



HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Update on Enrollment, School Capacity, and Growth Planning

Date: October 7, 2025
Agenda Item: 26-3206

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Update on Reserved Capacity**
2. **10-Day Enrollment & School Capacity**
3. **Enrollment/Capacity/Utilization Trends**
4. **Residential Building Permit Trends**
5. **Comp. Educational Facilities Plan**

1. Update on Reserved Capacity

A. Recently Released (confirmed inactive):

8 Developments = 606 Dwelling Units = 177 students

81 Elementary School Students

41 Middle School Students

55 High School Students

B. Currently Reserved:

102 Developments = 20,916 Dwelling Units = 5,631 student stations

2,590 Elementary School Students

1,295 Middle School Students

1,746 High School Students



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2. 10-Day Enrollment & Approved Capacity

School Name	School Capacity	2025-26 Enrollment (Day 10)	Remaining Capacity	Current Utilization	Reserved Capacity AS ZONED	Total Students	Development Capacity	Level of Service
Brooksville ES	875	612	263	70%	62	674	201	77%
Chocachatti ES	993	749	244	75%	0	749	244	75%
Deltona ES	1125	743	382	66%	6	749	376	67%
Eastside ES	1154	708	446	61%	290	998	156	86%
JD Floyd ES	1529	856	673	56%	35	891	638	58%
Moton ES	835	610	225	73%	194	804	31	96%
Pine Grove ES	1488	890	598	60%	453	1343	145	90%
Spring Hill ES	1095	764	331	70%	38	802	293	73%
Suncoast ES	1214	916	298	75%	46	962	252	79%
Westside ES	776	505	271	65%	11	516	260	66%
Challenger K-8	1607	1489	118	93%	0	1489	118	93%
Explorer K-8	1868	1466	402	78%	238	1704	164	91%
Winding Waters K-8	1958	1546	412	79%	1208	2754	-797	141%
Fox Chapel MS	1207	751	456	62%	15	766	441	63%
DS Parrott MS	1040	729	311	70%	197	926	114	89%
Powell MS	1133	1028	105	91%	158	1186	-53	105%
West Hernando MS	1308	692	616	53%	169	861	447	66%
Central HS	1888	1477	411	78%	304	1781	107	94%
Hernando HS	1654	1310	344	79%	360	1670	-16	101%
Nature Coast Tech. HS	1296	1296	0	100%	104	1400	-104	108%
FW Springstead HS	2003	1795	208	90%	139	1934	69	97%
Weeki Wachee HS	1986	1478	508	74%	559	2037	-52	103%



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2. 10-Day Enrollment & Approved + Pending Capacity

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Brooksville ES	875	612	263	70%	305	917	-42	105%
Chocachatti ES	993	749	244	75%	0	749	244	75%
Deltona ES	1125	743	382	66%	6	749	376	67%
Eastside ES	1154	708	446	61%	332	1040	114	90%
JD Floyd ES	1529	856	673	56%	61	917	612	60%
Moton ES	835	610	225	73%	258	868	-33	104%
Pine Grove ES	1488	890	598	60%	467	1357	131	91%
Spring Hill ES	1095	764	331	70%	38	802	293	73%
Suncoast ES	1214	916	298	75%	46	962	252	79%
Westside ES	776	505	271	65%	11	516	260	66%
Challenger K-8	1607	1489	118	93%	0	1489	118	93%
Explorer K-8	1868	1466	402	78%	238	1704	164	91%
Winding Waters K-8	1958	1546	412	79%	1231	2777	-820	142%
Fox Chapel MS	1207	751	456	62%	15	766	441	63%
DS Parrott MS	1040	729	311	70%	372	1101	-61	106%
Powell MS	1133	1028	105	91%	175	1203	-70	106%
West Hernando MS	1308	692	616	53%	172	864	444	66%
Central HS	1888	1477	411	78%	308	1785	103	95%
Hernando HS	1654	1310	344	79%	595	1905	-251	115%
Nature Coast Tech. HS	1296	1296	0	100%	127	1423	-127	110%
FW Springstead HS	2003	1795	208	90%	139	1934	69	97%
Weeki Wachee HS	1986	1478	508	74%	569	2047	-62	103%

