



Changes in K-12

Public School Enrollment

- Local Perspective and Relevant Factors

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Topics for Discussion

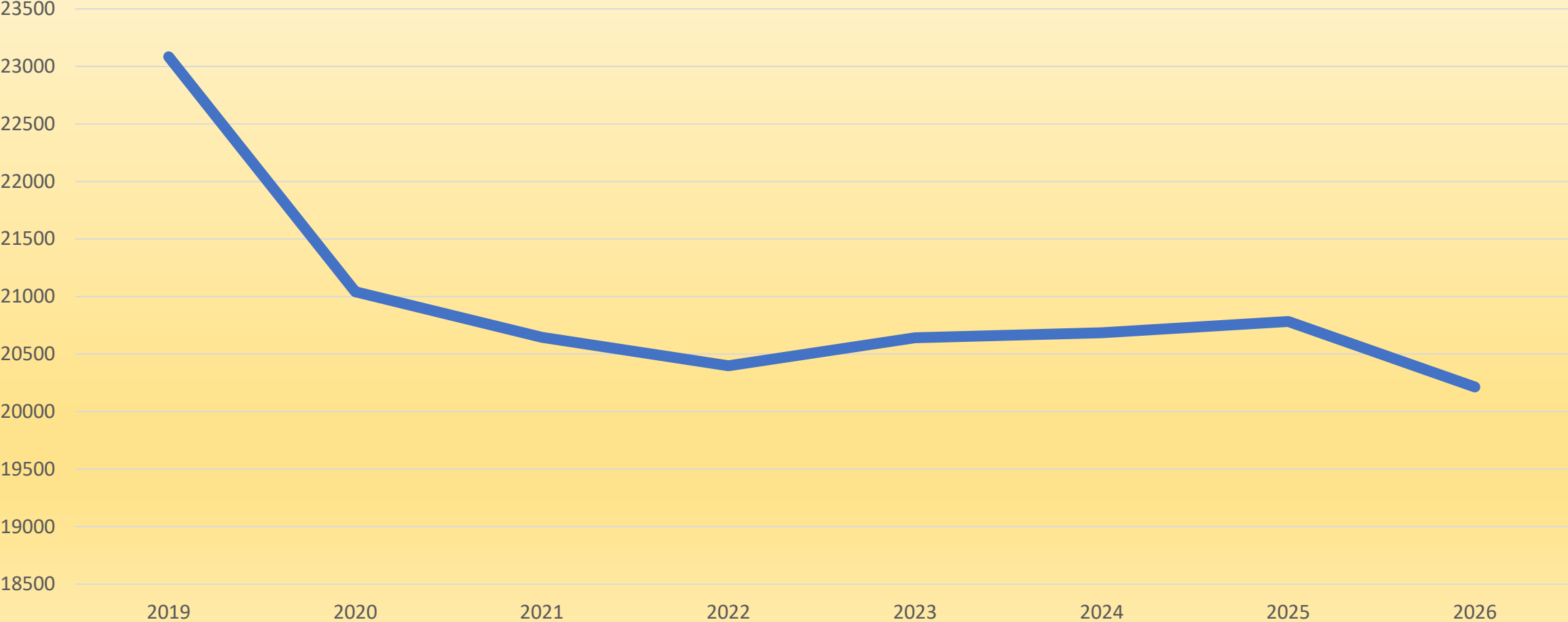


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Enrollment Declines – Pre-COVID to the Present



Enrollment Trends
Pre-COVID - Present



Enrollment – By Grade Level

HISTORICAL LIVE-IN ENROLLMENT

- PK-12 enrollment in Bibb County Schools has declined from 21,410 in 2020-21 to 20,766 in 2025-26, a decrease of 644 students, or 3%.
- Prior to the 2025-26 school year, enrollment had been stable, increasing by 231 students from 2021-22 to 2024-25.

