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# Enrollment Projections Analysis Report

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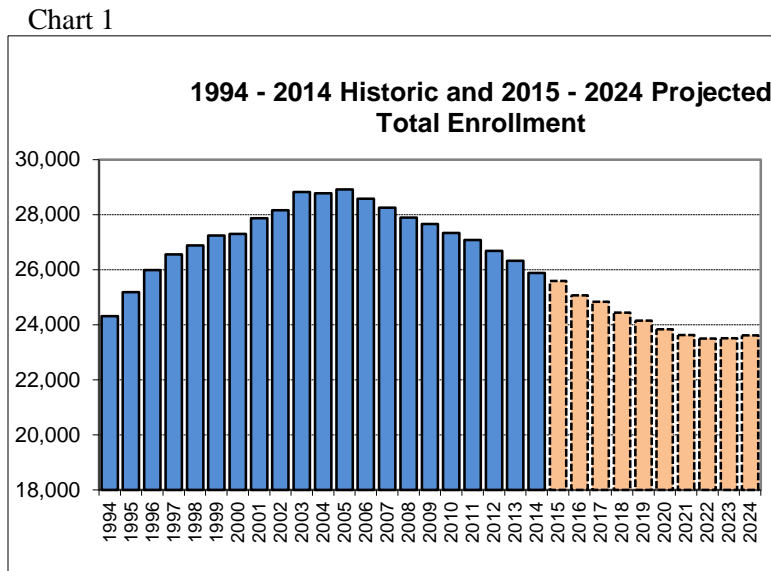
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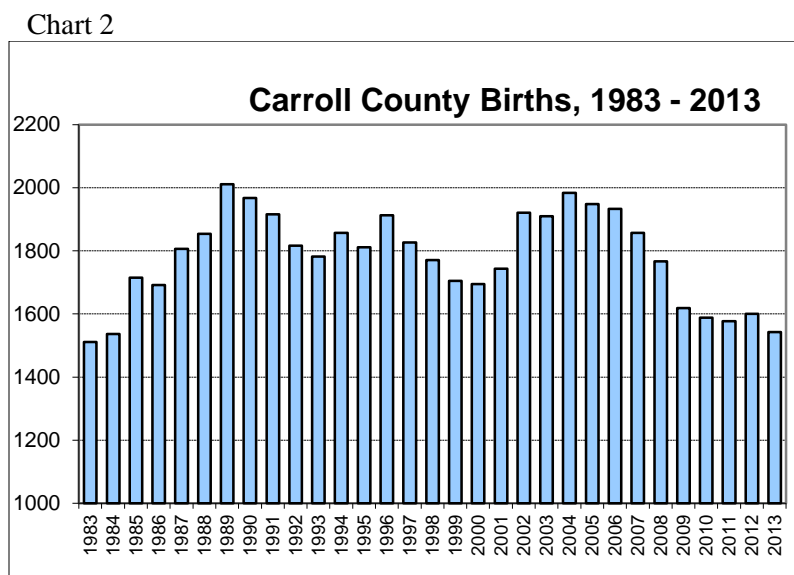
# **COUNTYWIDE ENROLLMENT**

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT

In 2014, Carroll County Public School’s total enrollment dropped by 452 students to a total of 25,879 students. This is the ninth consecutive year that total enrollment declined, with the total cumulative decline since 2005 equaling 3,035 students (10.4%). Prior to 2005, total enrollment increased 18 out of the previous 19 years. The 54 student drop from 2003 to 2004 was the only exception.



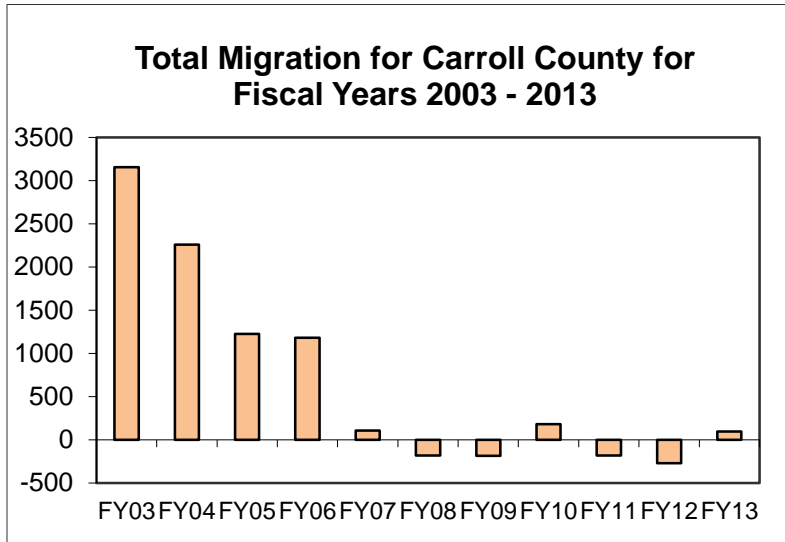
Two main factors influencing public school enrollment in Carroll County are the number of births and the net internal migration. Births in Carroll County saw a rapid increase during the 1980’s reaching a peak of 2,012 births in 1989. After this peak, the number of births declined during the 1990’s, before almost reaching 2,000 births again in 2004. The 1,543 births in 2013 was well below the 10 year average of 1,742.



Source: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (MDHMH)

Net internal migration, the driving force behind Carroll County’s past growth, has gone from a peak gain of nearly 3,500 residents in 2001/2002 to historically low numbers, including net losses in four or the last seven years. This trend is a major reason why the birth totals and therefore kindergarten enrollments are down.

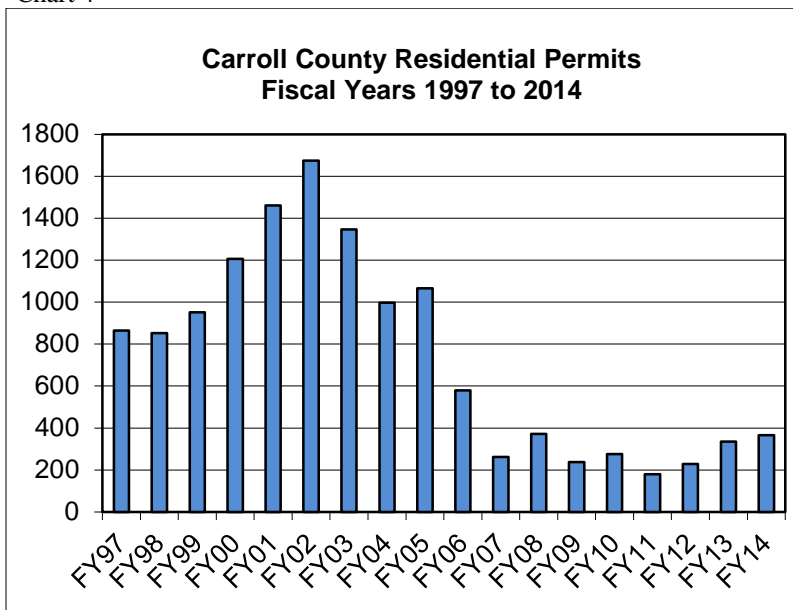
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Source: Maryland Department of Planning

