

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Subject: Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC) consideration of student capacities at middle and high schools.

Facts:

- The 2007 Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute (CEPI) Resource Utilization Study recommended calculating middle and high school capacity assuming 25 students per primary classroom (teaching station).
- The LRPAC has calculated middle and high school capacity assuming only 20 students per teaching station.
- Building Services staff presented alternative school capacities to the LRPAC at the June 7, 2011 meeting to show the impact of increasing average classroom capacity from 20 to 22 students based on the October 2010 Class Size Report (attached as separate document).
 - Henley MS capacity increases from 950 to 1018.
 - Burley MS capacity increases from 726 to 778.
 - Jouett MS capacity increases from 699 to 744.
 - Sutherland MS capacity increases from 709 to 758.
 - Walton MS capacity increases from 542 to 578.
 - Albemarle HS capacity increases from 1774 to 1917.
 - Monticello HS capacity increases from 1274 to 1367.
 - Western Albemarle HS capacity increases from 1084 to 1165.
- Greater capacities may reduce the projected needs for redistricting and building additions.
 - Redistricting may be limited to elementary schools (relieving overcrowding at Hollymead ES and Stony Point ES).
 - Building additions during the next five years in the CIP may be limited to one Western Feeder ES (possibly Meriwether Lewis) and one Southern Feeder ES (possibly Red Hill).
 - Other building additions under LRPAC consideration may be deferred until years 6-10 of the CIP.
- In past considerations there have been stakeholders who have been concerned about increasing capacity of our schools as well as stakeholders concerned about the potential of a large scale redistricting.

Recommendation: The School Board discuss building capacity considerations at the June 23 work session.