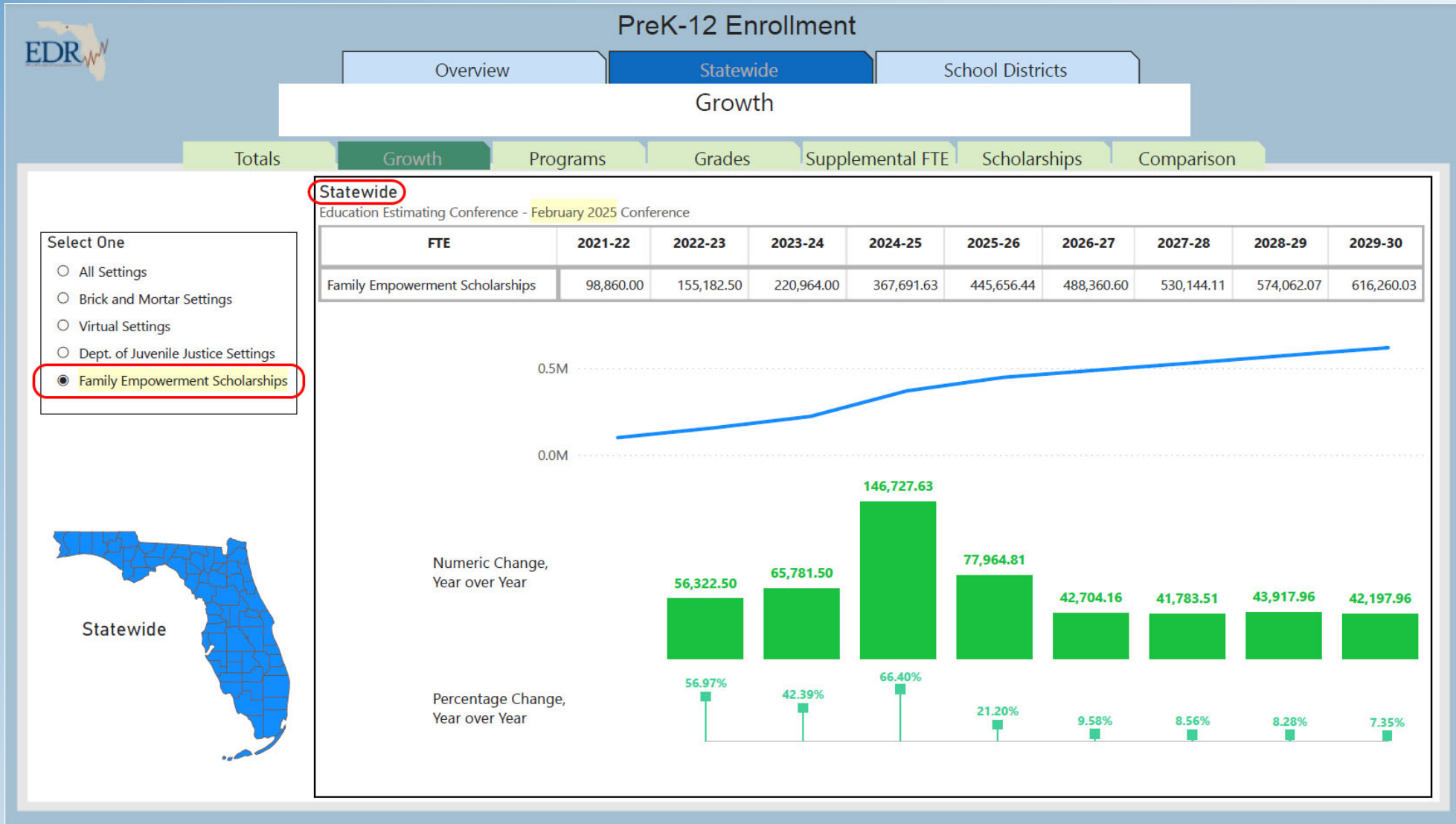


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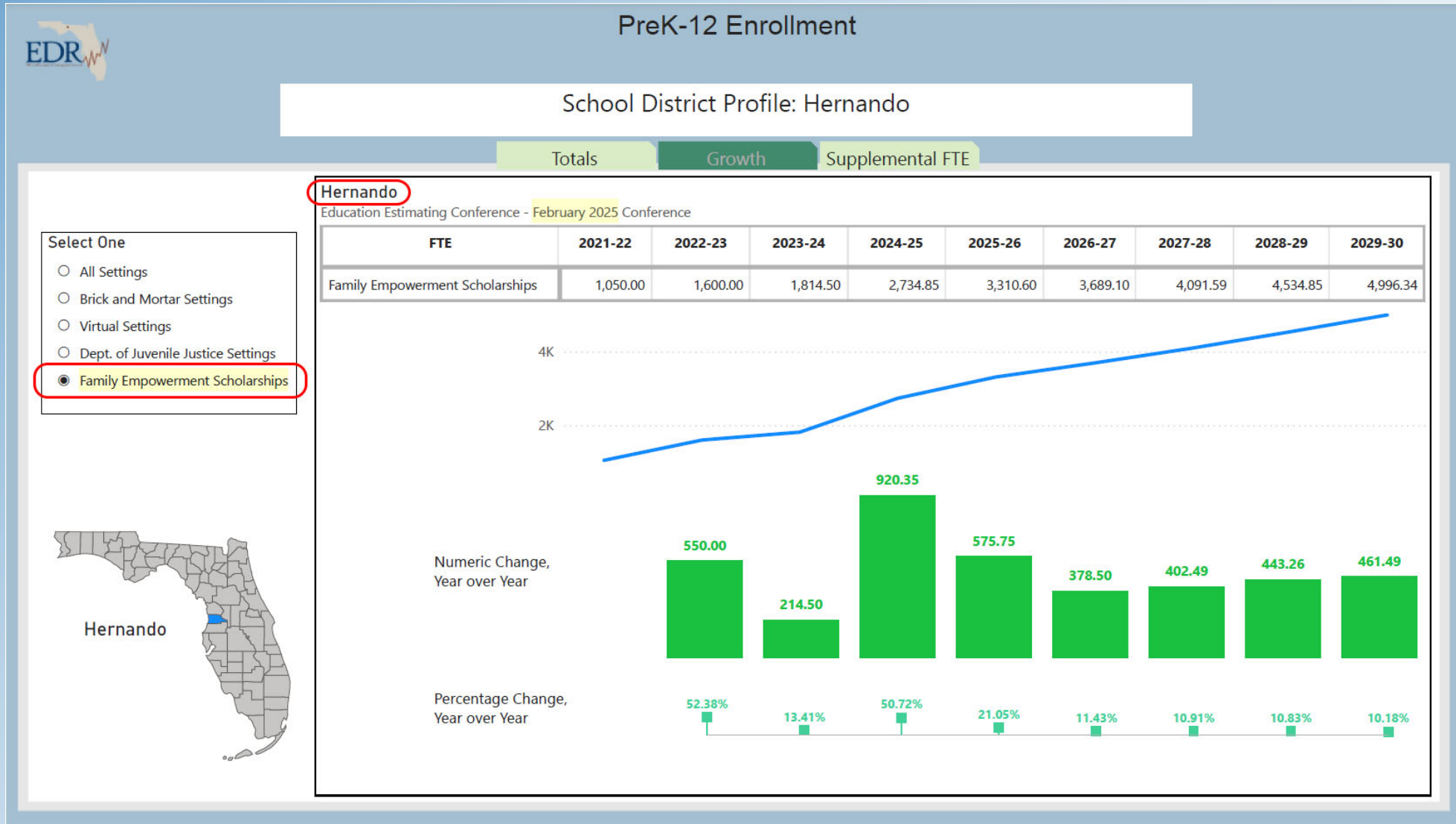
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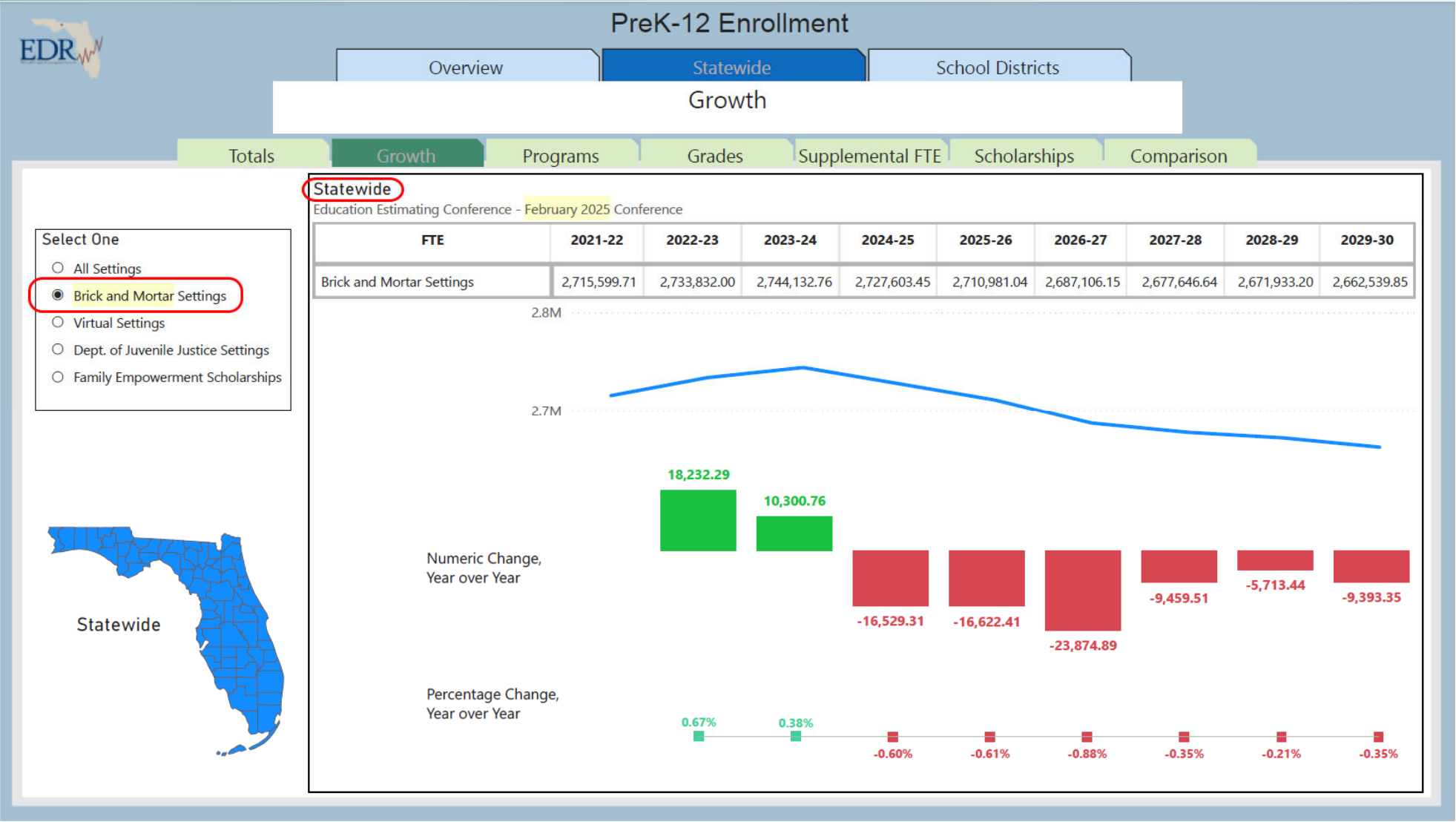
