

## **Analysis of a Carolina Forest Middle/Intermediate School Design Based Upon 5-Year Enrollment Projections**

### **Utilizing the current Middle School design (2 middle schools with grades 6-8; 3 elementary schools with grades PK-5)**

- The three PK-5 elementary schools (Carolina Forest, Ocean Bay, and River Oaks) combined will be 365 students over capacity in 2021-22.
- River Oaks Elementary School alone will be over capacity by 279 students in 2021-22.
- The two 6-8 middle schools (Ocean Bay and the new school) combined will be under capacity by 362 students in 2021-22.

### **Utilizing the proposed Intermediate School design (1 middle school with grades 7-8; 1 intermediate school with grades 5-6; and 3 elementary schools with grades PK-4)**

- The three grade PK-4 schools combined will be 184 students under capacity (River Oaks Elementary School, however, will be over capacity by 74 students) in 2021-22.
- The grades 5-6 intermediate school at the current OBMS will be over capacity by 209 students in 2021-22.
- The grades 7-8 middle school will be 22 students under capacity in 2021-22.

### **Long-term Considerations**

- Under the proposed intermediate school design, the grades 5-6 school will open over capacity by 73 students. By 2021-22, the proposed intermediate school will be over capacity by 209 students.
- Based upon 5-year enrollment projections, River Oaks Elementary School will be over capacity in 2021-22 by 74 students with the grades PK-4 design and over capacity by 279 students with the grades PK-5 design.
- Regardless of the design, River Oaks Elementary School will have capacity issues.

### **Questions from Board Members**

- Will the change to an intermediate design for the new school impact a delay in the construction of additional new schools in the Carolina Forest attendance area?

*Based upon student enrollment projections, Carolina Forest and Ocean Bay Elementary Schools, as well as the grades 7-8 middle school, will be under capacity from 2017-18 through 2021-22. However, under the proposal for adopting an intermediate design, over capacity issues will need to be addressed at the new intermediate school and at River Oaks Elementary School. This could be addressed short-term with modular classrooms and through additions long-term.*

- Will there be programmatic/certification issues with the adoption of an intermediate design for the new school?

*As with St. James Intermediate School, the instructional program would need to be designed to address this new grade configuration. While this is a novel approach for our district, we can work through the issues. Teachers will be selected for an intermediate school based upon appropriate certifications.*

- How much will it cost to renovate the current Ocean Bay Middle School to serve a grade 5-6 student population?

*A preliminary estimate for renovating the current Ocean Bay Middle School to serve a grade 5-6 population is approximately \$1.7 million. This \$1.7 million is in addition to the estimated first-year cost of \$2,251,935.12 that was shared at the June 6, 2016, board meeting.*