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# Reston Town Center North Facilities Task Force

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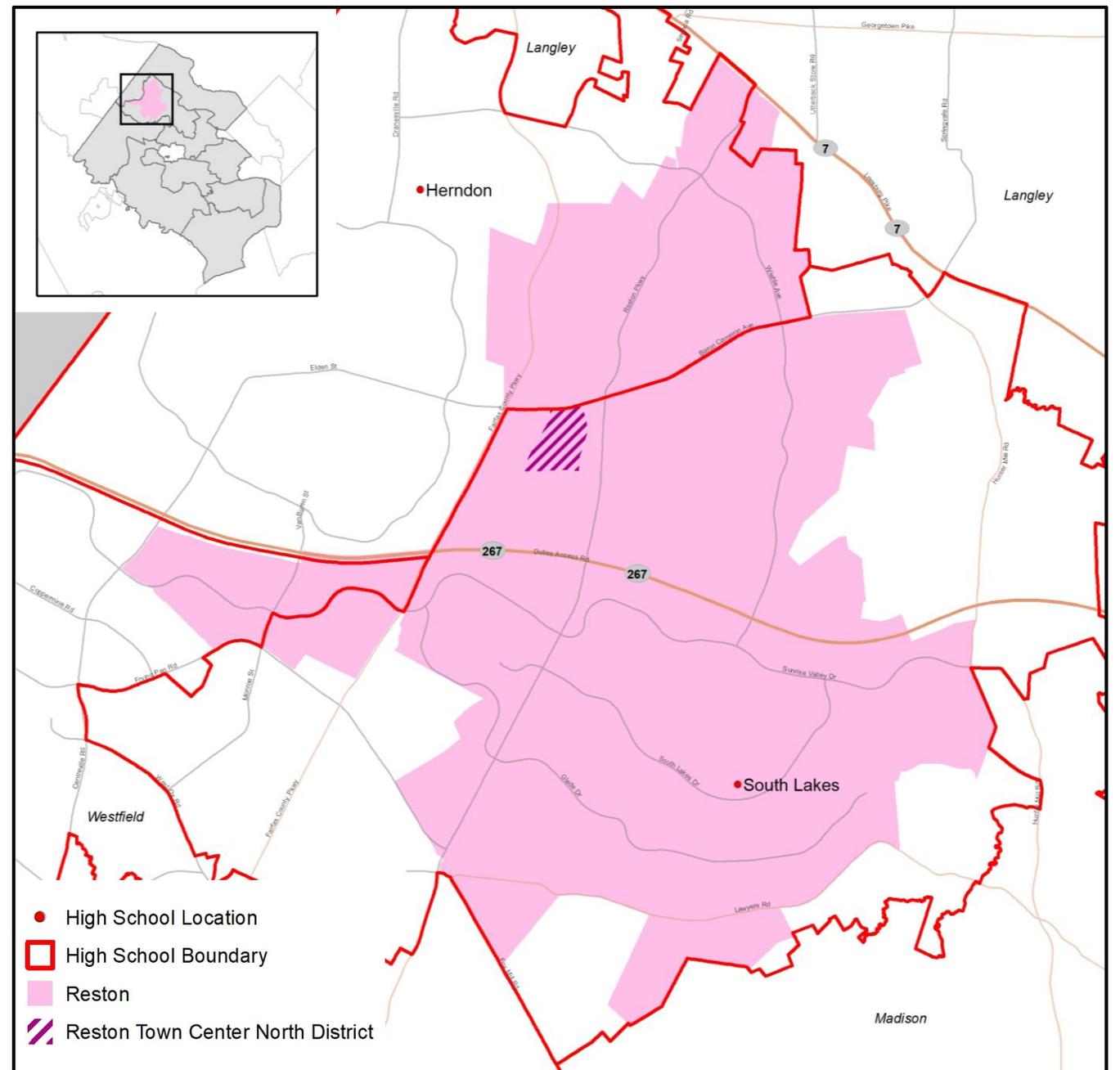


# What Schools Serve Reston?

## High Schools

- Herndon HS
- Langley HS
- South Lakes HS
- Westfield HS

Note: Based on SY 2022-23 school boundaries.