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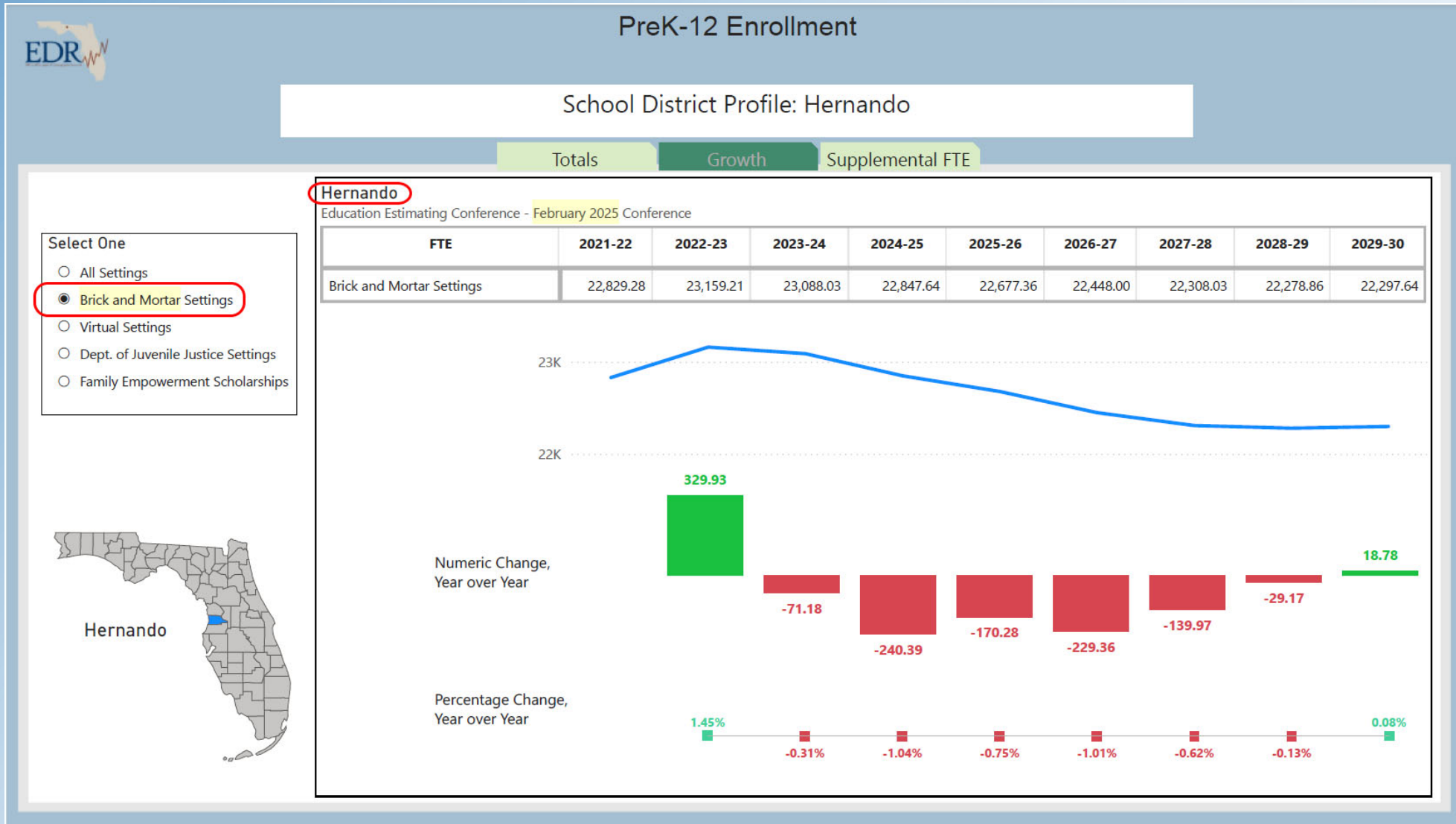
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3. Brick & Mortar Enrollment Projections