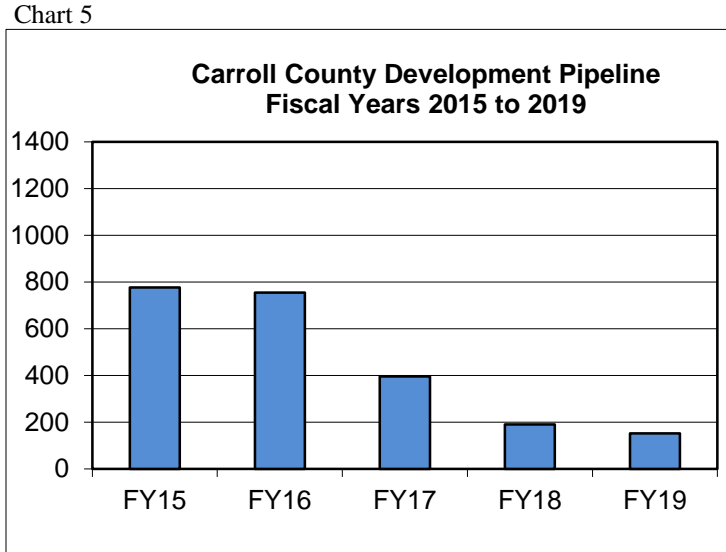
The primary reason for the changing migration trend for Carroll County is the dramatic slowdown in new home construction that has occurred since fiscal year 2005. Based on Carroll County Department of Planning information, the number of permits issued over the last eight fiscal years is the lowest in several decades.

Chart 4



Source: Carroll County Bureau of Permits

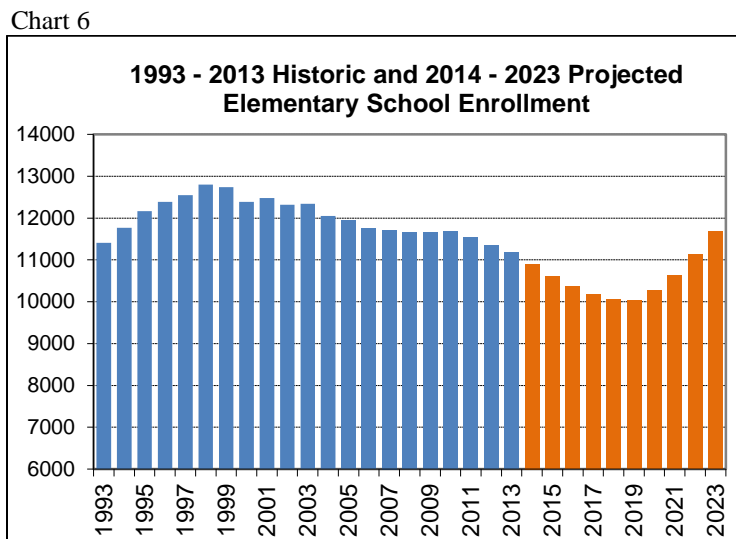
The current development pipeline, which includes recorded lots as well as potential lots from plans that are in progress, does indicate that there is potential to see increased permit activity over the next few years. However, it does not appear permit activity will return to the levels of the early parts of last decade.



Source: Carroll County Bureau of Development Review

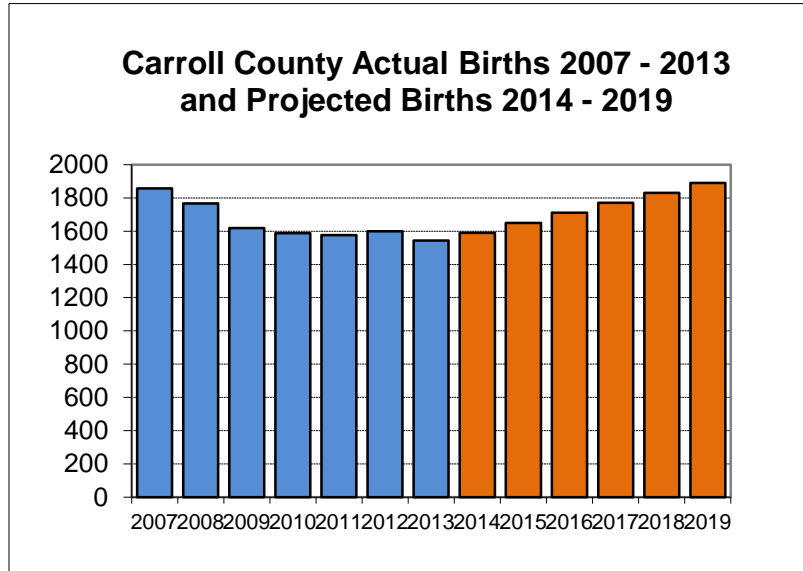
**ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT**

Elementary enrollment, grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, decreased by 245 students in 2014 to a total of 10,938 students. This is the eleventh year since 1999 that elementary enrollments have declined, with the total cumulative decline equaling 1,801 (14.1%). The projections indicate that enrollments will continue to decline until 2020 when higher projected births start to influence the projections.



The projected decline in elementary enrollments until 2020 is based on the actual decline in births experienced from 2009 - 2013. The projected growth in elementary enrollments beginning in 2021 is based on the projected higher birth numbers.

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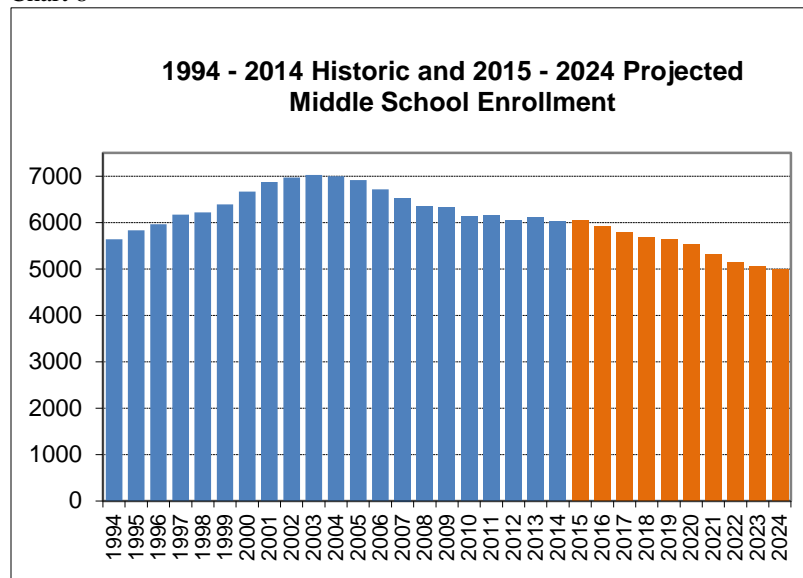


Source: MDHMH

**MIDDLE ENROLLMENT**

Middle school enrollment decreased by 79 students in 2014 to a total of 6,022 students. The current enrollment is 1,004 less students (14.2%) than the 2003 peak of 7,026 students. The projections indicate that enrollment will increase slightly in 2015, and then experience declines for the remainder of the projection time period.