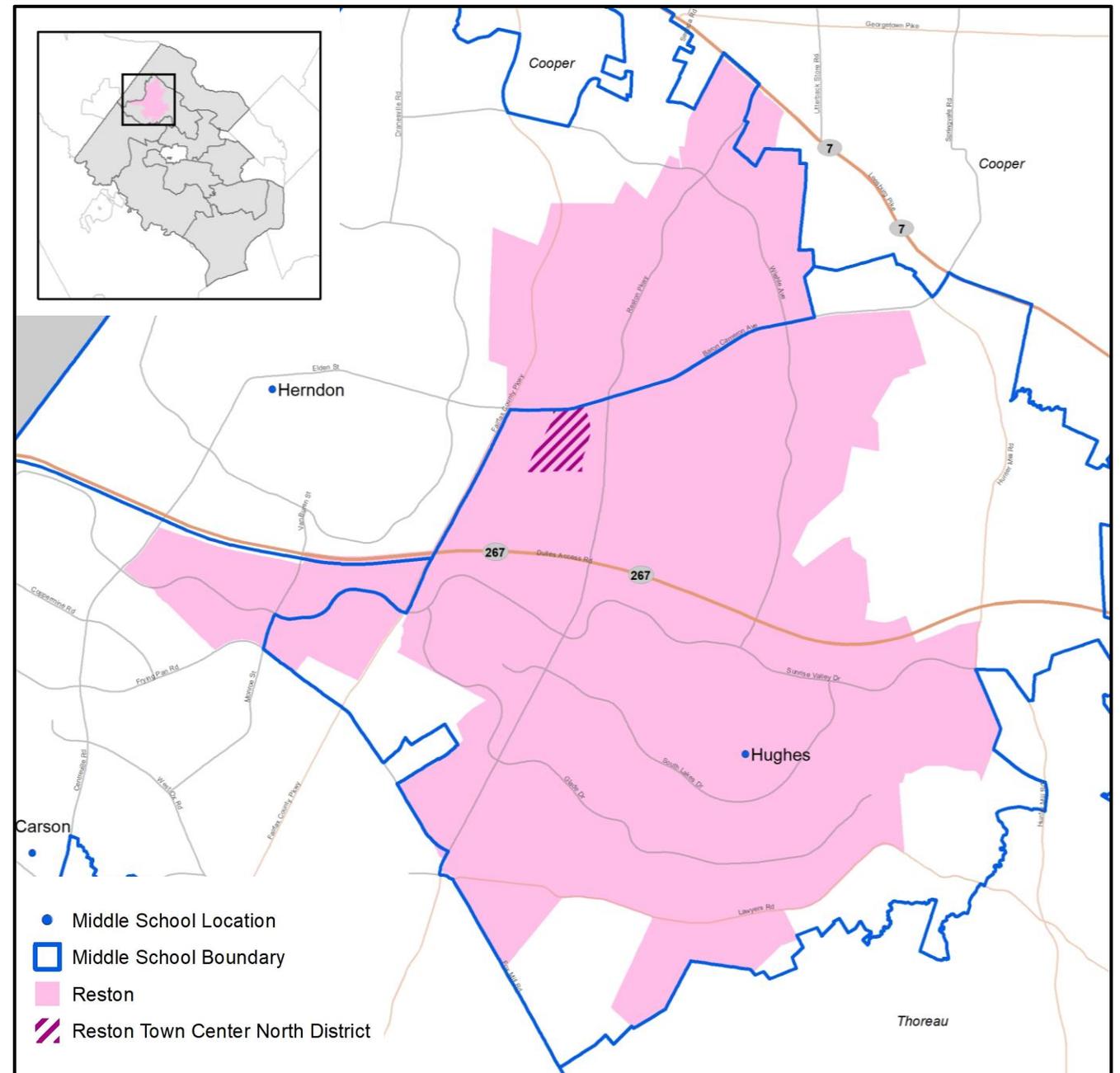


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## Middle Schools

- Carson MS
