

ASD Capital Planning Deep Dive

Work Session - Capacity Deep Dive

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Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Topics for this Presentation

- Why Look at School Capacity
- How State of Alaska and ASD Calculate Capacities
- Comparison of Selected Schools
- Capacities and Demographics for the Anchorage Attendance Area
- Present status vs 90% capacity

Why do we look at School Capacity

Long-term Planning

- Provide facilities that support instructional needs
- Provides transparent long-term facilities plan
- Enhance safety & security
- Focus resources toward priorities
- Build/Consolidate/Close/Repurpose schools

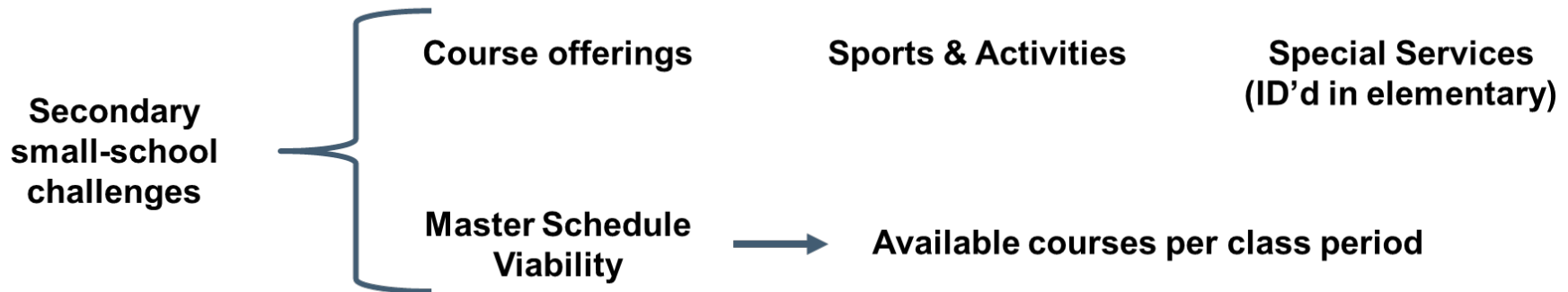
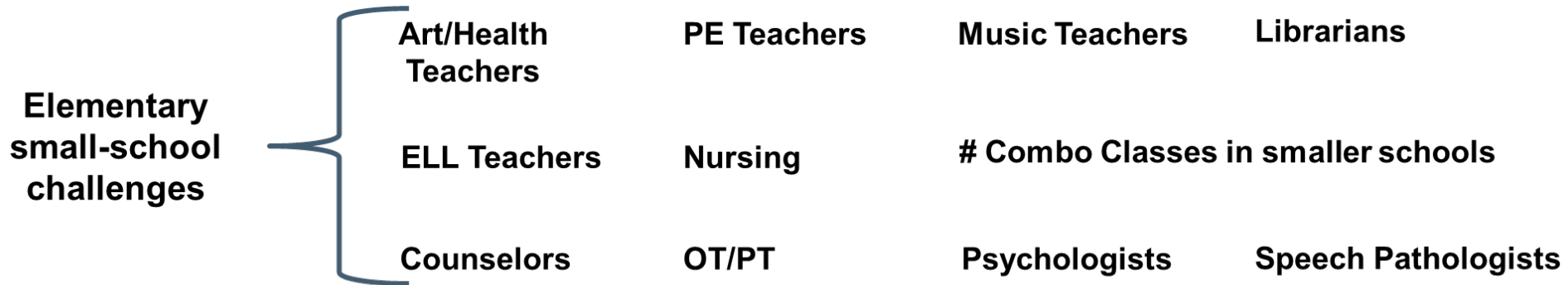
Capacity Analysis

- Current & projected enrollment vs. capacity
- Education adequacy (EAI)
- Facility cost per pupil (higher in small schools)
- Deferred maintenance costs (FCI + Maintenance)

Long-term Goals

- **Maximize education level of service to students**
- Boundaries support equitable education opportunities & maximize transportation efficiency
- Efficient use of facilities
- Reduce costs with the least impact possible

Education Level of Service and Efficiency



Education Level of Service is a higher priority than short-term savings:

- Increased teacher collaboration across same grade level
- Better distribution of high demand/low availability specialists
- Improve equitable academic offerings for all students

