



Framingham Public Schools

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As part of our ongoing efforts to address increasing student enrollment and the necessary budget and facilities planning to accommodate that growth, we have retained the services of McKibben Demographic Research for the last two years to forecast student enrollment in the Framingham Public Schools.

During our meeting on May 20, 2020, Dr. Jerome McKibben, Senior Demographer, will provide an update on student enrollment trends that he has observed at the national level and discuss enrollment changes from his previous analysis and Framingham forecast, particularly in the wake of COVID-19 and the resulting impacts on the current and anticipated future housing markets.

Major takeaways from Dr. McKibben's report to consider:

1. The total enrollment of the Framingham Public Schools will continue to slowly increase
2. This enrollment increase will be stronger in the middle school and high school grades
3. The distribution of students within the district will continue to slowly shift south
4. The pace and magnitude of existing home sales within the district will be the primary factor affecting enrollment change over the next 3 years

The McKibben Demographic Research forecasting report serves as yet another piece of the puzzle that I have been sharing as part of my goals reporting (Part I: Facilities) for 2019-2020. Dr. McKibben's report validates both the usefulness of our previous study, report, and phasing plan on the space utilization at Framingham High School and the need for a southside school in Framingham to address our continued enrollment growth and early childhood expansion efforts as presented in the Hemenway Expanded Pre-Feasibility Study by TBA Architects during our meeting on April 15, 2020.

As always, my team and I remain available to answer any questions that you may have on this report or the related facility planning that we continue to refine as we constantly monitor the long-range enrollment forecast.