- Cooper MS
- Herndon MS
- Hughes MS

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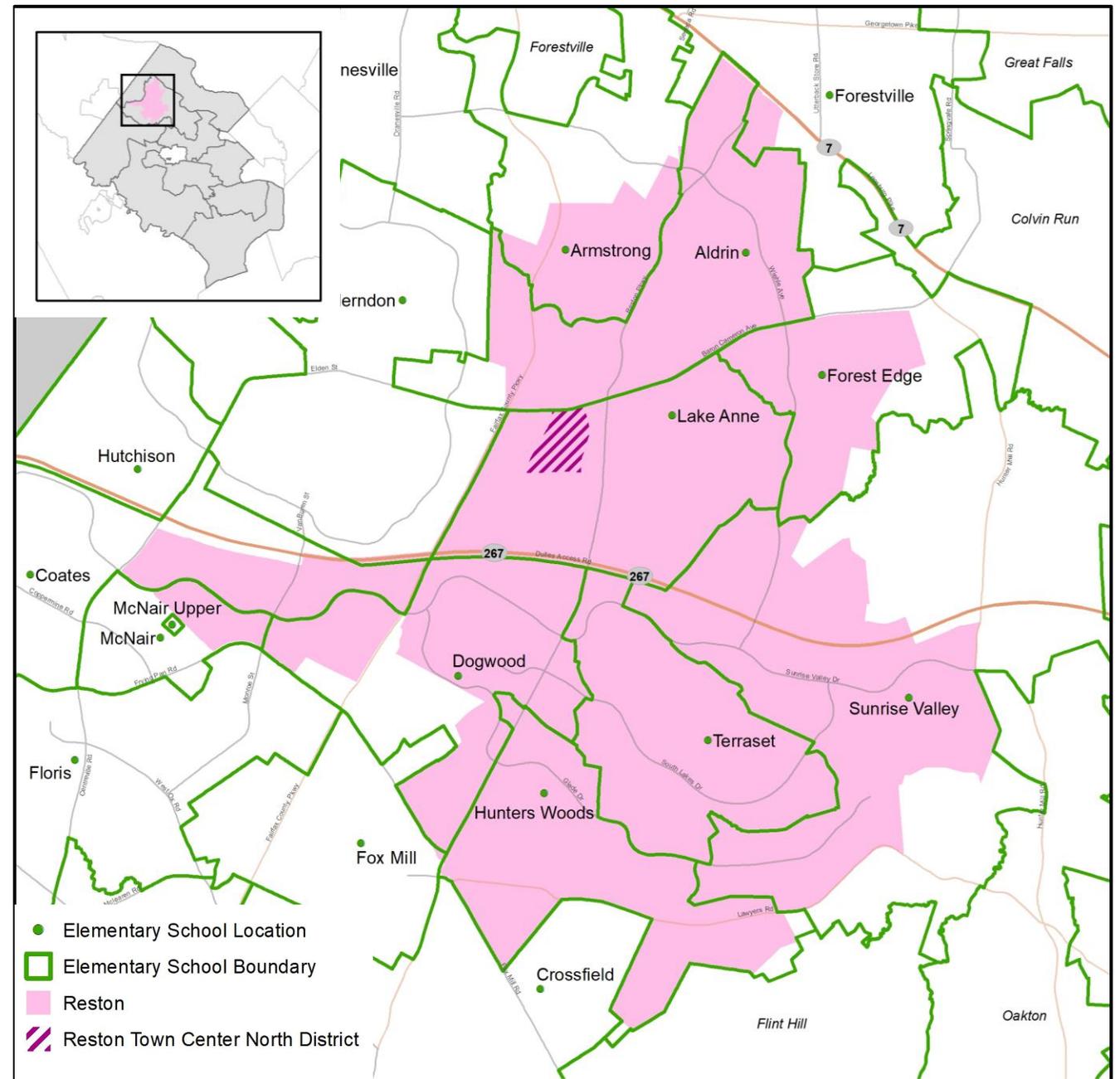