Historical Live-In

Grade	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
-2	64	86	81	88	128
-1	808	827	791	740	713
0	1,600	1,665	1,566	1,609	1,537
1	1,610	1,639	1,703	1,619	1,605
2	1,672	1,668	1,657	1,672	1,564
3	1,592	1,655	1,637	1,658	1,620
4	1,726	1,614	1,668	1,619	1,585
5	1,672	1,721	1,578	1,671	1,518
6	1,546	1,651	1,651	1,553	1,482
7	1,675	1,535	1,623	1,632	1,515
8	1,660	1,662	1,543	1,602	1,606
9	1,924	1,911	1,892	1,767	1,857
10	1,344	1,532	1,590	1,630	1,427
11	1,173	1,161	1,261	1,383	1,373
12	1,174	1,166	1,161	1,228	1,236
Total	21,240	21,493	21,402	21,471	20,766

PK-5th	10,744	10,875	10,681	10,676	10,270
6th-8th	4,881	4,848	4,817	4,787	4,603
9th-12th	5,615	5,770	5,904	6,008	5,893

Underpopulated Facilities



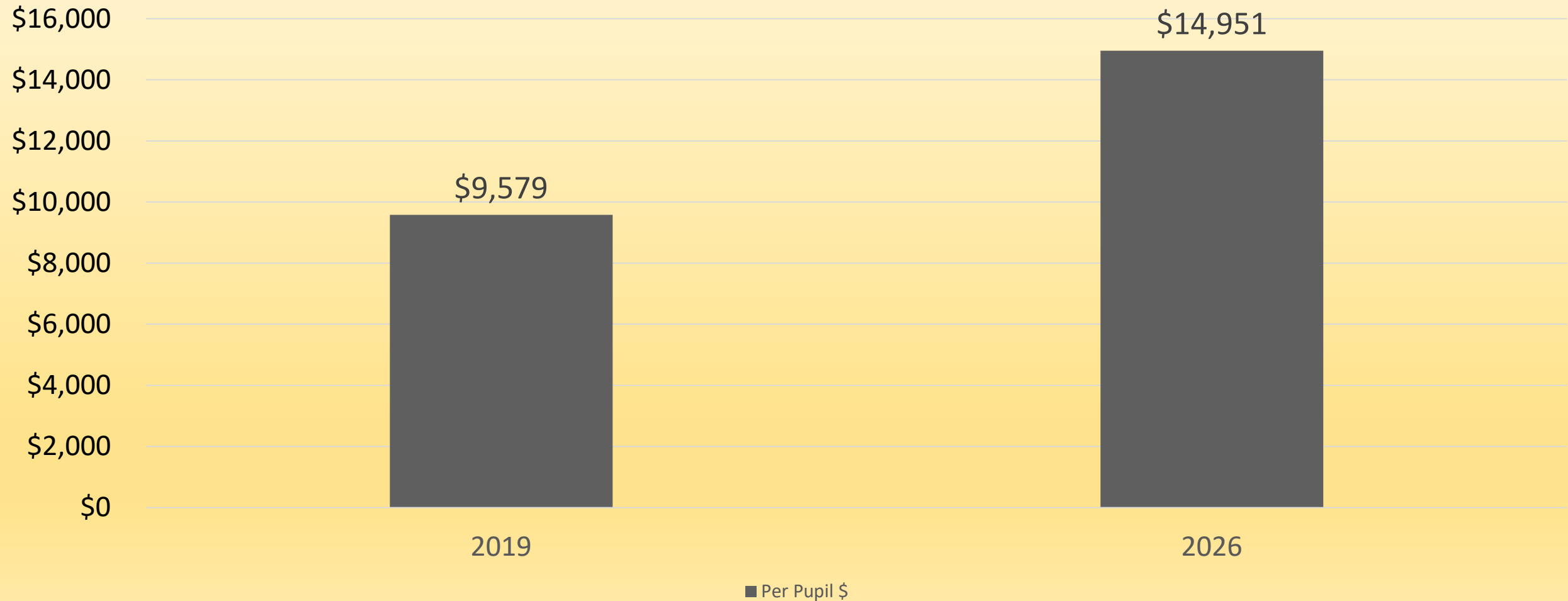
- Currently 9 out of 19 elementary schools with an attendance boundary are below 450 enrollment

