



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS




Enrollment Balancing Scenario Requests: PPS Board of Directors



Scenario Request Process

- On April 12, Superintendent Smith submitted a final Westside Enrollment Balancing Recommendation to the PPS Board of Directors
- Under discussion, several directors offered suggested revisions to the Superintendent's plan
- The Board voted to postpone their decision while awaiting additional information
- Staff provided responses April 15, and updates due to technical errors April 18

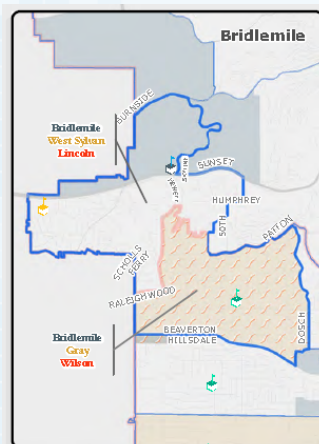


Scenario Requests

- April 12 Request from Director Kohnstamm:
 - Extend HS boundary between Lincoln and Wilson to middle school level
 - Majority of Bridlemile assigned to Gray/Wilson
 - Slightly modify boundary line proposed by Superintendent Smith
 - Area west of Scholls Ferry and adjacent cul-de-sacs and north of Hewett and adjacent cul-de-sacs remains assigned to West Sylvan/Lincoln
 - Reassign Maplewood from Gray MS to Jackson MS
 - Included in D-BRAC recommendation
 - Phase-in HS change so that current West Sylvan cohorts continue together to Lincoln HS



Director Kohnstamm's Scenario



- About 2/3 of Bridlemile moves to Gray/Wilson
- Remainder attend West Sylvan/Lincoln
- Maplewood shifts to Jackson
- Changes begin in 2017

NOTE: A technical error meant that Gray enrollment growth was underestimated in the analysis released last week; this has been corrected in the revised documents



Scenario Requests

- April 13 Request from Directors Buel and Rosen:
 - Shift Custer Park area—now a part of Maplewood boundary—into Hayhurst instead of Rieke.
 - Build this change into the scenario proposed by Director Kohnstamm.



Custer Park Modification



- Change adds about 3 students at Hayhurst
- Custer Park area is .8 miles to Rieke, 2.2 miles to Maplewood and 2.4 miles to Hayhurst.



Scenario Requests

- April 12 Request from Directors Kohnstamm and Rosen:
 - Model the impact of a dual assignment plan for Bridlemile
 - Choice made by all Bridlemile 5th grade students to West Sylvan/Lincoln or Gray/Wilson
 - Transportation to be provided to both middle school options



Dual Assignment Assumptions

- Maplewood feeds to Jackson instead of Gray Middle School
- Increased interest in Gray/Wilson
 - Average transfer rate over 5 years = 24% of eligible 5th grade Bridlemile students
 - 45% transfer to Gray modeled: slightly more than the highest rate of transfer over the past 5 years
 - 30% transfer rate used for Wilson, rather than average rate of 14%

Note: A technical error meant that Gray enrollment growth was overestimated because part of Bridlemile was mistakenly double assigned to Gray/Wilson; this issue has been corrected in the revised documents.