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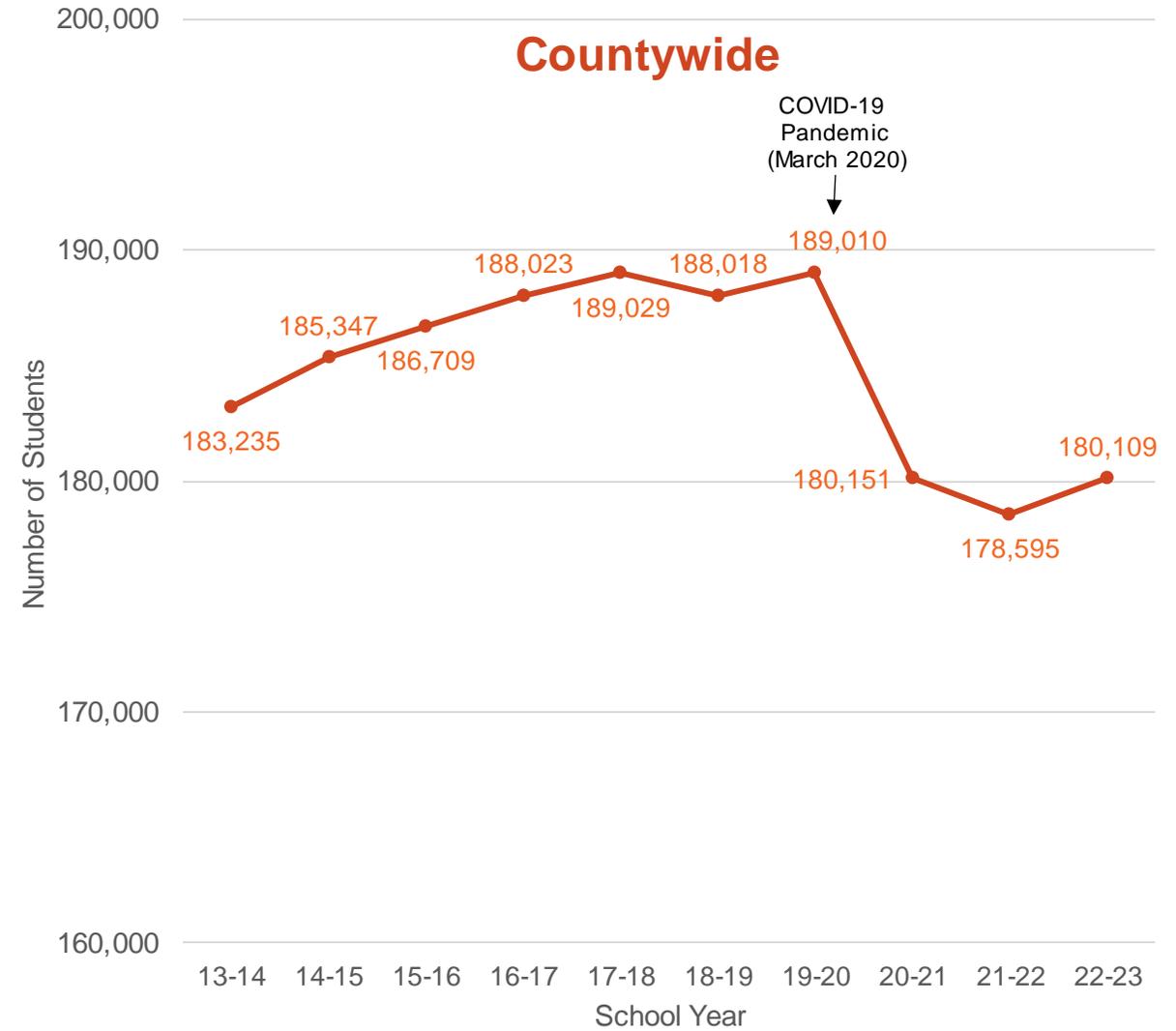
