

# NESDEC Enrollment Study 2015 Draft Findings

Bedford Public Schools

# Projections to SY 2025

Grade	Actual SY 2012	Act SY 2013	Actual SY 2014	Actual SY 2015	Proj SY 2016	Proj SY 2017	Proj SY 2018	Proj SY 2019	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2021	Proj SY 2022	Proj SY 2023	Proj SY 2024	Proj SY 2025
K	157	157	202	186	202	183	174	169	175	171	175	173	173	173
1	166	166	171	202	195	212	192	182	177	184	179	184	181	181
2	190	168	169	179	207	200	217	197	187	182	189	184	189	186
3	147	204	173	164	183	212	205	222	202	192	186	194	189	194
4	174	152	206	174	167	186	216	208	226	205	195	189	197	192
5	180	180	154	202	179	169	188	218	210	228	207	197	191	199
6	199	181	183	145	200	174	167	186	215	207	225	205	195	189
7	190	199	180	177	143	197	172	165	184	212	204	222	202	193
8	186	195	199	180	179	145	199	174	167	186	215	207	225	205
9	236	223	231	230	213	211	171	235	206	197	220	254	245	266
10	197	245	211	220	225	209	207	167	230	202	193	215	249	240
11	215	186	238	204	212	217	201	200	161	222	195	196	207	240
12	187	224	188	227	204	212	217	201	200	161	222	195	186	207
Total	2424	2480	2505	2490	2509	2527	2526	2524	2540	2549	2605	2615	2629	2665
Chg	2.19%	2.31%	1.01%	-0.60%	0.76%	0.72%	-0.04%	-0.08%	0.63%	0.35%	2.20%	0.38%	0.54%	1.37%

School	Proj SY 2012	Act SY 2013	Proj SY 2014	Proj SY 2015	Proj SY 2016	Proj SY 2017	Proj SY 2018	Proj SY 2019	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2020	Proj SY 2020
Davis	513	491	542	567	604	595	583	548	539	537	543	541	543	540
Lane	501	536	533	540	529	567	609	648	638	625	588	580	577	585
JGMS	575	575	562	502	522	516	538	525	566	605	644	634	622	587
BHS	835	878	868	881	854	849	796	803	797	782	830	860	887	953
Totals	2424	2480	2505	2490	2509	2527	2526	2524	2540	2549	2605	2615	2629	2665
% over Prior	2.19%	2.31%	1.01%	-0.60%	0.76%	0.72%	-0.04%	-0.08%	0.63%	0.35%	2.20%	0.38%	0.54%	1.37%