School Closure/Consolidation

Surveys to receive input for building a school consolidation evaluation rubric




School Board approves
Evaluation rubric

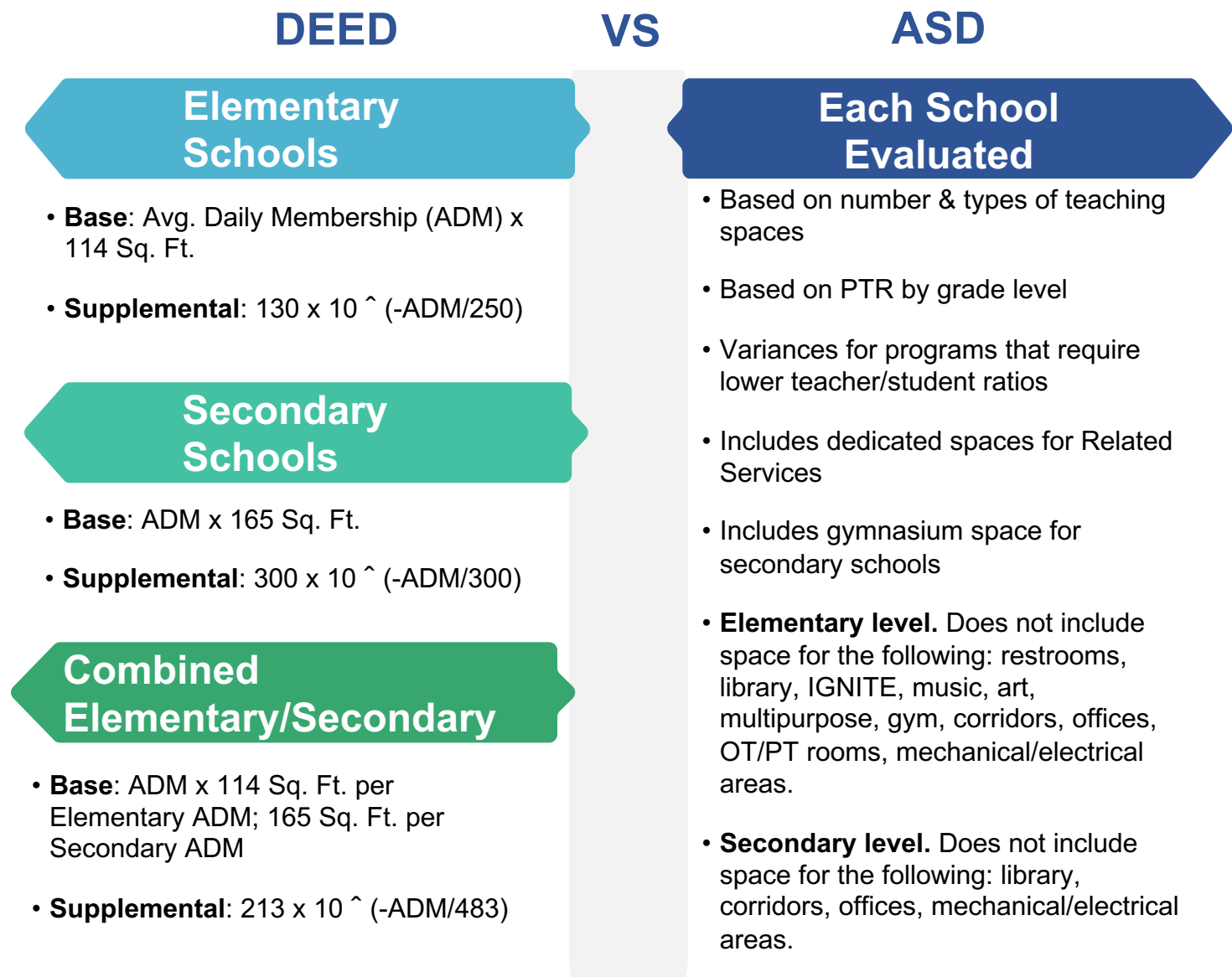


Prioritize Evaluation Criteria

- Improve Level of Service
- Enrollment decline
- School condition & age
- Transportation availability/time on bus
- Pedestrian Function
- Special Programs & Future Programs
- Alternative Use
- Future Growth
- Boundaries
- Others as determined by the public during surveys & town halls

