concerns were addressed. These would have been delineated by the passing of the referendum makes listing them at this point moot.