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# Enrollment Update

May 30, 2019



# Neighborhood Schools

- 3-year process for boundary and school enrollment changes
  - Stakeholder input, Enrollment Priorities Task Force
- Board goal to create neighborhood schools at 450
- Open Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary
- Reduce overcrowding at Bubb, Huff, and Landels



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# New Boundaries Impact on Enrollment

# Student movement due to new boundaries

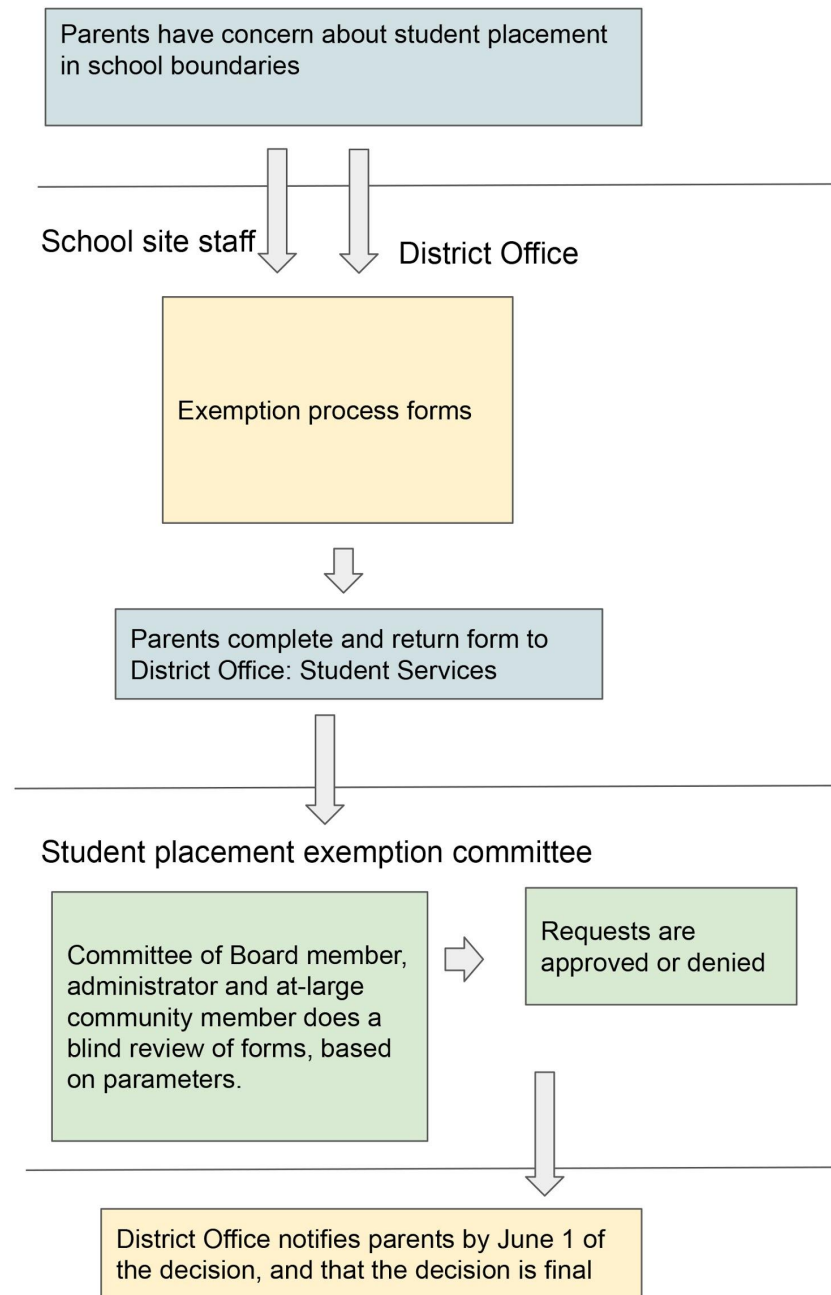
- 540 students moved due to boundary changes
- 95 5th graders stayed at their original schools
- 43 siblings of those 5th graders will stay for 1 year

# Changes to the enrollment process...

- Based on recommendation from Enrollment Priorities Task Force and Board directive, staff created a Student Placement Exemption process
  - 5th grade students and their siblings could stay at current school for 1 year
- Additionally, any school that is under-enrolled to be a part of a 2nd process
- Parents allowed to select only one choice school during open enrollment

# Student Placement Exemption Process Flow

Student placement exemption process flow chart



# Welcome Events for Transitioning Students

In response to concerns raised by parents and EPTF, all schools receiving transitioning students created welcome events. Examples of events include:

- Parent meetings hosted by receiving school
- Pancake breakfast
- Ice cream social
- Lunches with teachers & students
- Family playdates
- Kinder potlucks
- Friendship chains