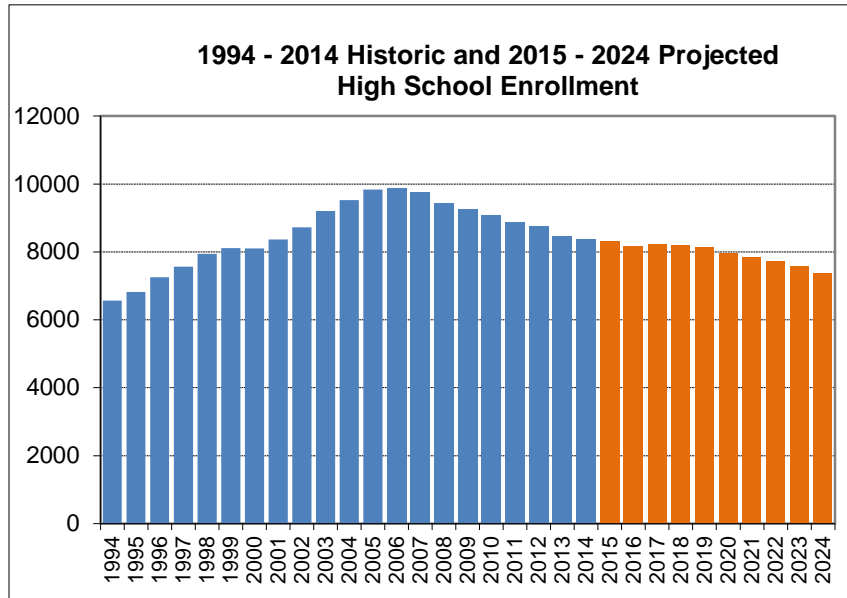
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## **HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

High school enrollment dropped by 90 students in 2014 to a total of 8,380 students. This is the eighth consecutive year that high school enrollment has declined, and is 1,488 less students (15.1 %) than the 2006 peak of 9,868 students. The projections indicate that high school enrollments will continue to experience declines over the next decade.

Chart 9



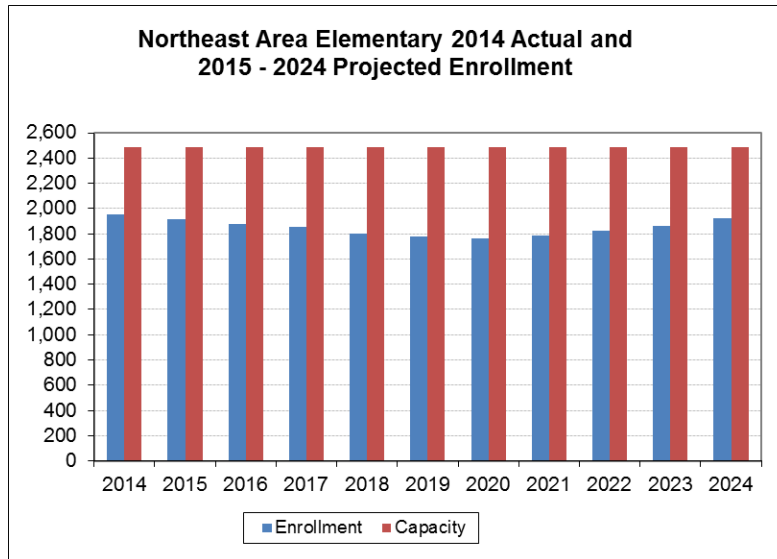


# **GEOGRAPHIC CLUSTER ENROLLMENT**

**NORTHEAST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

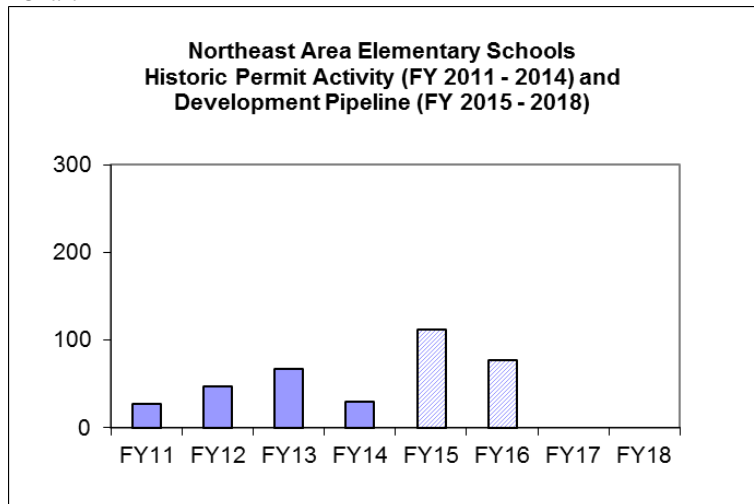
The Northeast Area Elementary Cluster includes the following schools: Ebb Valley, Hampstead, Manchester, and Spring Garden. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,953, which is a decrease of 6 students from last year. The projection for this area indicates that enrollment will decline for the next six years before enrollments begin to grow based on higher projected births. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this area, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 10



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 191, which is 21 more than the 170 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate future projected permit activity.

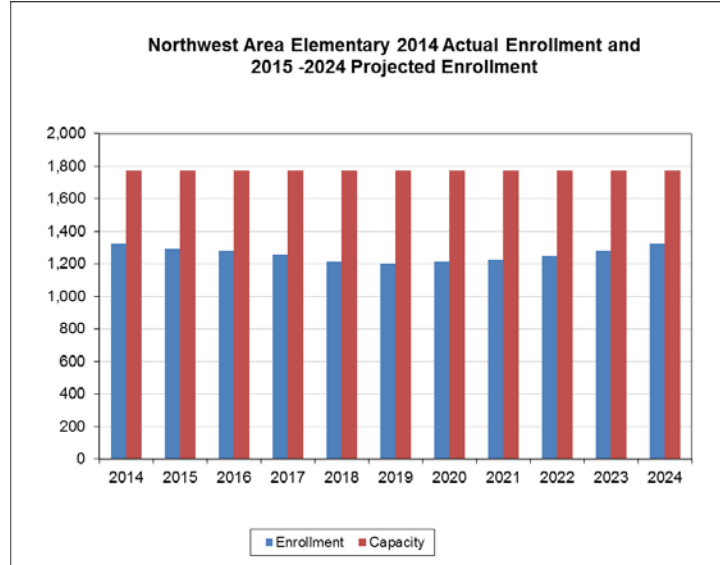
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## NORTHWEST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

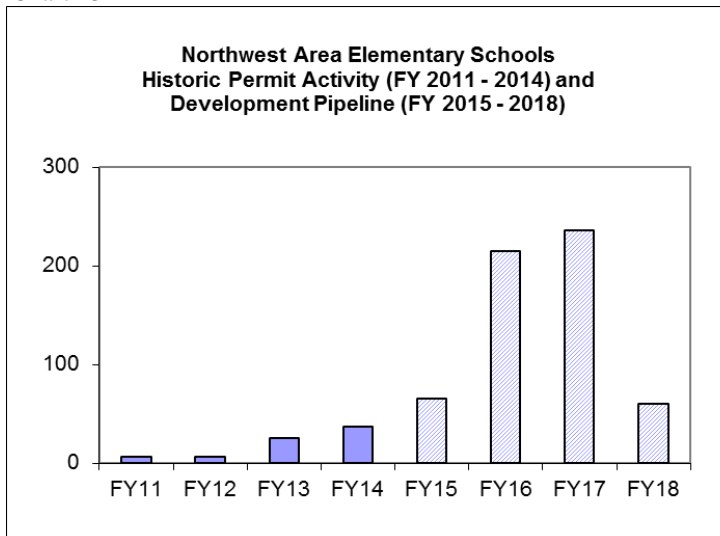
The Northwest Area Elementary Cluster includes the following schools: Elmer Wolfe, Runnymede, and Taneytown. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,323, which is a decrease of 26 students from last year. The projection for this area indicates that enrollment will decline for the next five years before enrollments begin to grow based on higher projected births. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this area, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 12