Current						
School	Capacity	PreK Attend	K-5 Attend	Transfer In	Total	Utilization
Bernd Elementary	475	21	267	25	313	65.9%
Bruce Elementary	500	19	321	26	366	73.2%
Burdell Elementary	525	13	242	223	478	91.0%
Carter Elementary	525	37	430	40	507	96.6%
Hartley Elementary	500	19	286	48	353	70.6%
Heard Elementary	775	34	453	108	595	76.8%
Heritage Elementary	650	34	393	60	487	74.9%
Ingram Elementary	650	21	332	29	382	58.8%
JR Lewis Elementary	700	30	552	76	658	94.0%
Lane Elementary	450	17	372	40	429	95.3%
MLK Jr Elementary	775	36	554	52	642	82.8%
Porter Elementary	450	28	330	41	399	88.7%
Skyview Elementary	650	34	341	40	415	63.8%
Southfield Elementary	925	40	516	58	614	66.4%
Springdale Elementary	625	48	401	105	554	88.6%
Taylor Elementary	650	25	446	44	515	79.2%
Union Elementary	675	24	328	57	409	60.6%
Veterans Elementary	725	23	604	46	673	92.8%
Williams Elementary	475	16	226	43	285	60.0%
Total	11,700	519	7394	1161	9074	77.6%

