

## Executive Summary

Coweta County is a growing community that offers its residents exceptional schools and a high quality of life, indicators suggesting that Coweta will continue growing for the foreseeable future.

### 10 YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

The Coweta County School System utilizes the services of Education Planners, LLC, to develop and continually update the 10-Year Enrollment Projections/Forecast. This comprehensive enrollment study projects population and enrollment growth throughout the county and its schools. The EdPlanners demographers look at various data points from data sources that include:

- Current and past enrollment trends and feeder patterns
- County and City building permits, by school zone
- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) regional data
- Georgia Department of Education enrollment data
- Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB)
- United States Census Bureau
- Georgia Department of Health live birth data

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

At the request of the Coweta County School System, EdPlanners continued their efforts by conducting a series of Community Conversations at each of the six middle schools. While the middle schools major part of the discussion, the location of the meetings was designed for convenience of all county residents. These Community Conversations provided an opportunity for the school system to share enrollment projections and engage community members in a meaningful discussion about what growth will mean and how best to handle the foreseen growth in enrollment.

### CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Conversations not only enlisted community participation by identifying Challenges and Opportunities that will either impact enrollment and capacity issues but sought their potential solutions. Community Conversation participants successfully engaged in small groups articulating their thoughts and providing prompt initial feedback. The feedback included a wide variety of thought provoking dialogue. To name a few of the potential challenges and opportunities:

- Safety
- Class Size
- Traffic
- Transportation
- School Size
- Classroom Utilization
- Timeline

## POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

One of the true benefits of Community Conversations is that it allows attendees to share with everyone their thoughts as well as the opportunity to listen to others. This type of dialogue does indeed provide a meaningful discussion about what growth will mean and how best to handle the foreseen growth in enrollment. Community members having the opportunity to listen to each other. All small groups while identifying challenges and opportunities also shared potential solutions as a part of this community exercise. Identified potential solutions included:

- New School
- Classroom Additions
- Redistricting
- Academies
- Flexible Scheduling
- Staggered Start Times

All school board members attended one or more of the Community Conversations, with the opportunity to listen to very interested, attentive and caring community members. Superintendent Barker, during each community conversation, took the opportunity to share some background by highlighting the school system's sound financial management, the recent successful SPLOST initiative and the fact that the school system is debt-free, as well as strategic land purchases that have positioned the school system to address future facility needs and capacity issues.

The 10-year enrollment forecast, interest in listening through community conversations, along with the overall strength of the school system as identified by Superintendent Barker, positions the school system to make good sound decisions for the future housing of students.

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