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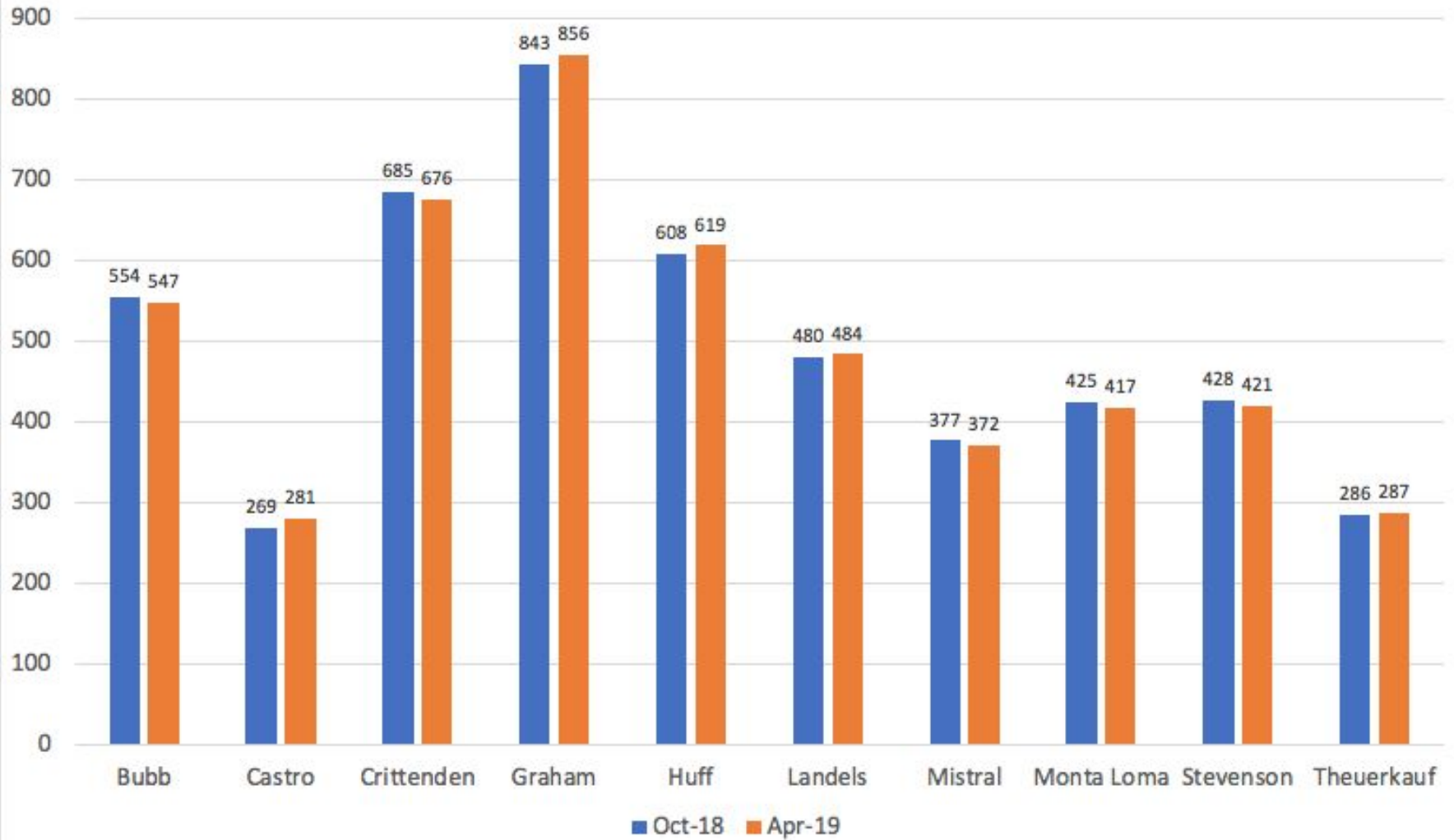
# Impact of Enrollment and Exemptions on Schools



# Enrollment is a moving target

- Enrollment is variable throughout the year: Spikes twice throughout the year, September and April.
- Official enrollment count in October to comply with CALPADS

# Enrollment By School



# Staffing and Enrollment

- Certificated staffing is driven by enrollment:
  - TK-3 grade: 24 students
  - 4-5 grade: 30 students
  - 6-8 grade: 33 students
  - Combination classes reduce operating costs
- Held meetings at every site with staffing plans

# Staffing shifts with Enrollment

SCHOOL	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Bubb	25	25	22
Castro	12	11	12
Huff	26	24	22
Landels	23	28	19
Mistral	16	16	15
Monta Loma	19	18	14
Stevenson	15	17	17
Theuerkauf	19	18	16
Vargas			12
Crittenden	28	28	32
Graham	39	38	42

# Use of Portables

- Last year of Bond program, able to use the existing portables with rental fee
  - Existing rental portables at 3 schools are scheduled to be removed next year (2020-21)
  - Portables funded by Measure G (funds not on-going)
- Used only in 2019-20 to accommodate
  - Excess enrollment due to 5th grade students and their siblings (exempted 1 yr)
  - School communities need to function without dependence on portables



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# Decisions and Next Steps

# Enrollment exemptions

- Reasons that exemptions might be made:
  - Title IX civil rights (qualified reasons of harassment, violence or bullying)
  - Special education placement for special day class
  - Active US Military to Monta Loma only
- Of 81 exemptions submitted, 9 qualified, 5 are **pending** (follow-up of information per Exemptions Committee request)
  - Unapproved requests examples: transportation, afterschool activities, perceptions of school quality
- Since October 2018, we have stated on the form that decisions of the Student Placement Exemption Committee are final; no appeals

# Next Steps

- Notices for exemption requests go out after June 1
- No under-enrolled schools using the Board parameters
  - 3rd Grade Theuerkauf Elementary
- Determine impact to transportation; possible repurpose or reduction in force
- Developing a plan to address verification process for over-enrolled schools
- Per EPTF, does the Board have an interest in diversifying choice schools?