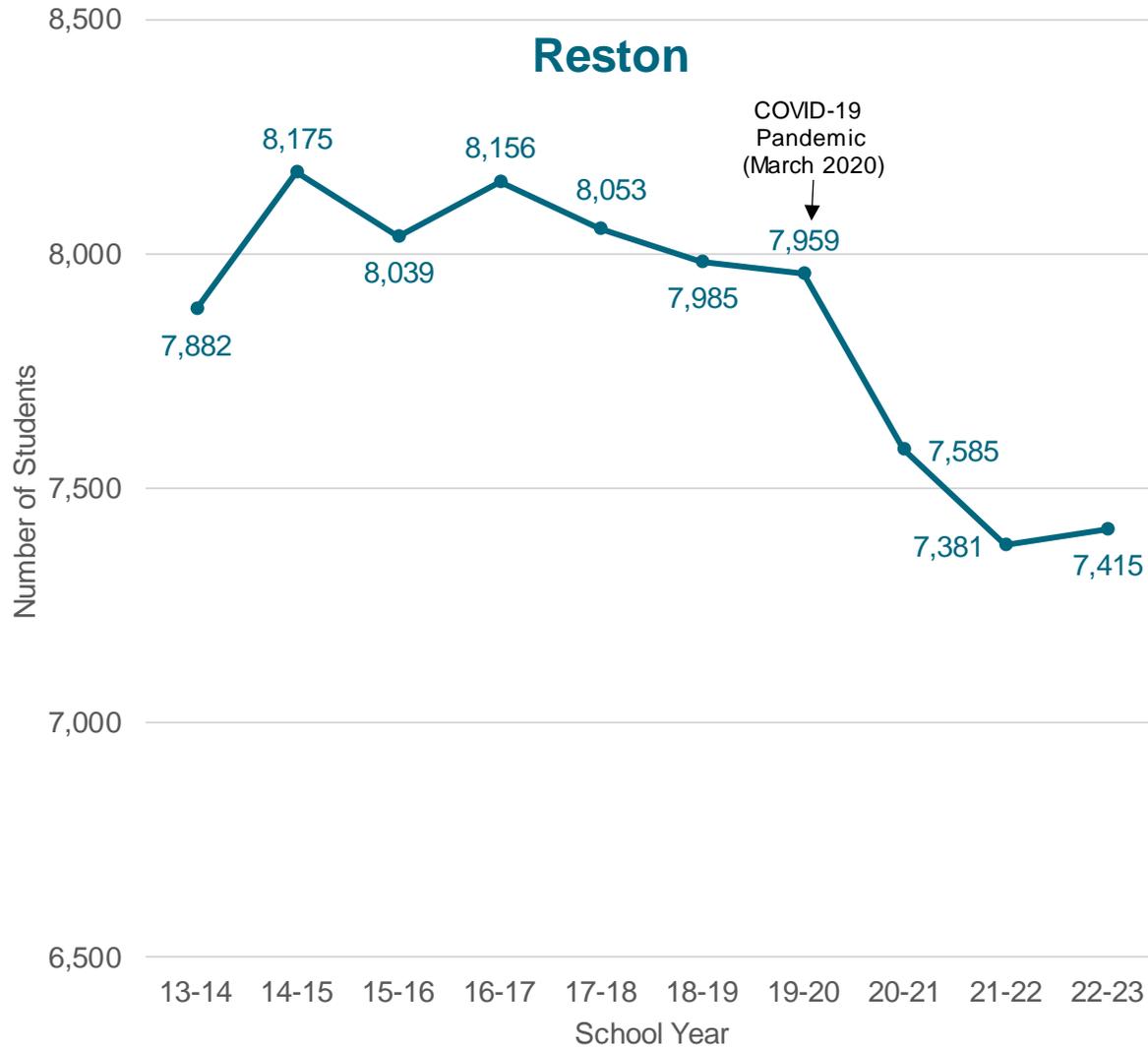
## Elementary Schools