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 576, which would be 502 more units than the 74 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

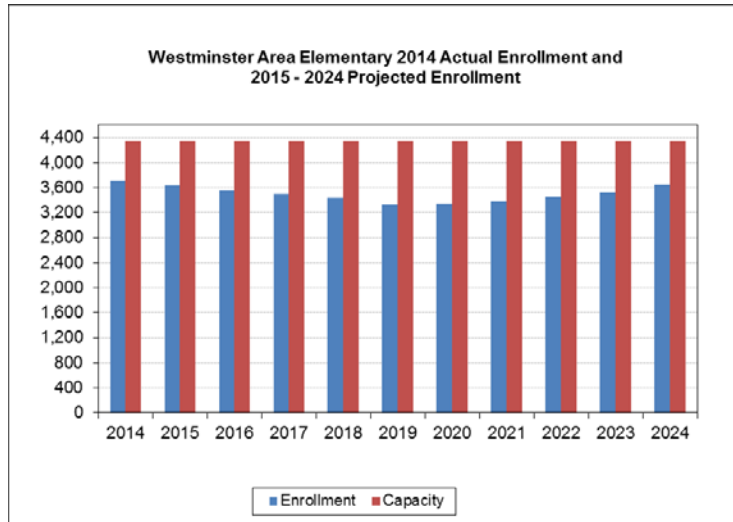
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## WESTMINSTER AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

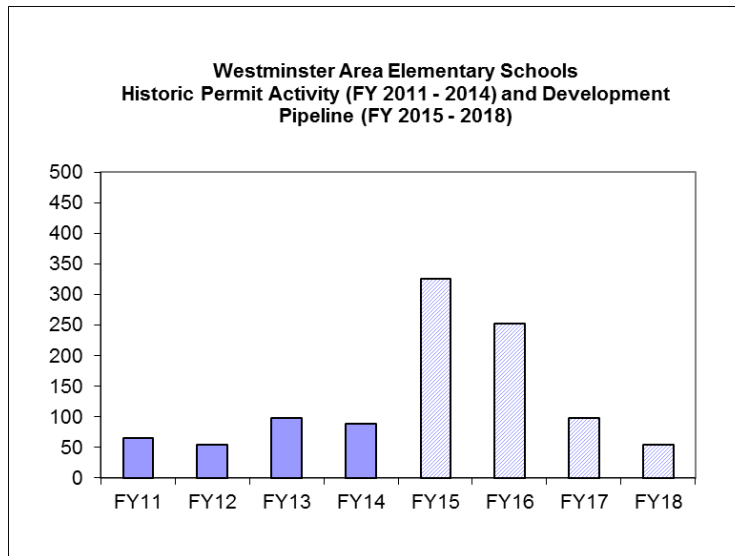
The Westminster Area Elementary Cluster includes the following schools: Charles Carroll, Cranberry Station, Friendship Valley, Mechanicsville, Robert Moton, Sandymount, Westminster, and William Winchester. The current enrollment for this cluster is 3,714, which is a decrease of 96 students from last year. The projection for this area indicates that enrollment will decline for the next five years before enrollments begin to grow based on higher projected births. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this area, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 14



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 732, which would be 424 more units than the 308 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

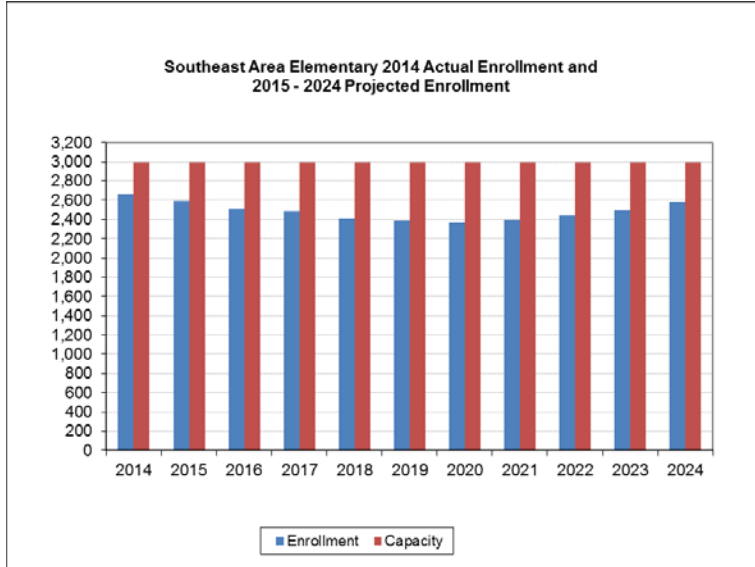
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**SOUTHEAST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

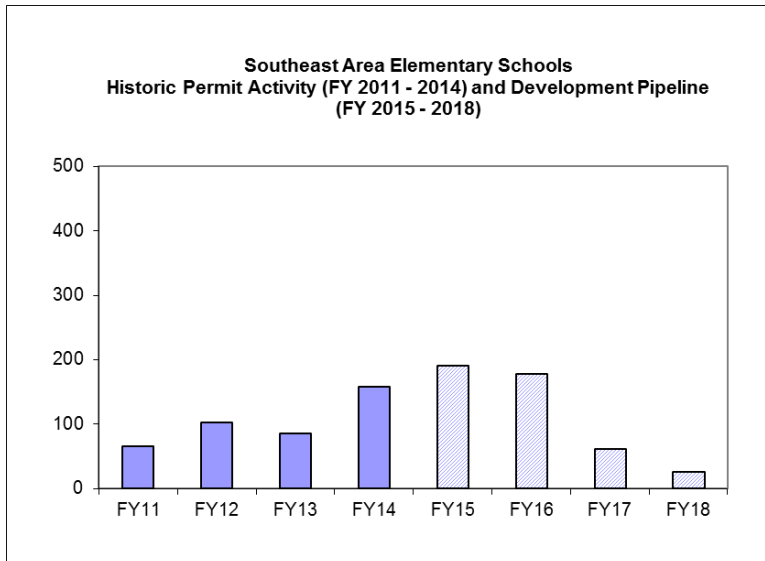
The Southeast Area Elementary Cluster includes the following schools: Carrolltowne, Eldersburg, Freedom, Linton Springs, and Piney Ridge. The current enrollment for this cluster is 2,663, which is a decrease of 88 students from last year. The projection for this area indicates that enrollment will decline for the next five years before enrollments begin to grow based on higher projected births. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this area, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 16



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 454, which would be 44 more units than the 410 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