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3. Capacity & Utilization 3-Year Trend

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
SCHOOL NAME	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Day 10)	UTILIZATION
Brooksville ES	875	677	77%	875	693	79%	875	612	70%
Chocachatti ES	993	776	78%	993	784	79%	993	749	75%
Deltona ES	1115	860	77%	1125	867	77%	1125	743	66%
Eastside ES	820	750	91%	1154	756	66%	1154	708	61%
JD Floyd ES	1654	959	58%	1529	921	60%	1529	856	56%
Moton ES	835	671	80%	835	674	81%	835	610	73%
Pine Grove ES	1488	1038	70%	1488	946	64%	1488	890	60%
Spring Hill ES	1095	898	82%	1095	833	76%	1095	764	70%
Suncoast ES	1214	921	76%	1214	973	80%	1214	916	75%
Westside ES	776	535	69%	776	514	66%	776	505	65%
E.S. Totals	10865	8085	74%	11084	7961	72%	11084	7353	66%



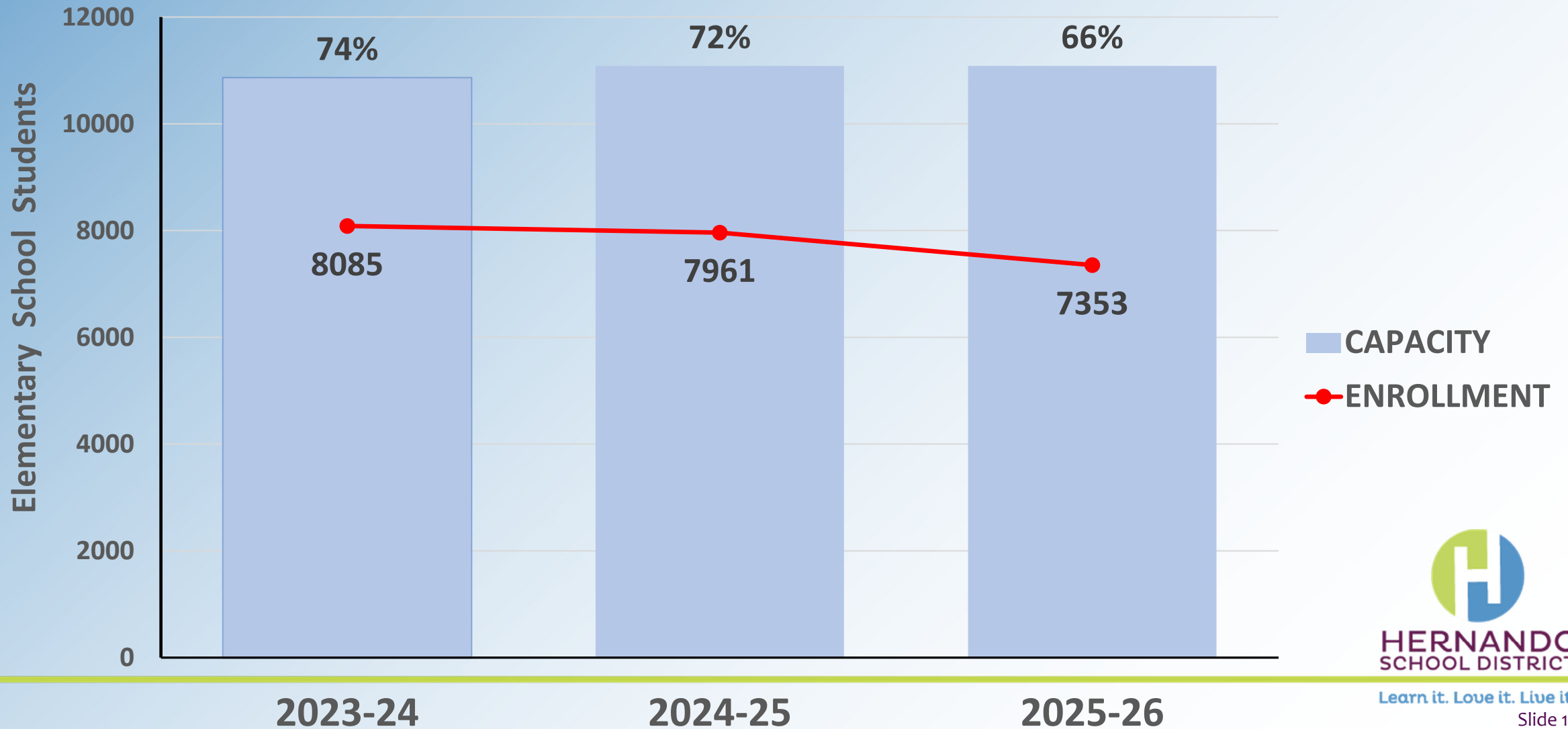
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3. Capacity & Utilization 3-Year Trend

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



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K-8 SCHOOLS

	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
SCHOOL NAME	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Day 10)	UTILIZATION
Challenger K-8	1607	1467	91%	1607	1457	91%	1607	1489	93%
Explorer K-8	1868	1578	84%	1868	1547	83%	1868	1466	78%
Winding Waters K-8	1760	1640	93%	1958	1615	82%	1958	1546	79%
K-8 Totals	5235	4685	89%	5433	4619	85%	5433	4501	83%



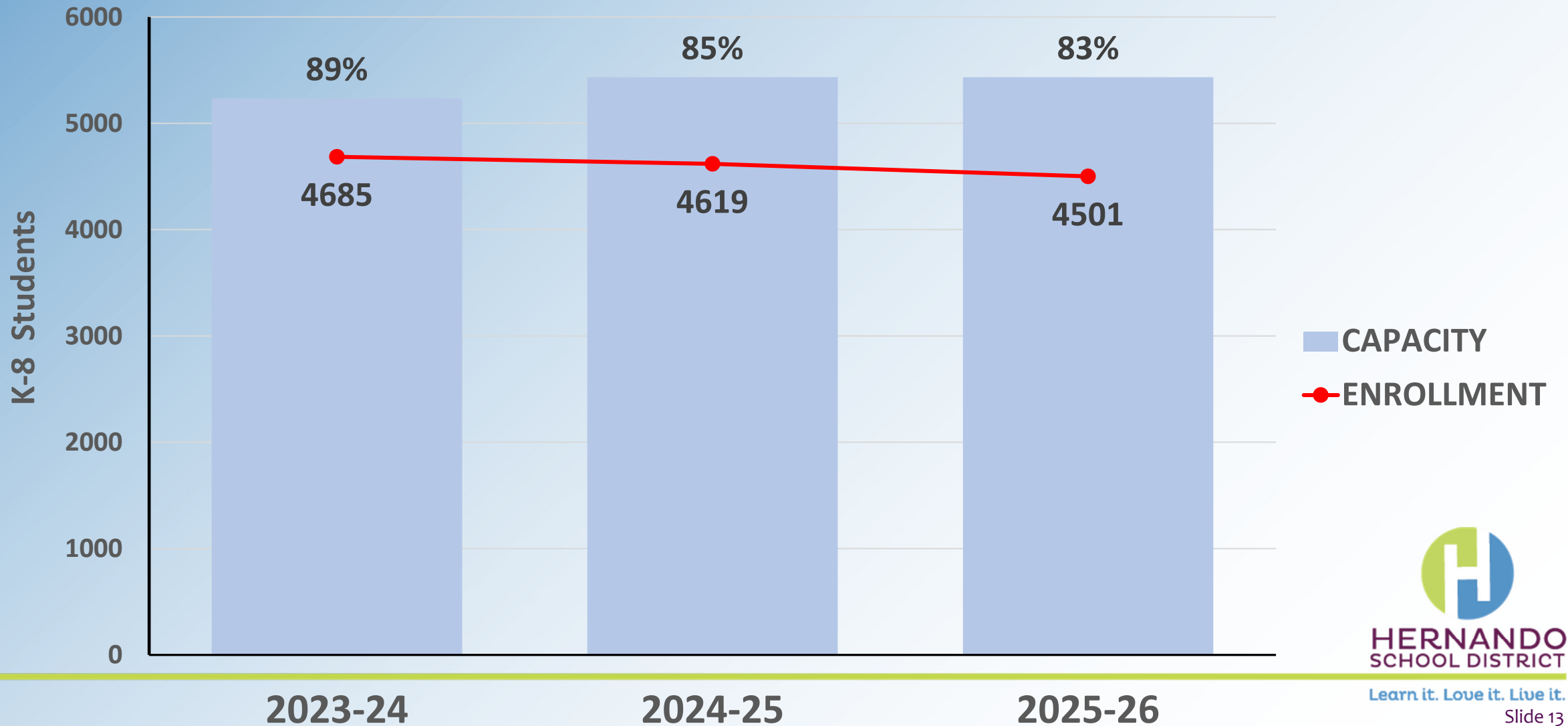
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K-8 SCHOOLS