Comparing 2019 to the Present - Perspective



Per Pupil Spending – General Fund



Comparing 2019 to the Present - Perspective

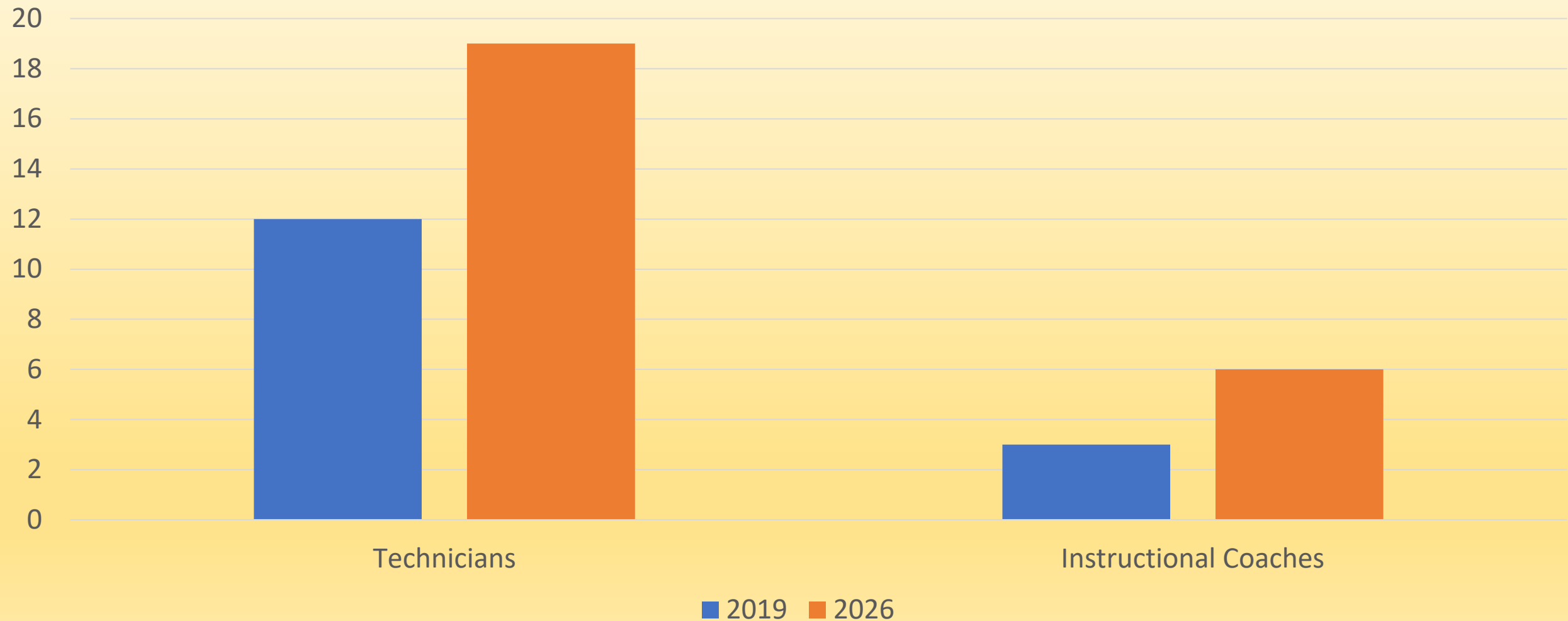


	2019/2020	2026/2027	% Difference
Special Education Student Population	2400	2567	6.9%
Teachers	210.5	208	1.19%
Paraprofessionals	133	162	21.8%

Comparing 2019 to the Present - Perspective



Impact of Technology Demands



Promise Act and Vouchers in Bibb



- **1,133** – Promise Act applications
- **581** – Acceptance/utilization of awards
- **\$3,776,500** – Awards utilized
- **47** – Awards declined

Promise Act and Vouchers in Bibb



Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Students with Disabilities	ESOL/Kindergarten
320 – Black 217 – White 37 – Multi-Racial 15 – Hispanic 10 – Asian/Pacific Islander	320 – Male 261 – Female	65 (11%)	33 – ESOL students; 469 – non-ESOL 79 – Rising Kindergarten students