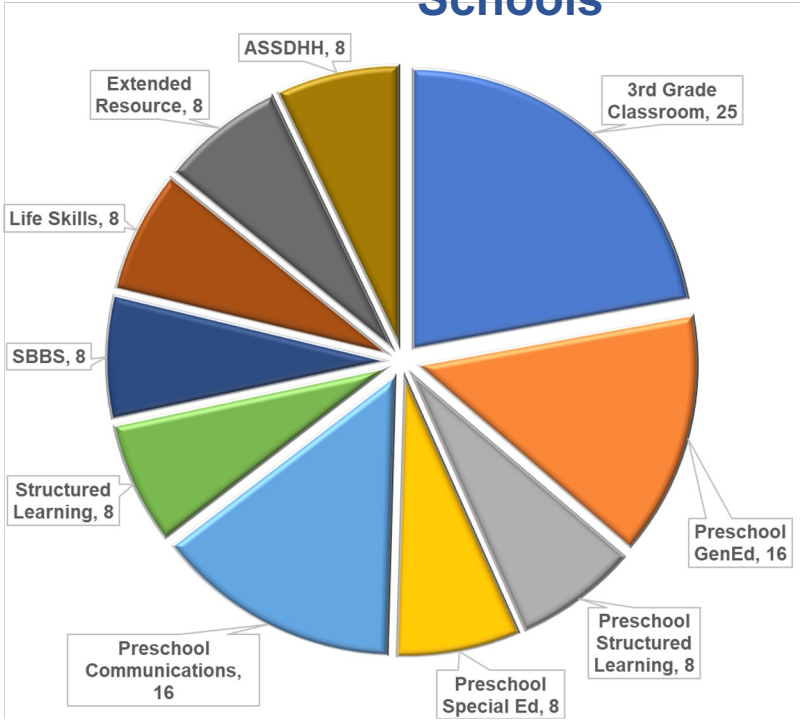
Town Halls to receive additional public feedback on priorities & metrics for building a school consolidation evaluation rubric