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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
SCHOOL NAME	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Day 10)	UTILIZATION
Fox Chapel MS	1207	780	65%	1207	819	68%	1207	751	62%
DS Parrott MS	1040	729	70%	1040	749	72%	1040	729	70%
Powell MS	1133	1061	94%	1133	1044	92%	1133	1028	91%
West Hernando MS	1308	650	50%	1308	668	51%	1308	692	53%
M.S. Totals	4688	3220	69%	4688	3280	70%	4688	3200	68%



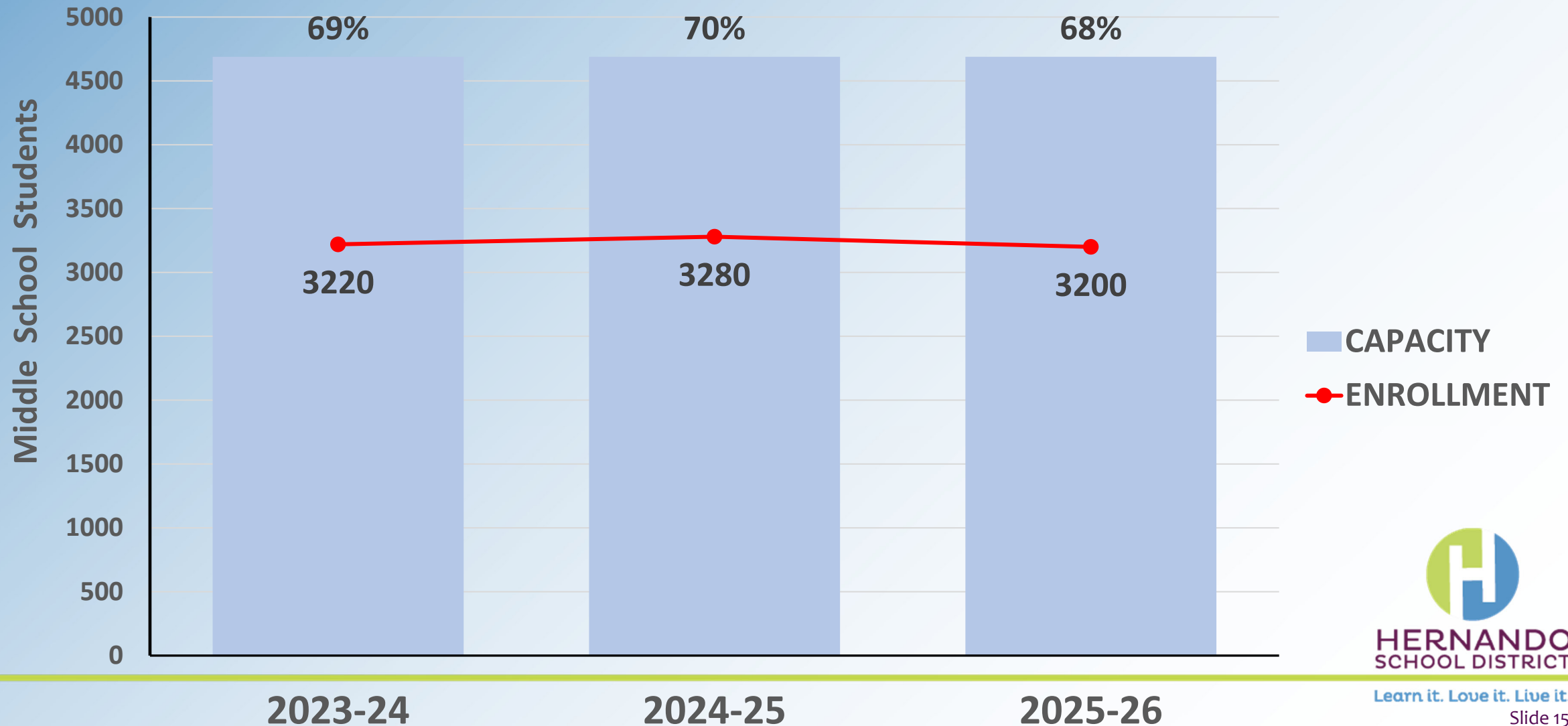
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3. Capacity & Utilization 3-Year Trend

HIGH SCHOOLS

	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
SCHOOL NAME	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Day 10)	UTILIZATION
Central HS	1888	1458	77%	1888	1447	77%	1888	1477	78%
Hernando HS	1654	1267	77%	1654	1301	79%	1654	1310	79%
<i>Nature Coast Tech. HS</i>	1296	1346	104%	1296	1297	100%	1296	1296	100%
FW Springstead HS	2003	1898	95%	2003	1857	93%	2003	1795	90%
Weeki Wachee HS	1629	1403	86%	1986	1444	73%	1986	1478	74%
H.S. Totals	8470	7372	87%	8827	7346	83%	8827	7356	83%