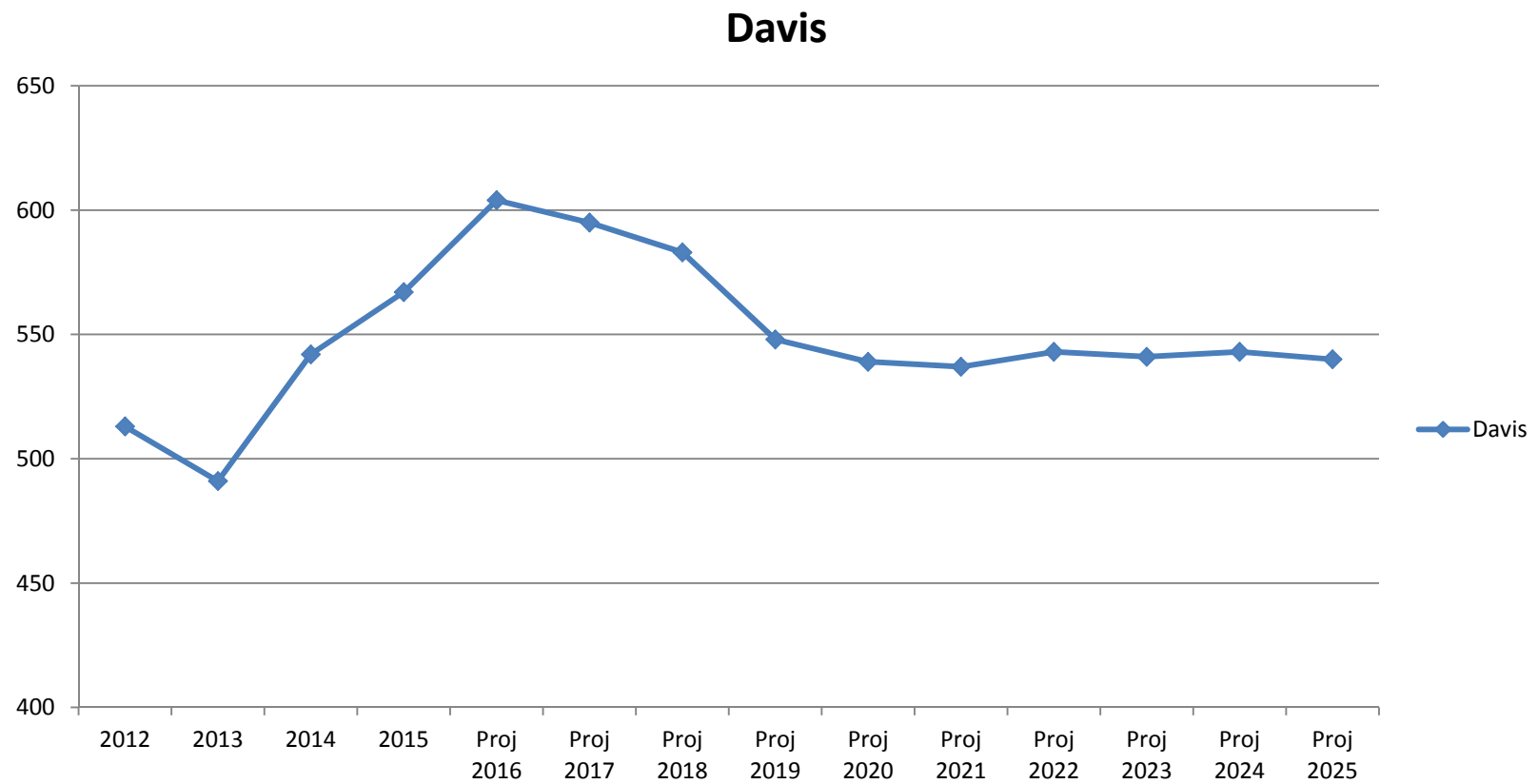
# Bottom Line

- Bedford is growing, 5.8% since 2000, more rapidly than Middlesex county, 2.6% since 2000.
- Number of residents under 18 is growing, up from 2972 in 2000 to 3109 in 2010
- UMASS (Donahue Ctr) projects the cohort of residents in Bedford ages 25-44 will increase by 20.5% by the Year 2020

