



Andersen Elementary Community Conversation

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Celebrating Andersen Elementary

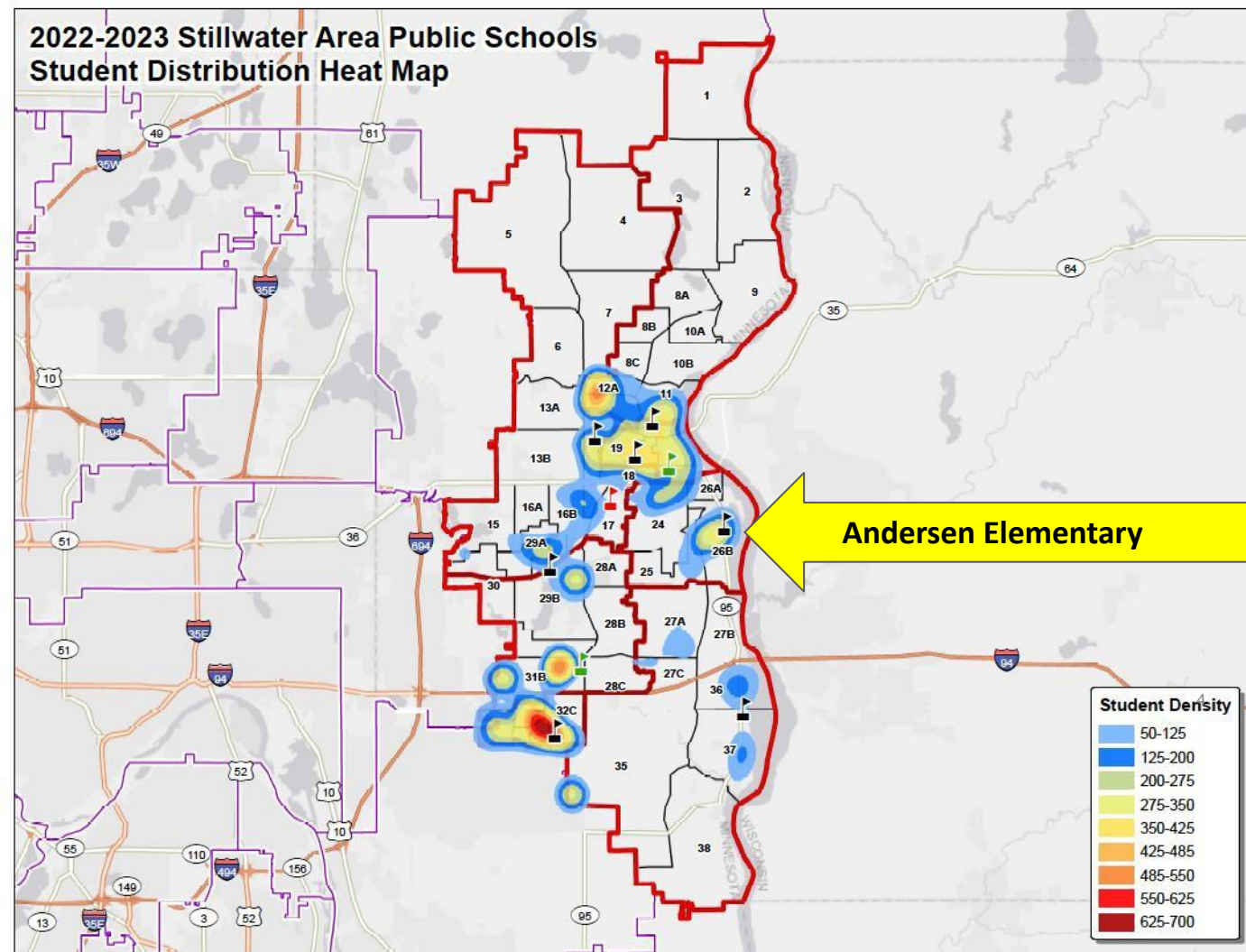
- Proud tradition of excellence since 1919
- Strong community support and partnership
 - City of Bayport
 - Bayport Police and Fire
 - Andersen foundations
 - Bayport Library
 - Local businesses



Current Context

- School district enrollment is projected to grow by 300 students in 5 years and by 1,000 in 10 years
- Largest areas of growth are projected in the central and southern part of the district
 - Growth is a result of new developments and turnover in existing neighborhoods
 - Impacted schools include Afton-Lakeland, Andersen and Lake Elmo elementary schools and Oak-Land Middle School

2022-2023 Stillwater Area Public Schools Student Distribution Heat Map



Growth is occurring in the central and southern part of the district, including the area around Andersen Elementary and Lake Elmo Elementary

ENROLLMENT:

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Projected = Birth rate + Survival Cohort + Planned Development + Generational Shift

Potential = Potential Future Development + Potential Market Share Gain

		Afton-Lakeland	Andersen	Lake Elmo	Oak-Land
CURRENT 2022-2023	Operational Capacity	500	375	675	1,095
PROJECTED 2031-2032	Enrollment	578	434	881	1,252
	% Facility Utilization	115.6%	115.8%	130.5%	114.4%
POTENTIAL 2031-2032	Enrollment	644	469	914	1,381
	% Facility Utilization	128.8%	125.1%	135.4%	126.1%

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Challenges of current facility:

- Unable to accommodate anticipated growth
- Location is landlocked, no room for expansion
- Small size creates staffing inefficiencies; shared staff
 - Only 15 K-5 classrooms, 1 preK classroom
- Limited specialist spaces (ie. art room)
- No flexible learning spaces, limited Special Education and student services spaces
- No green space for outdoor learning, recreation, etc.
- Limited parking, before and after school traffic (pick-up/drop-off)



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Challenges of current facility:

Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) guidelines identify an elementary school site is to be 10-15 usable acres, plus 1 acre for each 100 students of enrollment.

Andersen currently has 375 student capacity:

- 14-19 acres would align with MDE guidelines
- Existing Andersen Elementary School Site is:
 - 1.4 acres
 - Playground is on 0.7 acres of land owned by city

16-20 acres would be advisable for a school of 600 students



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Opportunities with a new facility:

- Increased capacity to address growth at Andersen, as well as relieve pressure at Afton-Lakeland
- Lower annual operating costs
- Staffing efficiencies and elimination of shared staff
- Designated specialist spaces
- Flexible learning spaces and modern learning environments
- Green space, recreation/field spaces for community use
- Dedicated parking and improved/safer traffic flow





Examples of Classroom Learning Spaces

Example of Outdoor Spaces



Community/Specialty Learning Spaces



Facilities Planning: *Next Steps*

April-May: Facilities Planning Team to develop facilities improvement recommendations

- Additional community conversations and public engagement will be held this spring

Summer: School board to consider proposed bond referendum

November: Potential bond referendum

- If a bond were successful, new facilities would open Fall 2026