

In December, North Colonie residents voted down the district's capital project proposal. One of the recommendations we heard from our community is that better communication around the main issues facing the district is needed. As the district works to put a new proposal together that is more in-line with community priorities, we are committed to providing this information to voters.



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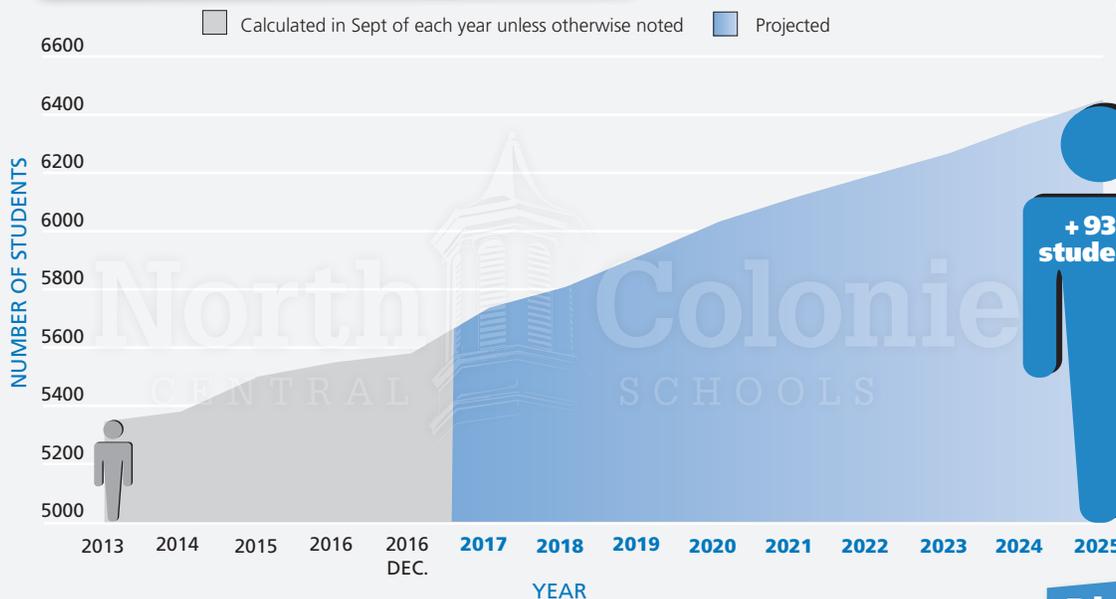
Planning for Student Enrollment Growth

Increased enrollment is a significant challenge facing the district, specifically at the elementary grade levels. Significant new construction, neighborhood turnover, and families with young children moving into the district are all reasons for the enrollment increase. To solve this issue, the district plans to maintain its original proposal of moving the sixth grade to the junior high school in any future referendum. This move would create a middle school concept of grades 6-8, used by all other Suburban Council districts, and open up classroom space at the elementary schools to accommodate growth.

Did you know...

Elementary enrollment alone has increased by almost 10 percent in the last three school years.

North Colonie CSD Enrollment



A demographic study completed in 2016 forecasts an additional 939 students enrolling over the next 10 years, mostly populating grades K-6.

Source: McKibben Demographics

Did you know...

Elementary enrollment continues to increase. The current enrollment of 2,743 elementary students is an increase of 238 students since 2013-14.

The increase in enrollment is currently causing these issues:

- ▶ Large class sizes at the elementary level, specifically in grades K-3
- ▶ A decrease in individualized attention for students
- ▶ An increase in kindergarten class sizes reaching 23 students per class in some buildings
- ▶ An increase in third grade class sizes, reaching 28 students per class in some buildings

What if we do nothing? Class sizes will continue to increase at the elementary level, and students may have to be placed in temporary classrooms.

For more information on the project, as well as community feedback from the Jan. 30 community forum, visit www.northcolonie.org, click on Capital Project. If you have further questions, feel free to contact the district office, at 518-785-8591.