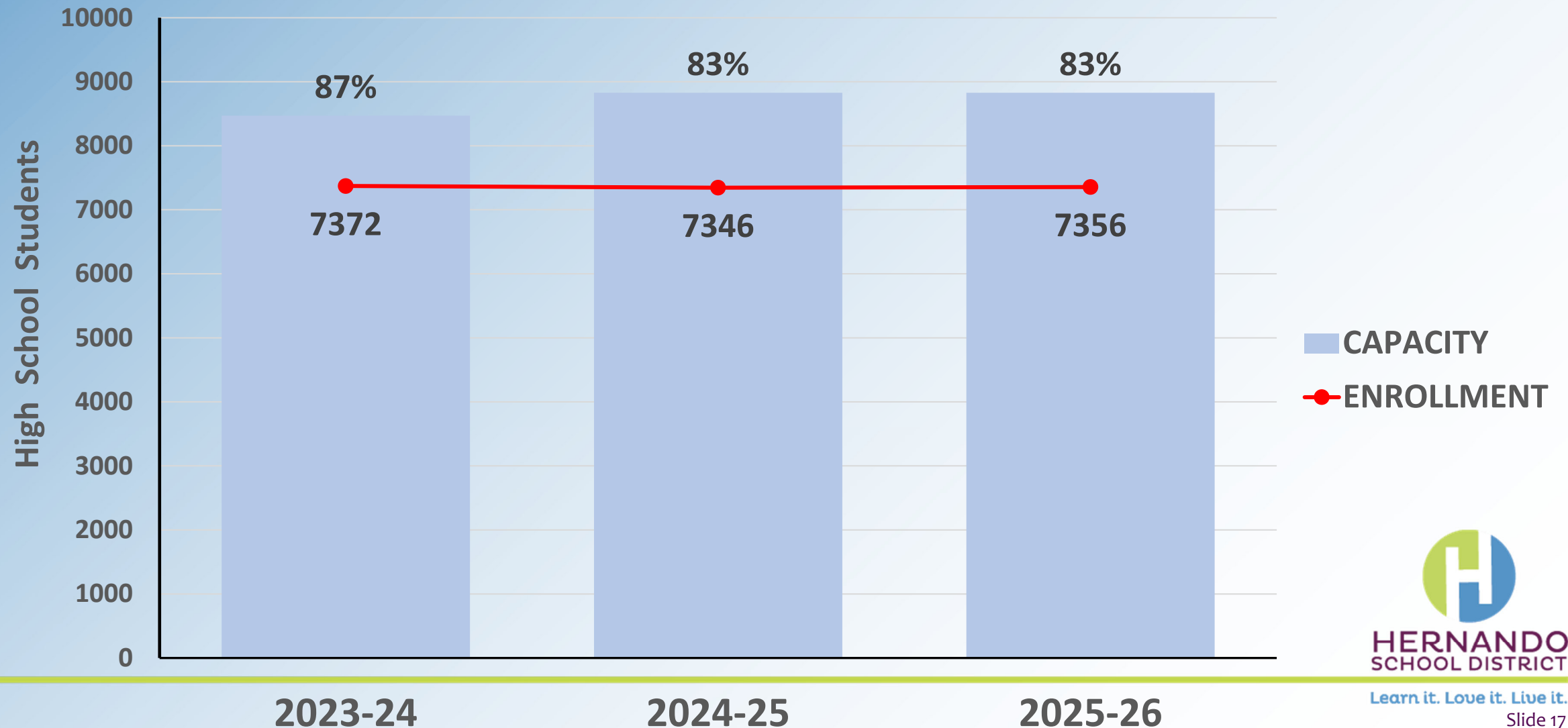
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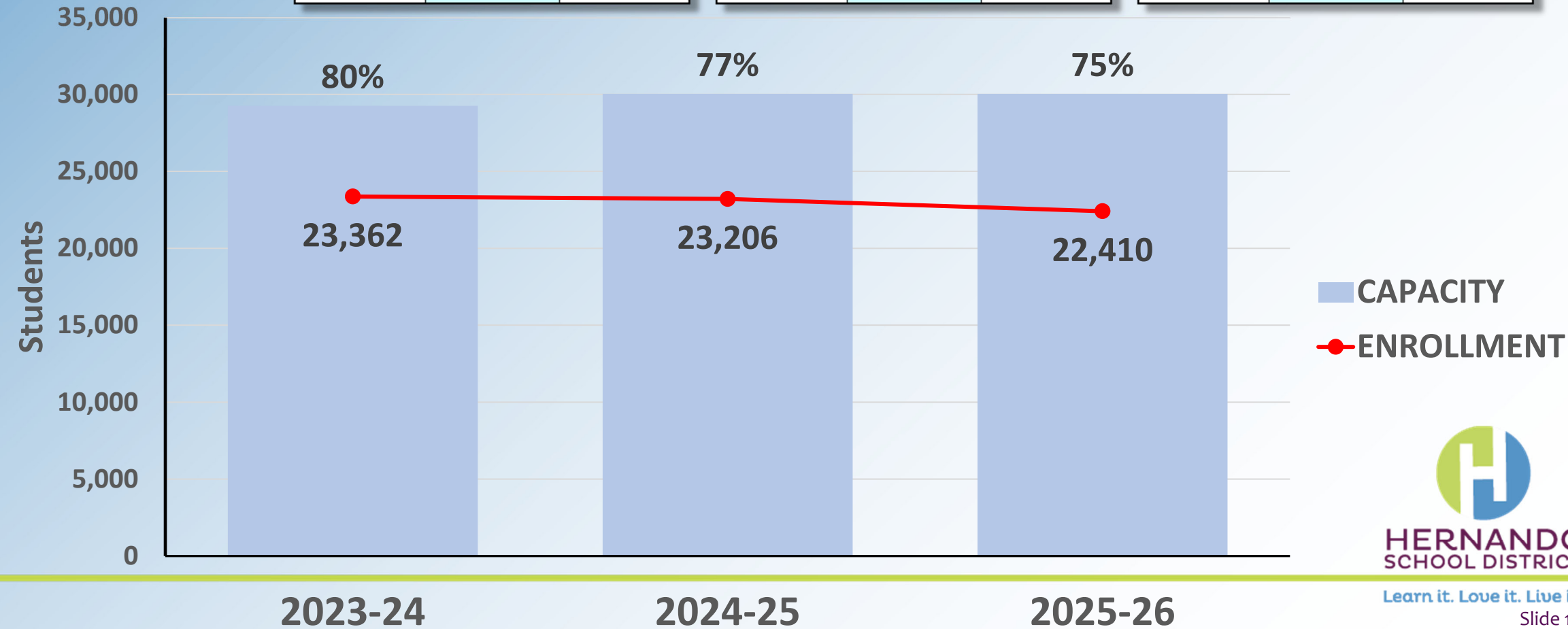