- Aldrin ES
- Armstrong ES
- Coates ES
- Dogwood ES
- Forest Edge ES
- Forestville ES
- Fox Mill ES
- Hunters Woods ES
- Lake Anne ES
- McNair ES and McNair Upper ES
- Sunrise Valley ES
- Terraset ES

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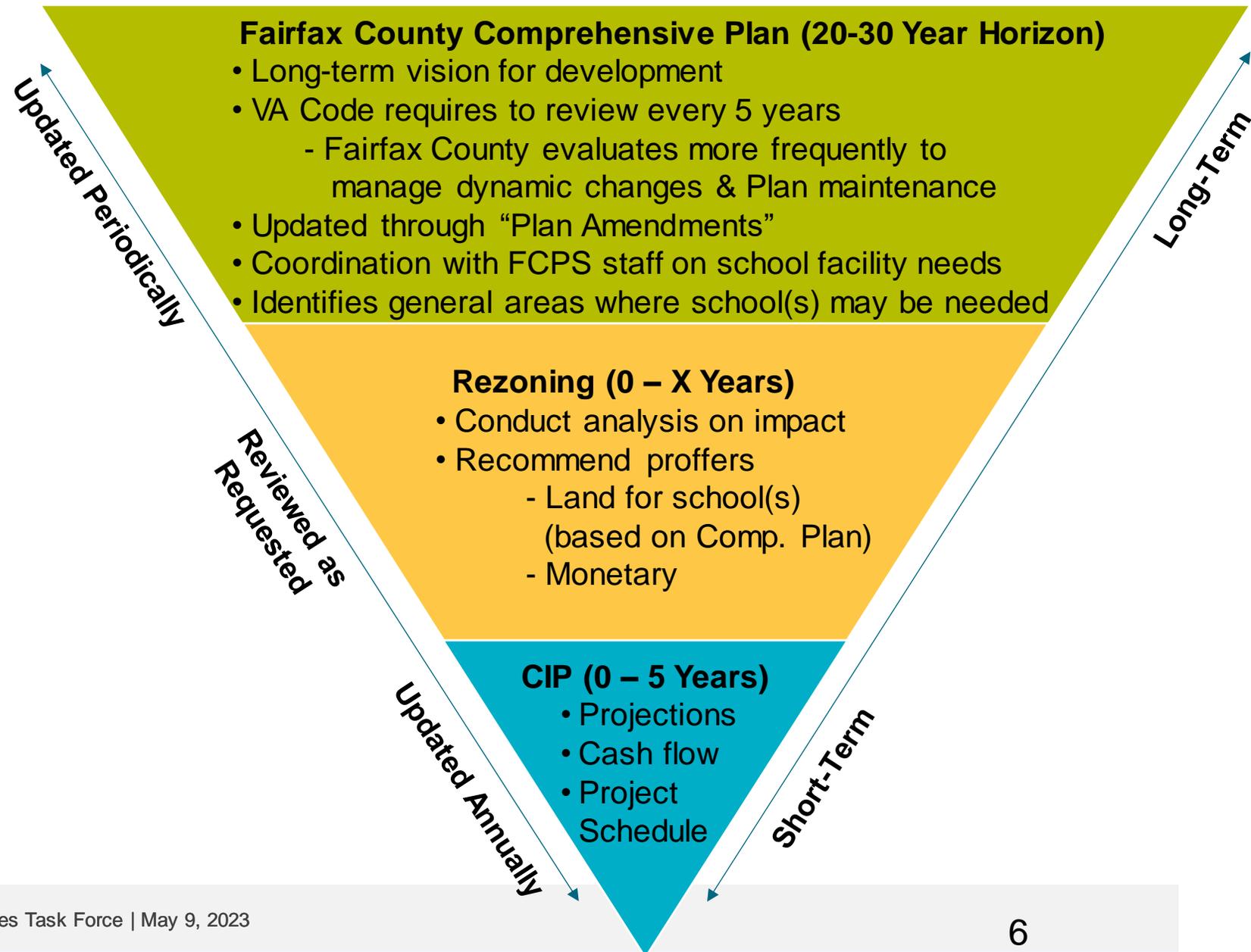


# What are student membership numbers pre- and post-pandemic?



Source: FCPS, *Certified Membership*, September 2013 to September 2022.