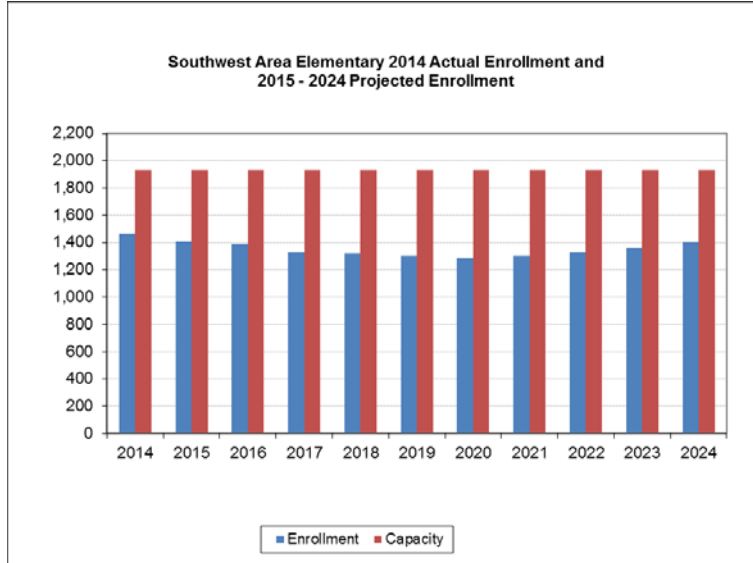
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## **SOUTHWEST AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

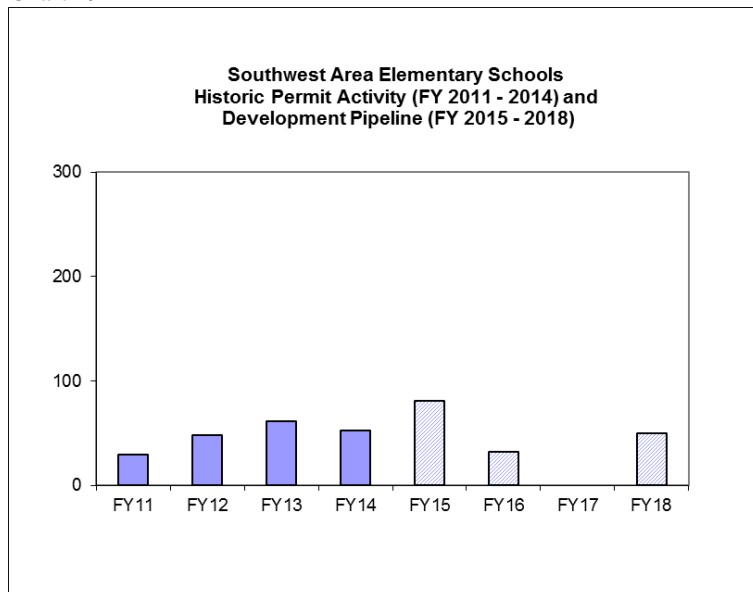
The Southwest Area Elementary Cluster includes the following schools: Mt. Airy, Parr’s Ridge, and Winfield. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,463, which is a decrease of 32 students from last year. The projection for this area indicates that enrollment will decline for the next six years before enrollments begin to grow based on higher projected births. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this area, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 18



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2014 – 2017) is 163, which is 27 less than the 190 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate future permits.

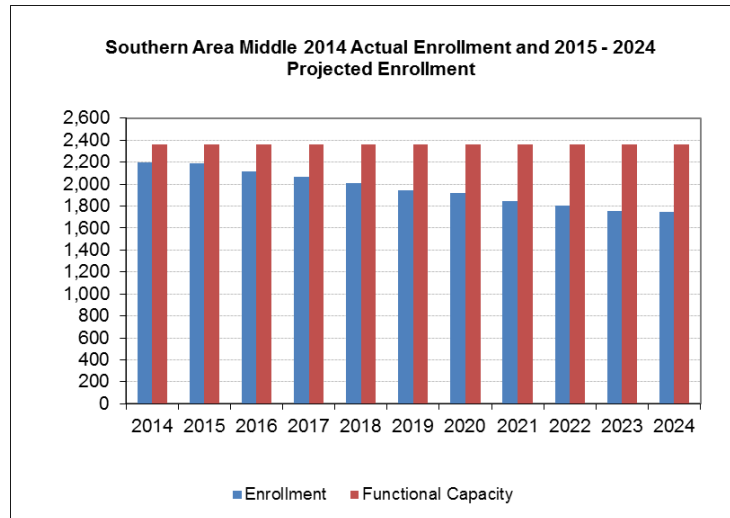
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## **SOUTHERN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

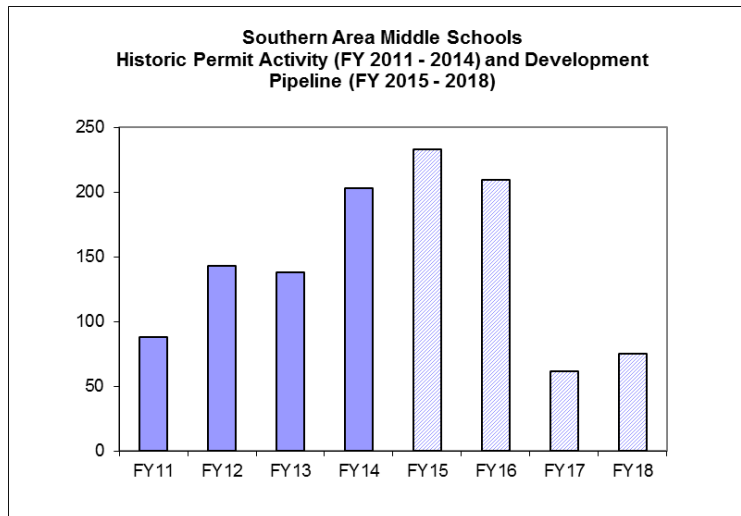
The Southern Area Middle Cluster includes the following schools: Mt. Airy, Oklahoma Road, and Sykesville. The current enrollment for this cluster is 2,201, which is a decrease of 69 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for the next ten years. Based on the Functional Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity to accommodate the projected enrollments.