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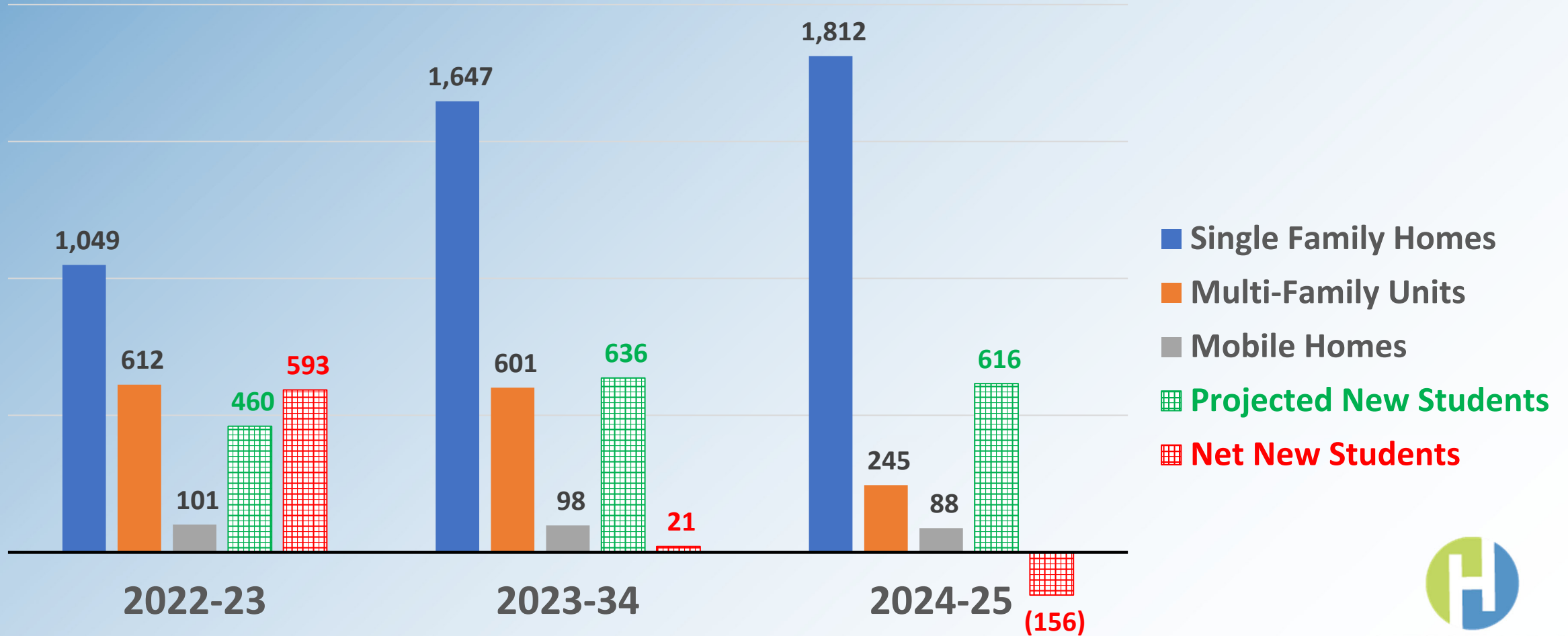
DISTRICTWIDE