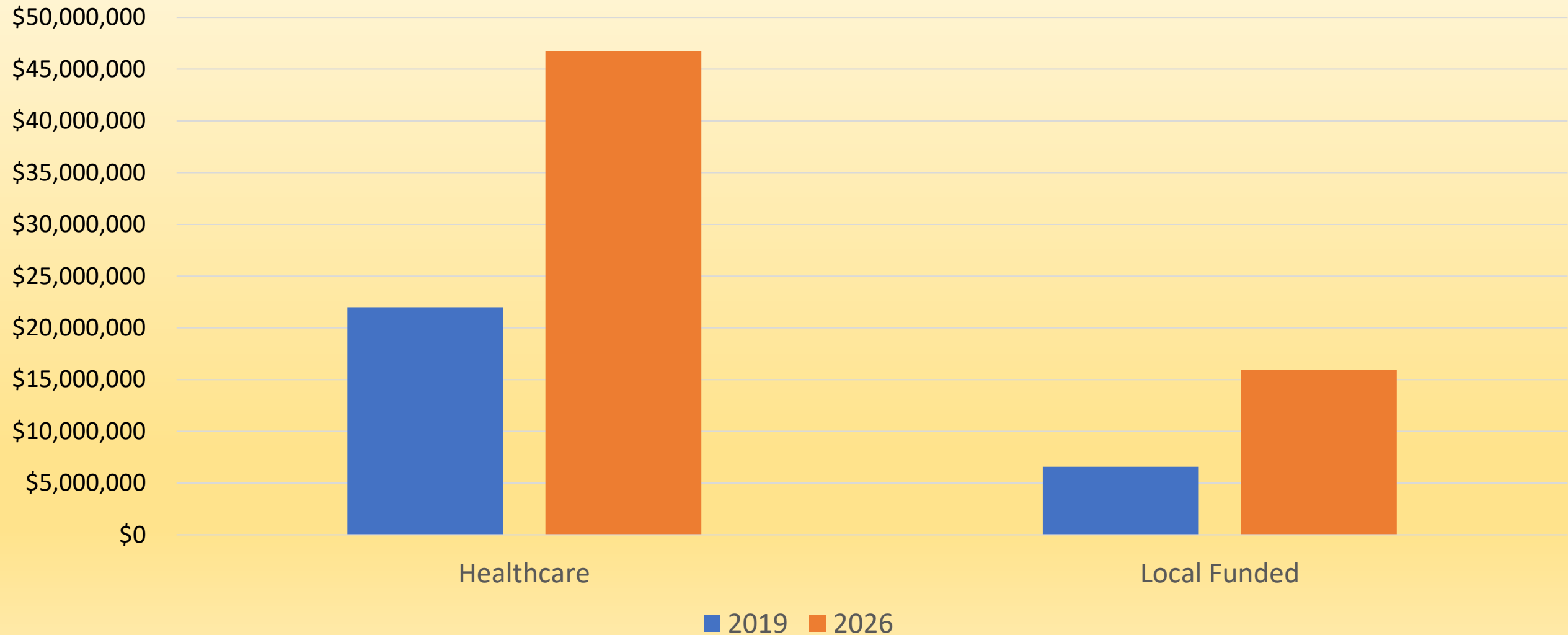


Relevant Factors – By the Way...

Comparing 2019 to the Present - Perspective



Healthcare Costs/Increases



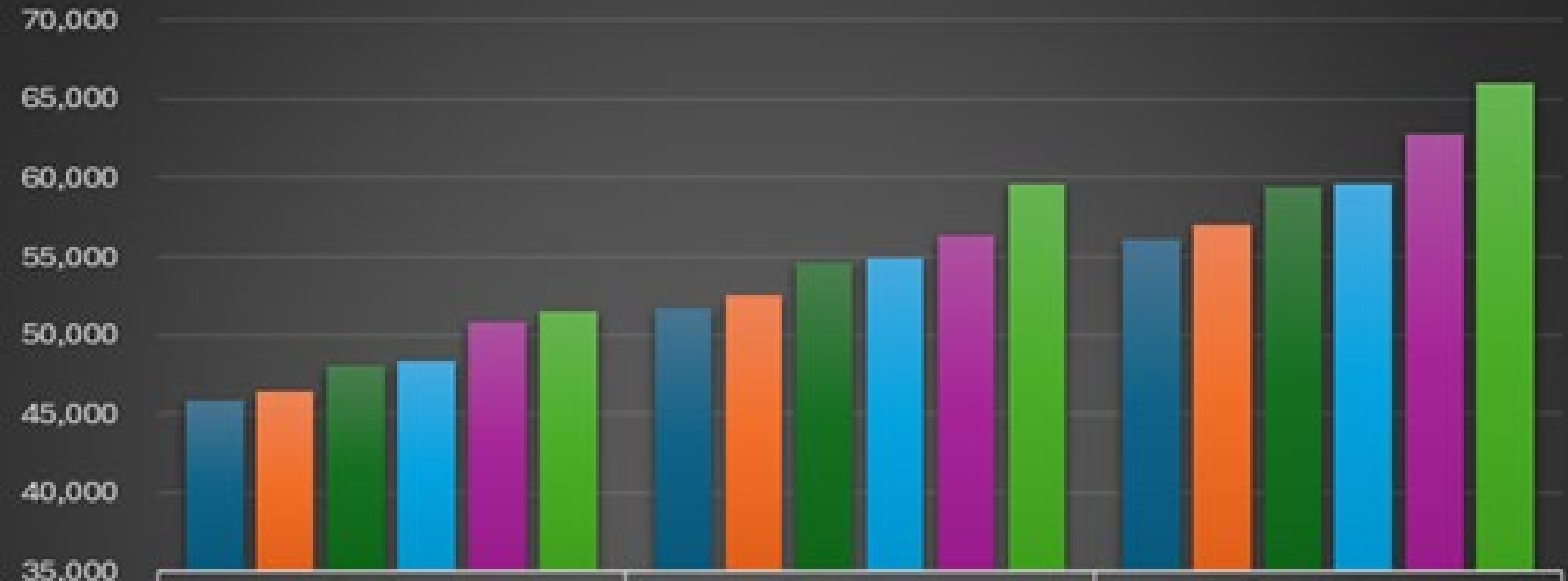
Teacher Salary Comparison – Level T-4 – Bachelors Degree