School Building Capacity



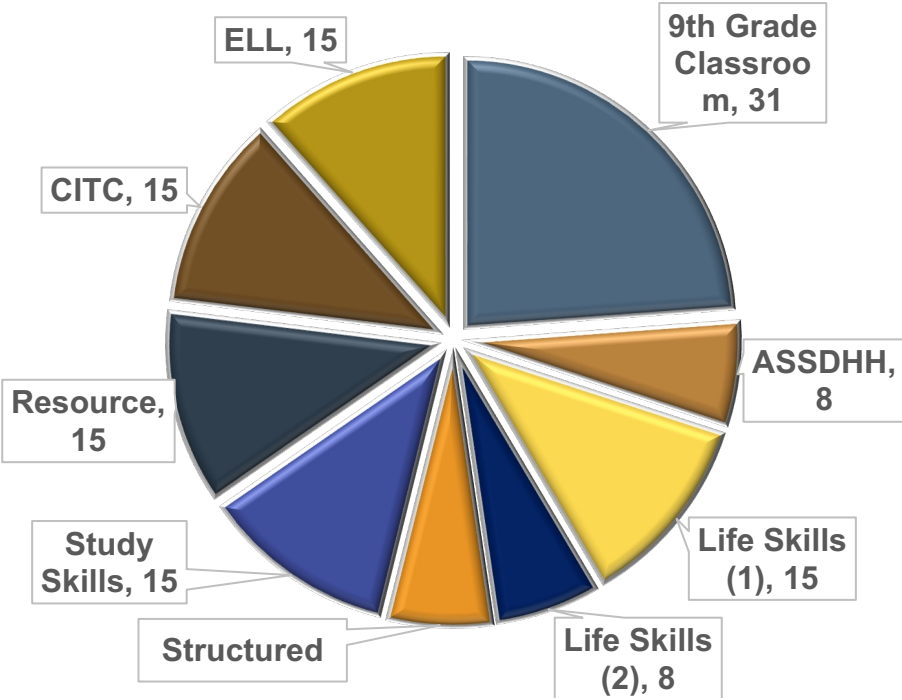
Example Spaces with ASD Capacity

Elementary Schools



ASD average Elementary capacity is 8.72% lower than the State of Alaska formula

Secondary Schools



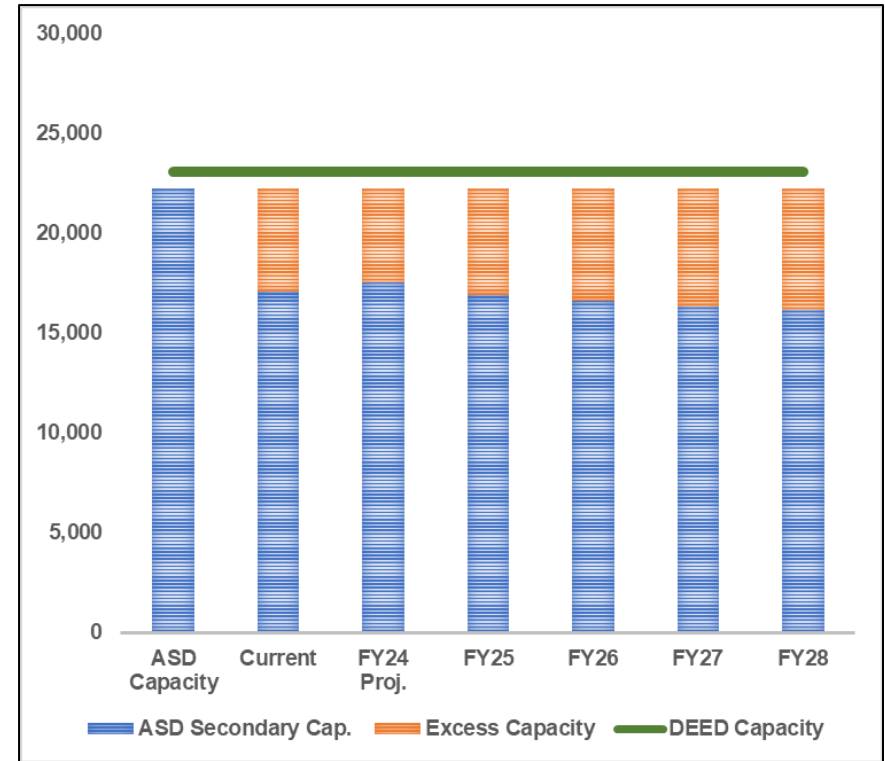
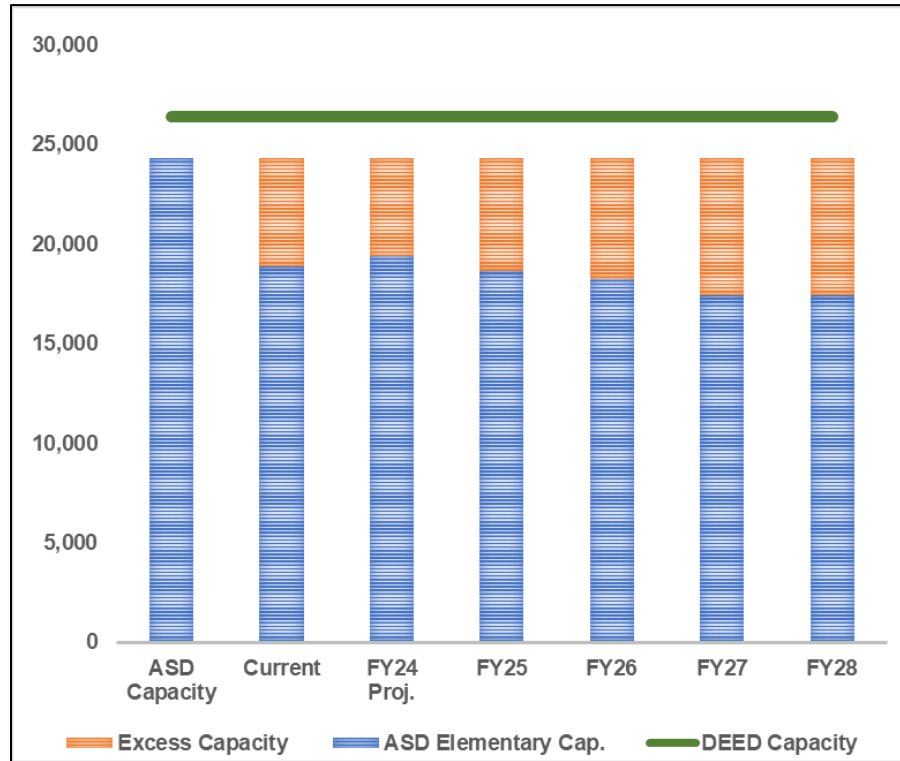
ASD average Secondary capacity is 3.64% lower than the State of Alaska formula

Comparison of Capacities

School	Size (Sq. Ft.)	DEED (# Students)	ASD Capacity (# Students)	Difference (# Students)
Airport Heights	58,053	495	348	-147
Wonder Park	52,638	453	485	32
Ravenwood	50,160	430	420	-10
Mears	150,506	910	853	-57
Gruening	124,862	755	727	-28
West HS	345,379	2,060	1,721	-339
Chugiak HS	289,309	1,753	1,629	-124

Projected Enrollment and Capacities Anchorage Attendance Area*

* Prior to moving 6th Grade to Middle School



How Many Schools to reduce to 90% Capacity

Excess Elementary Capacity

484,683 Square foot (ASD Capacity)



725,116 Square Foot (DEED Capacity)



Excess Secondary Capacity (prior to 6th grade to MS)

639,229 Square Foot (ASD Capacity)



764,265 Square Foot (DEED Capacity)