# Kindergarten Impact

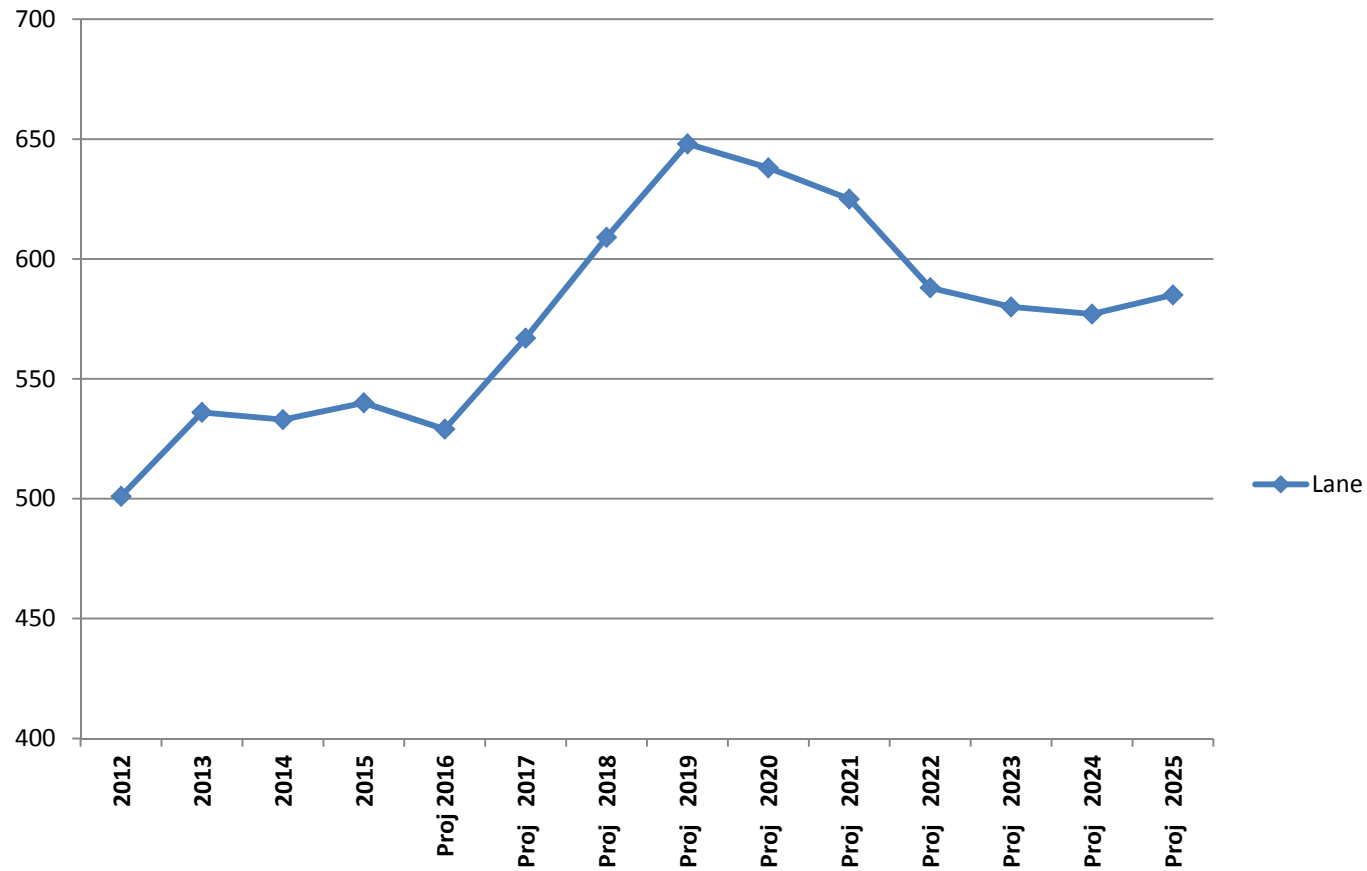
- Kindergarten is expected to follow current trends through the projection period SY 2024-2025
- Average K cohort size = 174
- Births to Kindergarten Enrollment Ratio have risen from .65 in SY2002-03 to 1.49 in SY 2013-14
- Projected Birth to K ratio is projected to average 1.32 to 2024-25
- Driven mainly through families moving into Bedford