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Teacher Salary Comparisons - Bachelors



	T-4 Entry	T-4 * 5Prior	T-4 * 10Prior
Jones	45,842	51,705	56,091
Baldwin	46,445	52,478	57,035
Twiggs	48,054	54,581	59,489
Monroe	48,392	54,865	59,638
Bibb	50,789	56,298	62,811
Houston	51,467	59,684	66,013

Jones Baldwin Twiggs Monroe Bibb Houston



Bibb County Millage Rate and History of Taxes Levied

Tax Year (Calendar Year)	Millage Rate	Millage Rate Variance	Value of 1 Mill	Gross Property Taxes Levied	Variance of Property Taxes Levied	%Difference of Taxes Levied	Student FTE	Revenue Per FTE
2013	17.945	0.00	4,166,238	74,763,149	-		23,682	\$ 3,157
2014	17.945	0.00	4,076,108	73,145,753	(1,617,396)	-2.16%	23,350	\$ 3,133
2015	17.945	0.00	3,972,431	71,285,274	(1,860,479)	-2.54%	22,683	\$ 3,143
2016	19.945	2.00	3,970,420	79,190,029	7,904,755	11.09%	21,821	\$ 3,629
2017	19.814	-0.13	4,013,237	79,515,154	325,125	0.41%	21,769	\$ 3,653
2018	19.314	-0.50	4,047,006	78,163,874	(1,351,280)	-1.70%	21,696	\$ 3,603
2019	18.814	-0.50	4,126,725	77,640,203	(523,671)	-0.67%	21,258	\$ 3,652
2020	18.493	-0.32	4,255,472	78,696,436	1,056,233	1.36%	20,898	\$ 3,766
2021	18.099	-0.39	4,369,531	79,084,149	387,713	0.49%	20,548	\$ 3,849
2022	16.720	-1.38	4,853,647	81,152,971	2,068,822	2.62%	20,287	\$ 4,000
2023	14.674	-2.05	5,600,754	82,185,468	1,032,497	1.27%	20,489	\$ 4,011
2024	14.674	0.00	5,908,847	86,706,415	4,520,947	5.50%	20,462	\$ 4,237
2025	14.674	0.00	6,209,311	91,115,426	4,409,011	5.08%	20,545	\$ 4,435
Total Change (2013-2025)		-3.27			16,352,277	20.75%	(3,137)	\$ 1,278
2026	14.674	0.00	6,972,015	102,307,348	11,191,923	12.28%	20,214	\$ 5,061
2026	15.174	0.50	6,972,015	105,793,356	14,677,930	16.11%	20,214	\$ 5,234
2026 (Recommended)	15.674	1.00	6,972,015	109,279,363	18,163,938	19.94%	20,214	\$ 5,406
2026	15.924	1.25	6,972,015	111,022,367	19,906,941	21.85%	20,214	\$ 5,492
2026	16.174	1.50	6,972,015	112,765,371	21,649,945	23.76%	20,214	\$ 5,579

Questions to Consider – Looking Down the Road



- How do school systems continue to meet the varying needs of students despite declining enrollment?
- What do these needs translate to?
- How do we maintain fiscally and sociologically sound districts in the midst of so many competing financial challenges?
- My good gracious – what's next????



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