ALL SCHOOLS	2023-24			2024-25			2025-26		
	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Fall FTE)	UTILIZATION	CAPACITY	ENROLLMENT (Day 10)	UTILIZATION
	29258	23362	80%	30032	23206	77%	30032	22410	75%



4. Residential Building Permits 3-Year Trend

Comparison of permitted dwelling units to projected and net new students



Permit Data Source: Hernando County Building Activity Reports

5. Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan – CEFPP

- A. Proposals were requested from certified planners to help the district create a **unified vision** and an **actionable plan** for the **future of public education** in Hernando County – to become the BEST choice
- B. Consultant will implement a **collaborative planning process**, garnering input from **all segments of the community** throughout the entire effort
- C. Consultant will compile **new demographic data** to derive development buildout rates, new Student Generation Rates, and a 10-Year Student Forecast



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5. Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan – CEFP

- D. CEFP will be an **easy-to-read** document that guides and informs the creation of long-term capital improvement plans
- E. CEFP will establish **planning strategies** to:
 - 1. Maximize use of **existing schools**
 - 2. Revise school attendance boundaries to balance **future capacity** with **forecast enrollment** and **future program needs**
 - 3. Construct **new schools** in targeted locations, **when needed** to meet future demand



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Hold on Expansion Plan Phase 2**
- 2. Hold on districtwide rezoning**
- 3. Collect data, develop vision & strategies via Comprehensive Ed. Facilities Plan**
- 4. Update Board ea. 6 months (FTE Surveys)**



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