Chart 20



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 578, which is 6 more than the 572 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

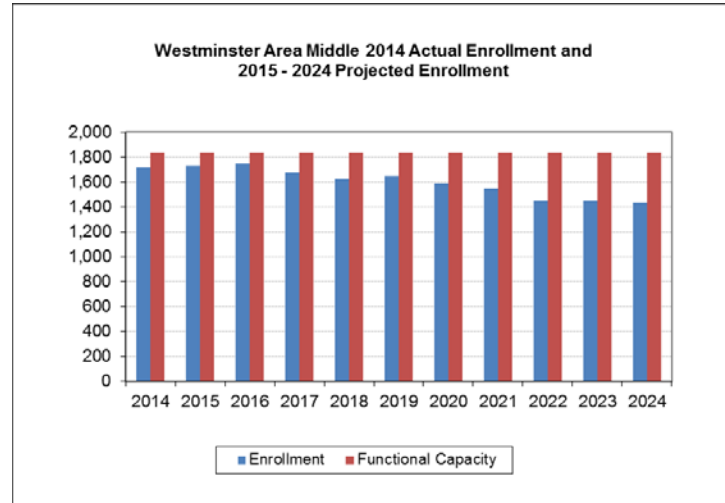
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## WESTMINSTER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS

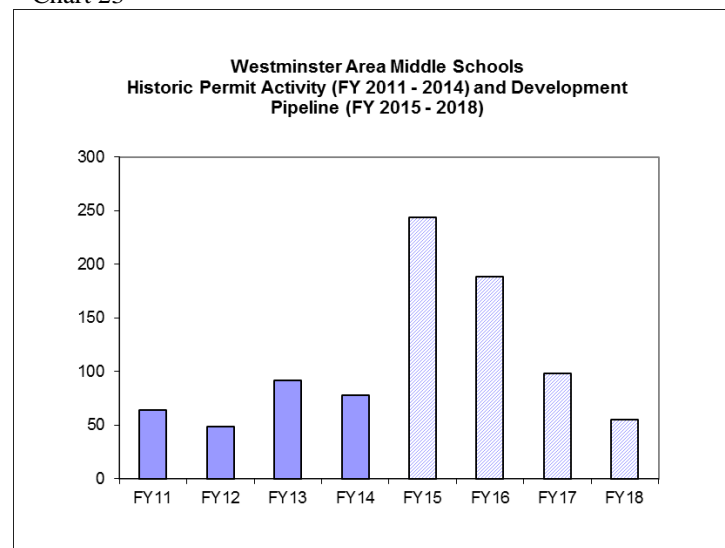
The Westminster Area Middle Cluster includes the following schools: Westminster East and Westminster West. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,716, which is an increase of 72 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollments will increase slightly the next two years before declining over the remainder of the projection period. Based on the Functional Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity to accommodate the projected enrollments.

Chart 22



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 585, which is 302 more than the 283 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

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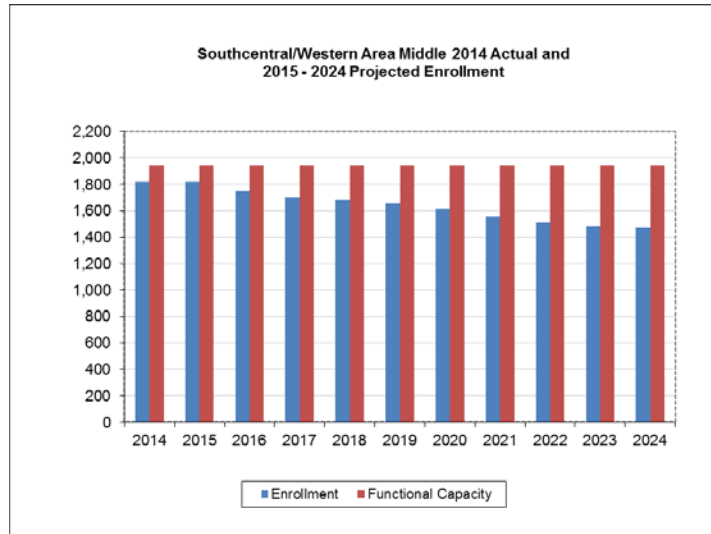




**SOUTHCENTRAL/WESTERN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

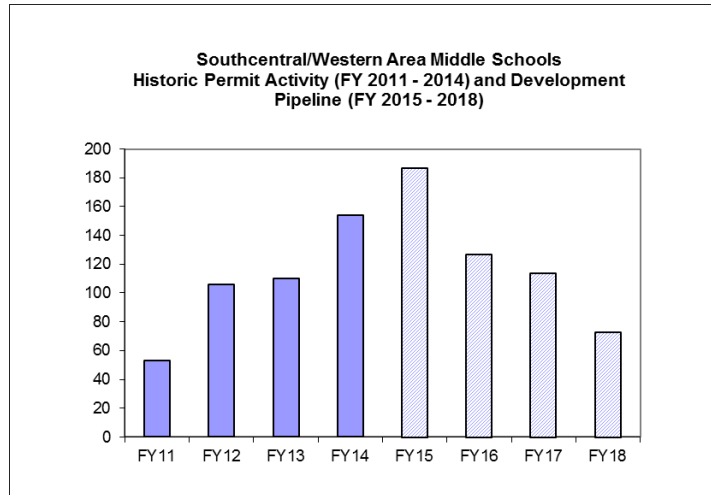
The South-central/Western Area Middle Cluster includes the following schools: Mt. Airy, New Windsor, and Sykesville. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,818, which is a decrease of 4 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for the next ten years. Based on the Functional Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity to accommodate the projected enrollments.

Chart 24



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 501, which is 78 more than the 423 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

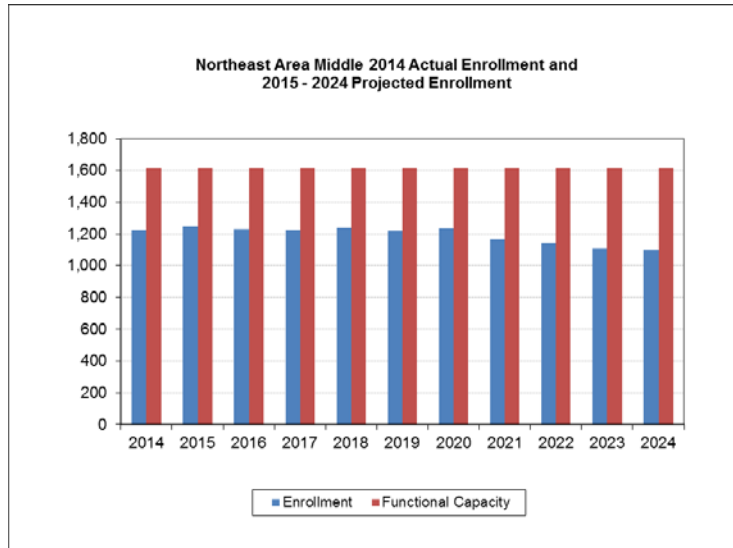
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## NORTHEAST AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS

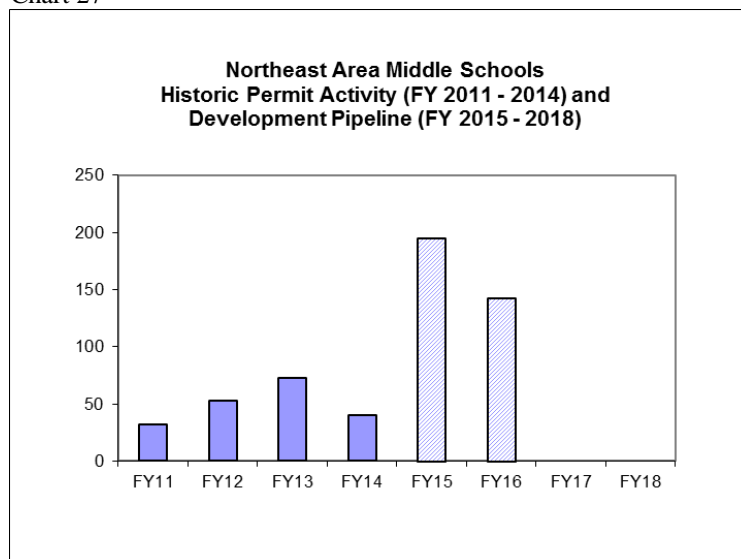
The Northeast Area Middle Cluster includes the following schools: North Carroll, and Shiloh. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,225, which is a decrease of 63 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for seven out of the next ten years. Based on the Functional Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 26