# Davis School to 2025



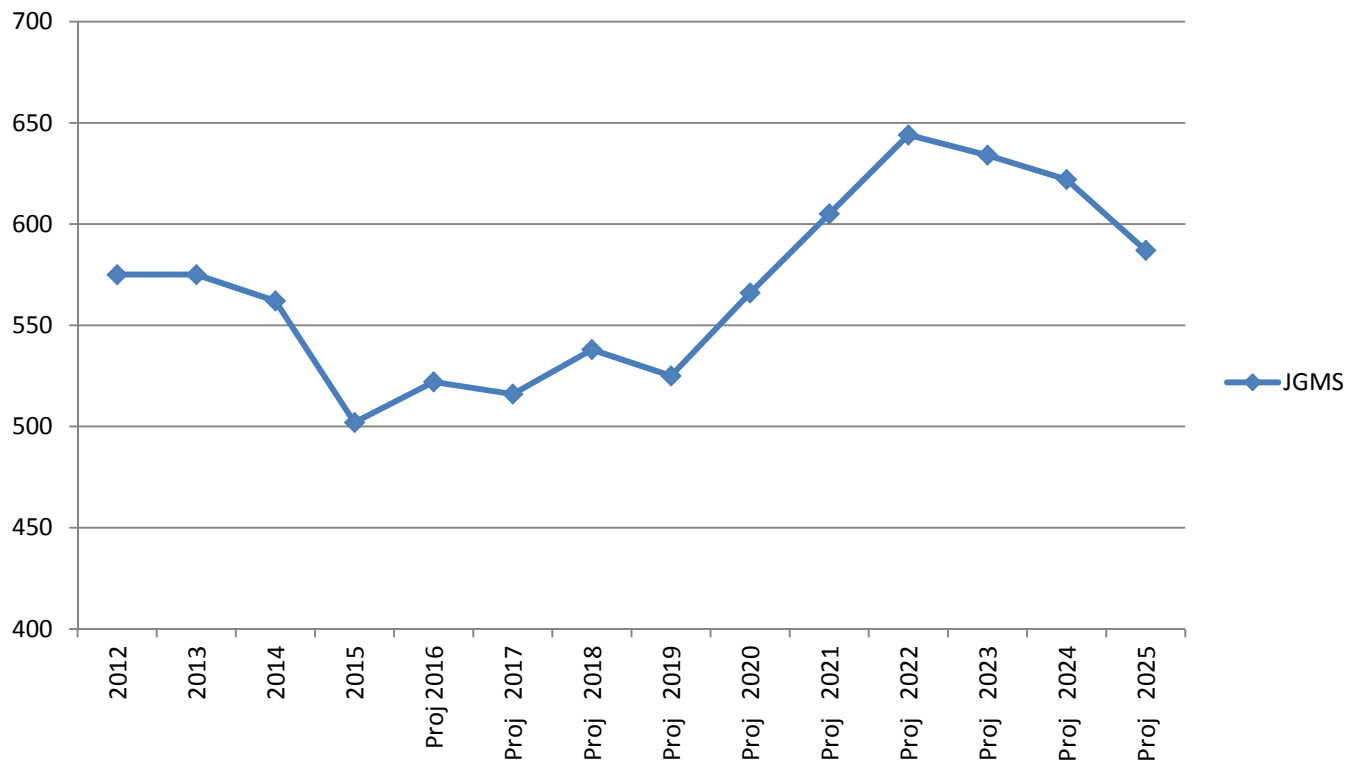
# Lane School

Lane

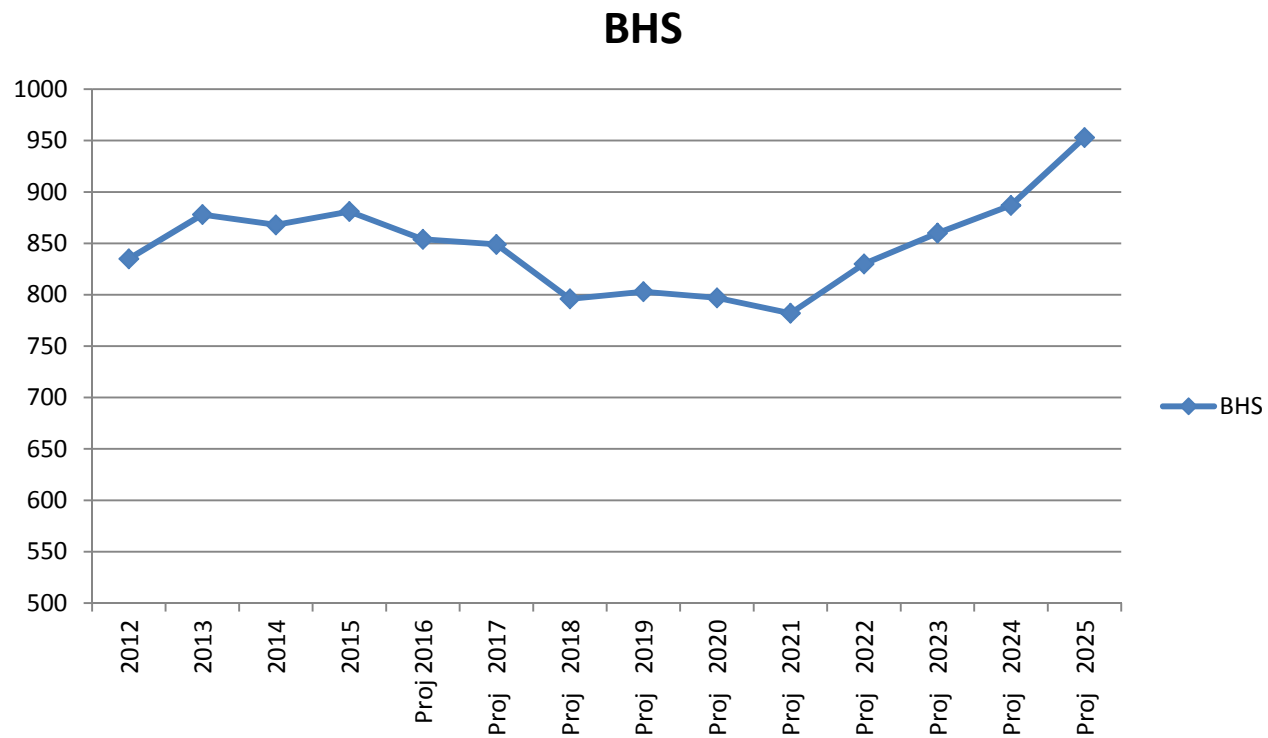


# John Glenn Middle School

## JGMS



# Bedford High School





# Residential Construction: In Process and Future

## Changes that could accelerate in-migration:

- Pine Hill Road...conversion of 30-35 former Coast Guard units being discussed, maybe 2017 ?, might include 10% affordable units
- Accelerated commercial growth in the area could increase pressure for more residential housing
- Residential tear downs are continuing

## Changes that could impede in-migration:

- Closing of Hanscom/Lincoln Labs (rumored), although might have little effect even if it occurred
- New zoning replaced mixed-use which had included residential, now excluded

# Residential Construction: In Process and Future

- 19 condo units – 54 Loomis Street – mostly 1BR, may attract empty nesters or singles – approximately 5 are 2BR; and may attract young families; currently under construction
- 5 S-F homes on Irene Road; completion estimated in Fall 2015 (also smaller sub-divisions with fewer than 5 homes)
- Not yet approved in the permitting process are three proposals: 5 units at 57-75 Hawthorne Street, if approved, earliest occupancy in late 2016... North Road, 4 single-family homes proposed... 152-162 North Road, a cluster of up to 5 cottages proposed, if approved, earliest occupancy late 2016

# **Conversations with Realtors and Town Planner**

- **Trulia (on-line realty) has labeled Middlesex County as one of the top-ten real estate markets in the U.S. ...effect is uneven, yet Bedford is a top priority for many young families**
- **Often there are multiple offers on homes in the \$400-\$800,000 range**