Dual Assignment Considerations

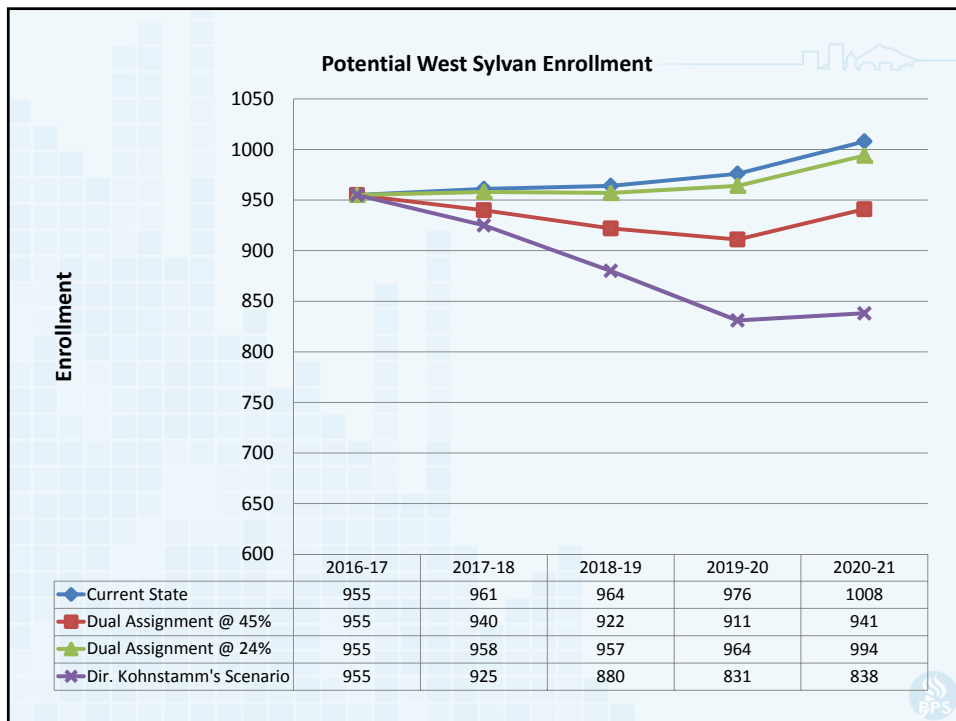
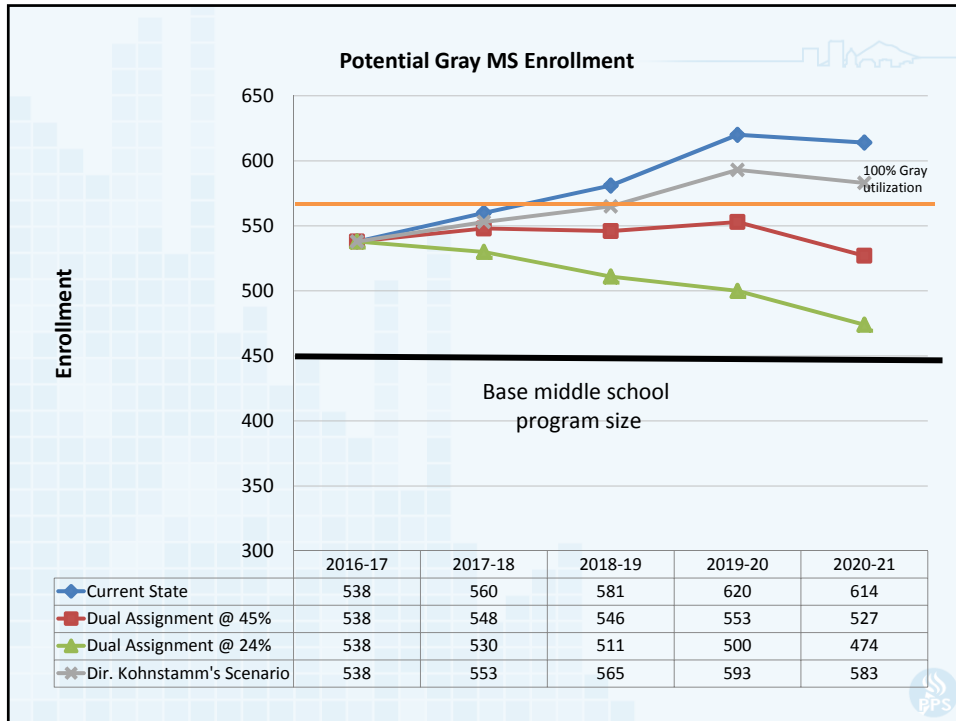
- Provides greater choice to parents
- Would likely increase transportation costs, as buses have to serve the entire area but travel in both directions
- Allows students who live in the same area to opt-in to different middle and high schools, so it effectively still “splits” a community as students progress to higher grades