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 338, which is 140 more than the 198 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

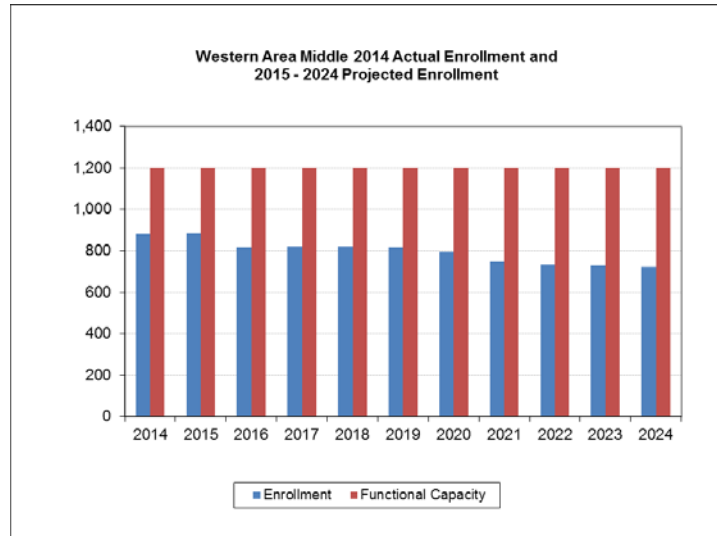
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**WESTERN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

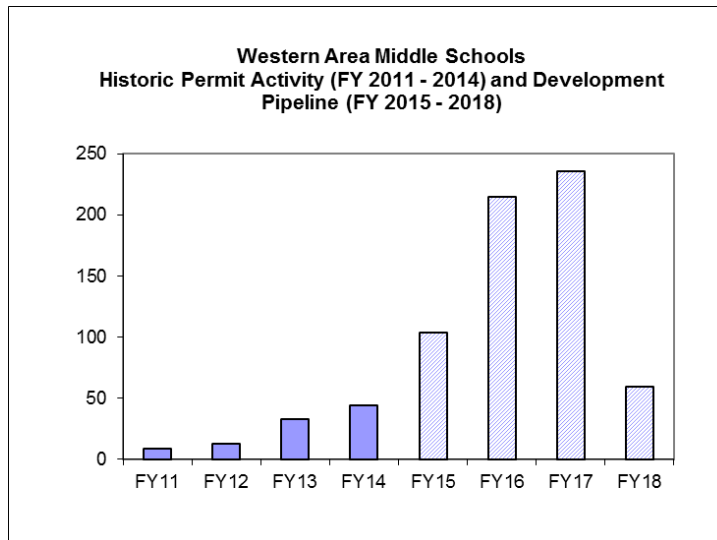
The Western Area Middle Cluster includes the following schools: New Windsor, and Northwest. The current enrollment for this cluster is 880, which is a decrease of 19 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for eight out of the next ten years. Based on the Functional Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this area to accommodate projected enrollments.

Chart 28



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 615, which is 516 more than the 99 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

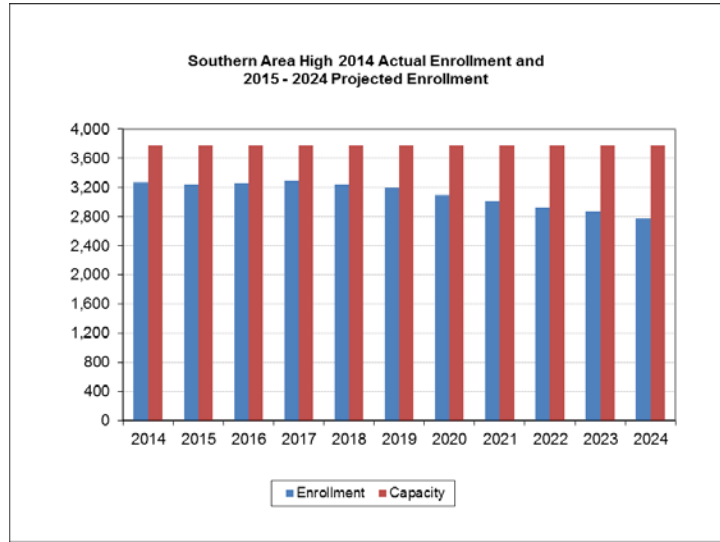
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**SOUTHERN AREA HIGH SCHOOLS**

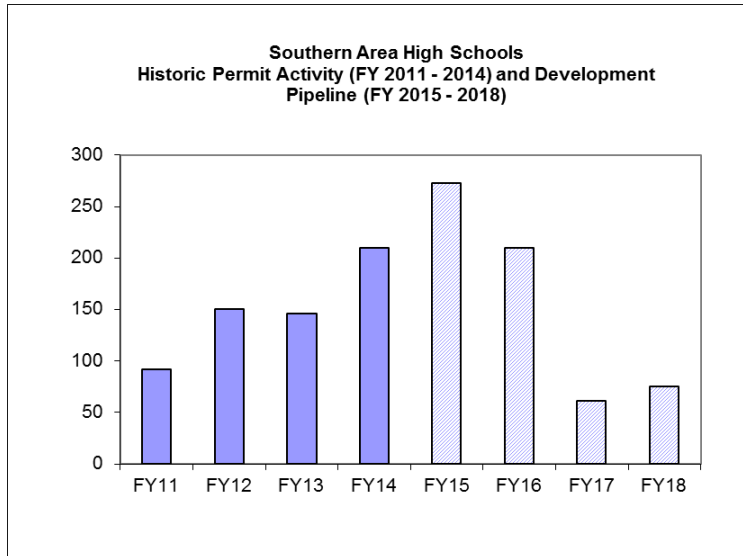
The Southern Area High Cluster includes the following schools: Century, Liberty, and South Carroll. The current enrollment for this cluster is 3,272, which is a decrease of 8 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for eight out of the next ten years. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this region for projected enrollment.