- **Inventory is low, although properties are now coming on the market, very recent sales have been slow due to the difficult winter, yet open houses are packed and sales are up in the last few years**
- **Some families are moving into apartments or condos, and waiting for homes to come onto the market; parents do not have to worry about switching schools, due to the grade configuration by age, instead of by neighborhood**
- **Although some Baby Boomers are downsizing, many are hanging on because they “do not want to leave town”...yet rising value of their homes, the recent tough winter and “high taxes” may cause additional seniors to downsize**

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- **Many apartments have been added (Avalon and Hartwell Farms rent for \$3,000 per month), families with children sometimes move in**
- **Some teardowns have been replaced by 4,000 s.f. homes**
- **In a 2 BR condo development, some owners have created a third BR**
- **Who moves in? – people who work in Cambridge, along Route 128 toward Burlington, in Boston...home prices are lower than Lexington, the Bedford Public Schools are a draw...Bedford is becoming a part of “Greater Cambridge” bio-techs, Harvard, MIT are coming**

# Summary

- Expect current trends to continue as large bubble moves through system and
- In-migration of new residents will maintain kindergarten class sizes at approximately 175 for the foreseeable future
- Davis School will average 560 students through the final year of the NESDEC projection 2024-2025
- Lane will experience 600 plus size enrollment beginning in 2017-18 through 2020-2021
- JGMS will experience enrollment sizes of 600 plus starting in 2020-2021
- BHS enrollment is projected to top out at 953 in 2024-2025