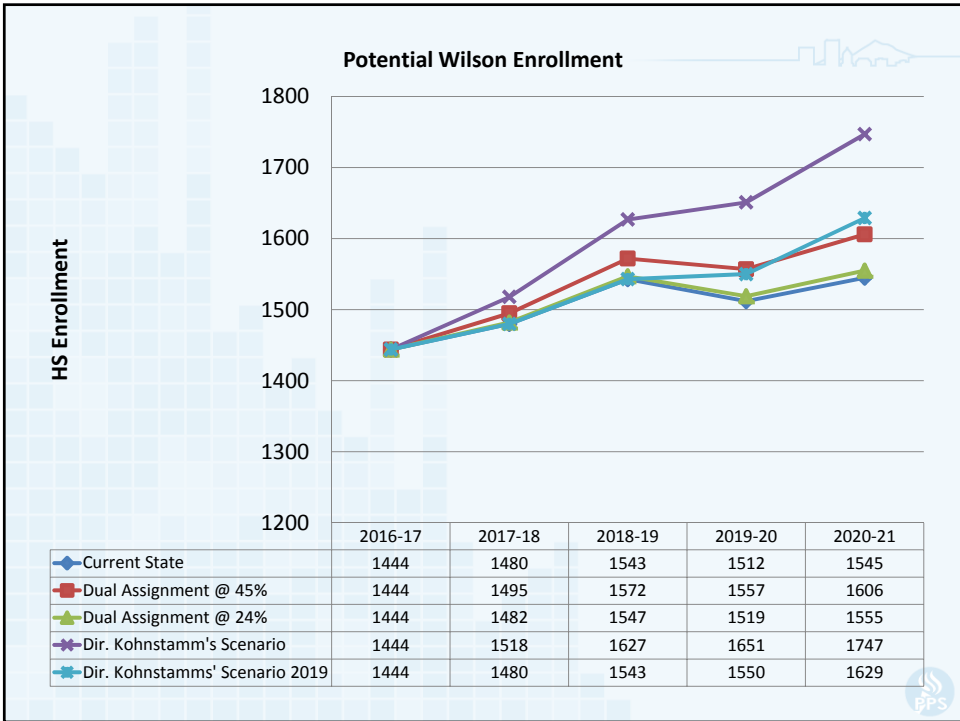
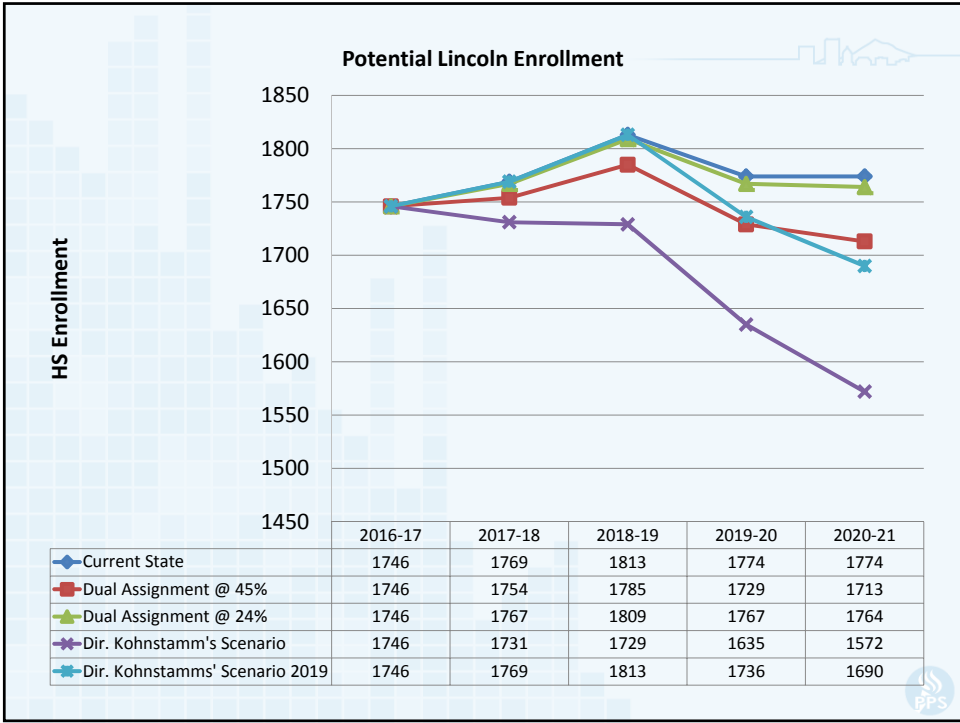


Dual Assignment Considerations

- Sets a precedent for middle school choice and choice between comprehensive high schools
- Counter to the district-wide fundamentals of high school system design, SACET transfer recommendations and D-BRAC values framework
- Is more complex, requires more communication and is difficult for all families to fully participate
- At Jefferson, has increased the difficulty in building programs because it is hard to know how many students will actually attend







Scenario Comparison

- Boundary change scenario provides the most relief for West Sylvan and Lincoln—especially if fully implemented in 2017
 - Relief for West Sylvan and Lincoln helps with planning for future growth
 - Wilson has space to accommodate the boundary: 84 classroom @ Wilson vs 51 classrooms at Lincoln
- Gray will be overenrolled by 2020
 - Facility change or additional boundary possible for Gray in the future



Scenario Comparison

- Dual assignment has the potential to balance populations between West Sylvan and Gray, but future results are unpredictable
 - If future transfer rates are similar to current rates, Gray enrollment could drop close to base middle school size (450 students)
 - If most Bridlemile students choose Gray, it could be overcrowded in the future
- Lincoln enrollment would likely remain well above 1700 students