# How does FCPS Plan for Facilities?



# How Much Land Does a School Site Need?

School Type	Basic Acreage	Additional Acreage per 100 Pupil in Ultimate Enrollment	Preferred Capacity	Preferred Acreage
Elementary	4	1	950	14
Middle	10	1	1,350	24
High	10	1	2,500	35

Sources:  
 Fairfax County School Board, *Policy 8310 Site Planning and Development*, 2013.  
 Fairfax County School Board, *Policy 8120 School Planning*, 2022.

- Waiver of required minimum size allowed with School Board approval.
- School Board Policy states that the minimum size of school sites shall be in accordance with the Virginia State Board of Education Planning Manual.
- For a vertical or urban school model, reduced acreages may be acceptable.

# How Big Is a School Planned?

- For new school buildings, School Board Policy 8120.3 provides the preferred maximum sizes, absent any extraordinary circumstance

Elementary School	950 students
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Middle School	1,350 students
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High School	2,500 students
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- The capacity of a school building shall be determined by the educational program to be housed.

# How Many Students Come from Mid-/High-Rise Multifamily Buildings?

- Student Yield of Existing Students coming from Existing Housing Units.
- Calculated countywide.
- Last updated June 2022 - Reviewed and updated periodically.

School Level	Single-Family Detached	Single-Family Attached (townhouses)	Low-Rise Multifamily (four stories or fewer)	Mid/High-Rise Multifamily (more than four stories)
Elementary	0.261	0.254	0.202	0.061
Middle	0.084	0.072	0.057	0.019
High	0.175	0.141	0.098	0.028
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.521</b>	<b>0.467</b>	<b>0.357</b>	<b>0.108</b>

Source: FCPS, 2022 Countywide Student Yield Ratios, June 2022.  
 Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

# Is There a Need for A School in Reston?

## Additional Potential Student Yield, using current yield:

- 2,757 ES
- 713 MS
- 1,382 HS
  
- Over the next 25+ years
- Assumes a total of 18,716 housing units in Reston

## FCPS Needs:

- One new elementary school in the Town Center North District
- One new elementary school in the Central Sunrise Valley District
- One new middle school to the west of Reston, potentially in the Innovation Center area
- One new high school to the west of Reston, potentially in the Innovation Center area
- Capacity enhancements at existing facilities

# What is Considered in a School Site Location?

- Public Facilities section of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan – Policy Plan provides guidance on sites for schools including but not limited to:
  - Safe and convenient accessibility to pedestrian and road networks, and transit
  - Areas conducive to pedestrian traffic
  - Locate schools in relation to residential or mixed-use areas, the road network, traffic patterns and transit
  - Proximity to other public facilities, such as police and fire and rescue services, public parks and libraries

## Does FCPS Consider Co-location with Other Facilities?

- Public Facilities section of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan – Policy Plan provides guidance on sites for schools including but not limited to:
  - Coordinate with the Fairfax County Park Authority and other agencies to ensure maximum opportunities for co-location and efficient use of recreational and other facilities
  - Consider co-location of different levels of education and other types of programs, with the option of shared facilities such as cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, library, and administrative offices
  - Consider co-location of schools with other public uses such as a library or a recreational center
  - Provide space for other public service needs, when possible and reasonable, in underutilized schools

# Resources

- Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan – Policy Plan for Public Facilities (includes section on Public Schools): <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/comprehensive-plan/policy-plan>
- FCPS Development Review: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/planning-future/development-review-and-proffer-processes>
- FCPS Capital Improvement Program: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/capital-improvement-program>
- FCPS Facilities and Membership Dashboards: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/facilities-and-membership-dashboards>