Chart 30



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 617, which is 19 more than the 598 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

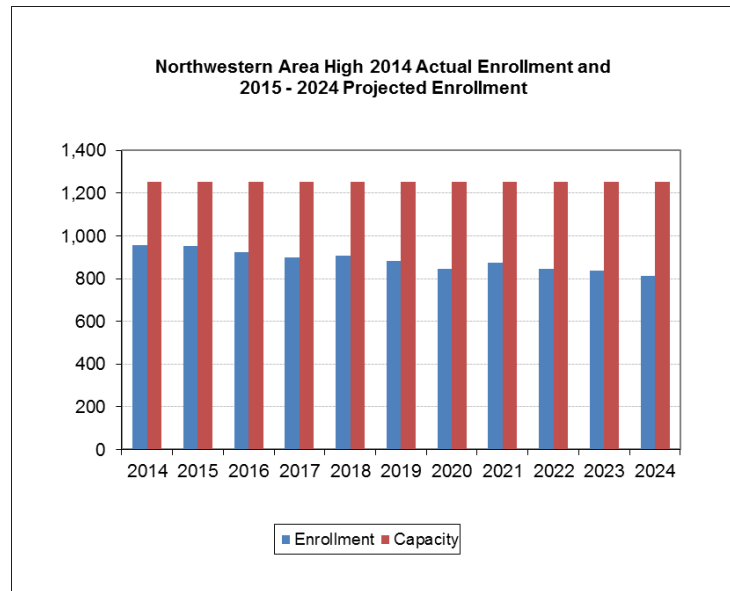
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## NORTHWESTERN AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

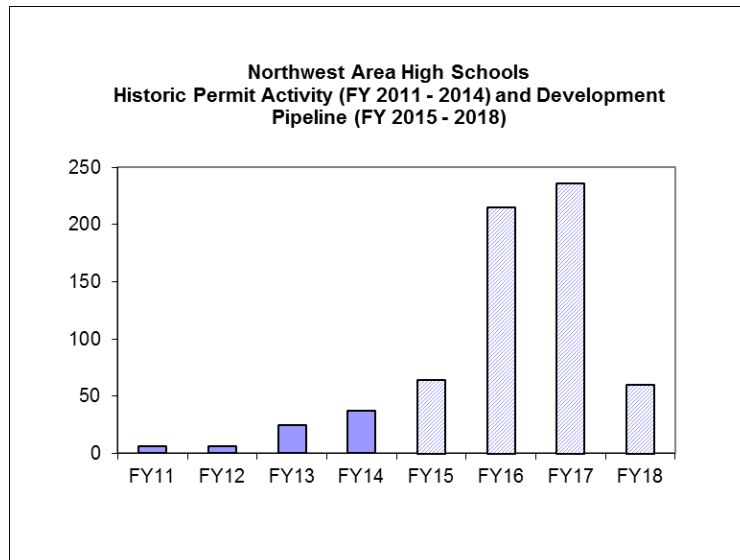
The Northwestern Area High Cluster only includes Francis Scott Key High. The current enrollment for this cluster is 999, which is a decrease of 22 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for eight out of the next ten years. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this region for projected enrollment.

Chart 32



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015– 2018) is 575, which is 501 more than the 74 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

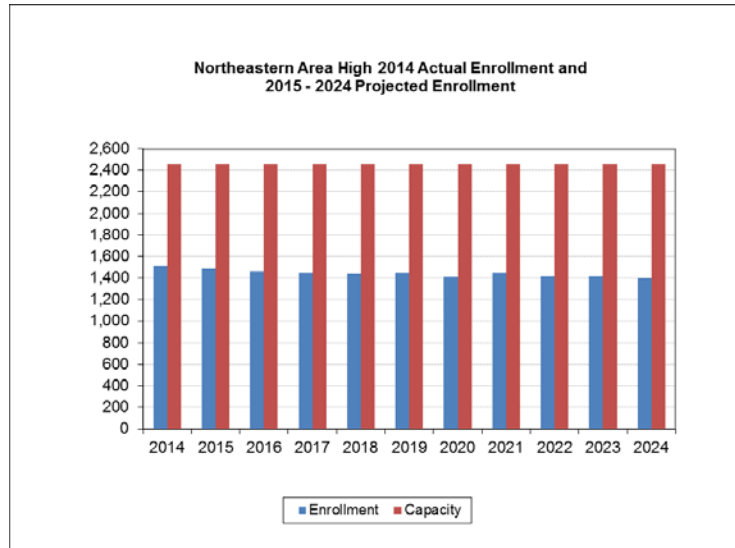
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## NORTHEASTERN AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

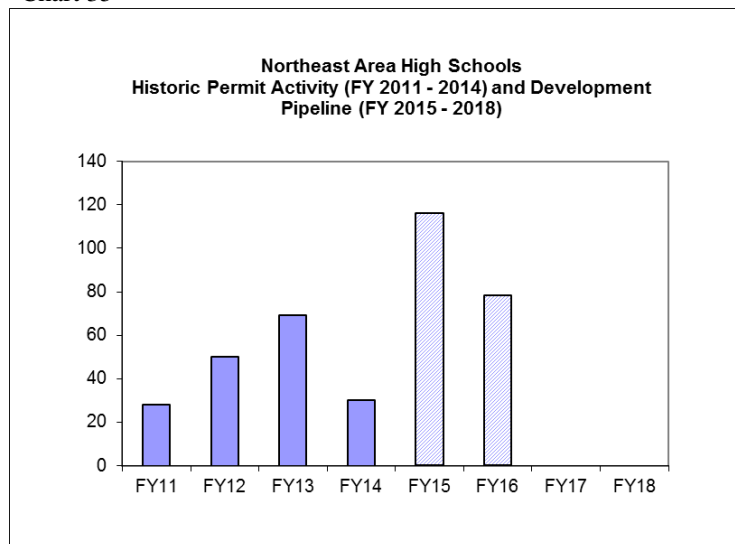
The Northeastern Area High Cluster includes the following schools: Manchester Valley and North Carroll. The current enrollment for this cluster is 1,511, which is the same enrollment as last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for eight out of the next ten years. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this region for projected enrollment.

Chart 34



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 194, which is 17 more than the 177 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

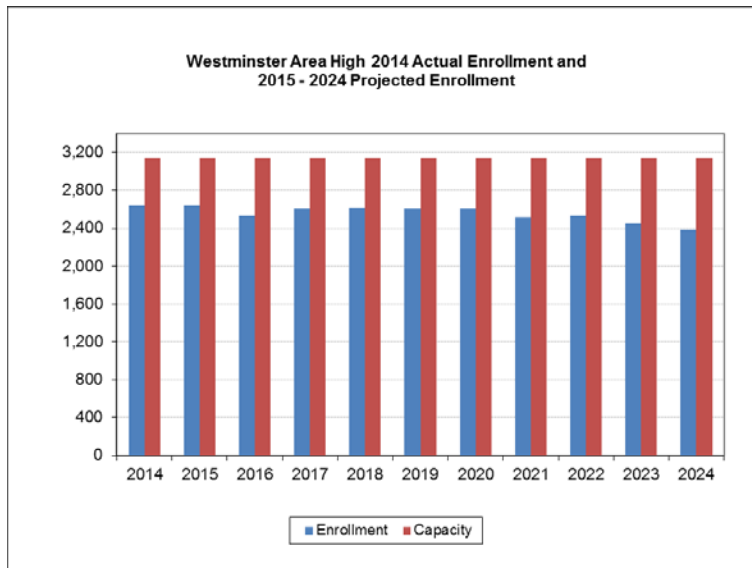
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## WESTMINSTER AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

The Westminster Area High Cluster includes the following schools: Westminster and Winters Mill. The current enrollment for this cluster is 2,639, which is a decrease of 41 students from last year. The projections for this area indicate enrollment will decrease for five out of the next ten years. Based on the State Rated Capacity of the schools in this region, there is adequate capacity in this region for projected enrollment.

Chart 36



The total number of potential units for the region (FY 2015 – 2018) is 730, which is 427 more than the 303 permits issued for the area over the last four years. The amount of available capacity in this area should be adequate to be able to accommodate the potential increase to the growth rate.

Chart 37

