



Area IV Accommodation Challenges West Springs and Wildwood Schools Open House February 6, 2014

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Accommodation Challenges

- Both Wildwood and West Springs were at capacity for Fall 2013 and are projected to be overcapacity for Fall 2014
- We are monitoring enrolment at Vincent Massey School

Timeline History

November 14, 2013 – Parent Representative Focus Group Meeting to provide information to parents and have parents act as a barometer for issues and concerns raised by the larger school communities

November 25, 2013 – December 8, 2013 – Opportunity to share your thoughts via Thoughtstream online engagement process

December 16, 2013 – January 5, 2014 – Round 2 of the Thoughtstream process, an opportunity to view the thoughts of others and identify and submit priorities on-line.

January 2014 – Administration and Superintends review feedback from parents and make a decision for the September 2014 school year.

January 23, 2014 – Parent Drop-In Open House **Postponed**

January 27, 2014 – Parent Representative Focus Group Meeting to examine feedback on scenarios and review revised scenarios.

February 6, 2014 – Parent Drop-In Open House to gather additional feedback on revised scenarios.

February - March 2014 - Once the final plan and implementation details are confirmed by administration, you will receive a confirmation letter communicating the details of the decision.



Purpose of the focus group

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Purpose of the focus group

- To provide information and an opportunity to ask questions to a representative number of stakeholders
- Establish the different values or perspectives within a community on an issue
- Generate dialogue about an issue in a small forum
- To act as a barometer for issues and concerns raised by the larger school communities

Focus Group Meeting November 14, 2013

Scenarios suggested by parent representatives from West Springs, Wildwood, Olympic Heights, Rosscarrock, Glendale and Jennie Elliott Schools*

**Note: CBE will review these suggested scenarios to determine feasibility. Viable scenarios will be presented for review by parents in the Thoughtstream online engagement process.*

Suggested Scenarios from Focus Group

West Springs

West Springs as a K-4. If it reaches capacity then K-3,

- 4/5/6 at Rosscarrock

Maintain a K-6 with overflow

- Rosscarrock
- Sir James Lougheed – can we move the All Boys School?

Split grades for more space (higher utilization)

Wildwood

Change grade configuration K-4

- Grade 5/6 at Glendale

Westgate community to Rosscarrock

- Could possibly walk
- Olympic Heights overflow to Glendale
- Spruce Cliff to Rosscarrock

Suggested Scenarios from Focus Group

West Springs

Remains K-6 with overflow to

- Rosscarrock $152+77=229$ or
- Glendale $223+77=300$

Wildwood

- Designate Aspen Woods to Rosscarrock or Glendale
- Designate Spruce Cliff to Rosscarrock
- English track from Wesgate community designated to Rosscarrock

*Based on Rosscarrock traditional calendar change

Suggested Scenarios from Focus Group

All Schools

- Modular classrooms where available
- Convert a school to a middle school
- Redesignate Westgate students to Rosscarrock
- Redesignate Cougar Ridge to Rosscarrock (grandfather for more than 3 years to keep families tougher) Traditional calendar
- Examine bus routes etc. to bus students from one community to more than one school (without requiring more transportation routes) e.g. start and end times
- Look for space in Catholic schools

Suggested Scenarios from Focus Group

West Springs

A. Change grade configuration at West Springs to K-4 and move Grade 5/6 to Rosscarrock

Wildwood

A. Redesignate Aspen Woods (west of 85th Street) to Jennie Elliott

West Springs

A. Cap kindergarten

B. Grade configuration change to K-4

Wildwood

- Keep walk zone
- Bussed communities to move
- Spruce Cliff (bussed only)
- Cougar Ridge

*Rosscarrock best option in terms of available space & bus ride times

Focus Group other comments

Middle School for Area IV (up on the hill)

Values: Special Education, financially viable, walk zone

Wildwood

- Phase out Out-of-Boundary students
- Westgate, Spruce Cliff and Aspen to Rosscarrock
- Div. II & K Out-of-Boundary
- Aspen West of 85th Street to Glendale

West Springs

- Grade 5 and 6 to Rosscarrock or Glendale

West Springs

- Rosscarrock for overflow, lots of space and close to West Springs

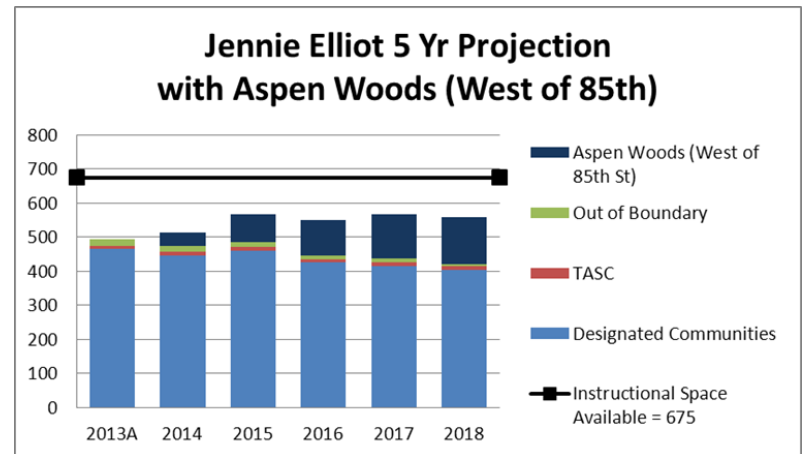
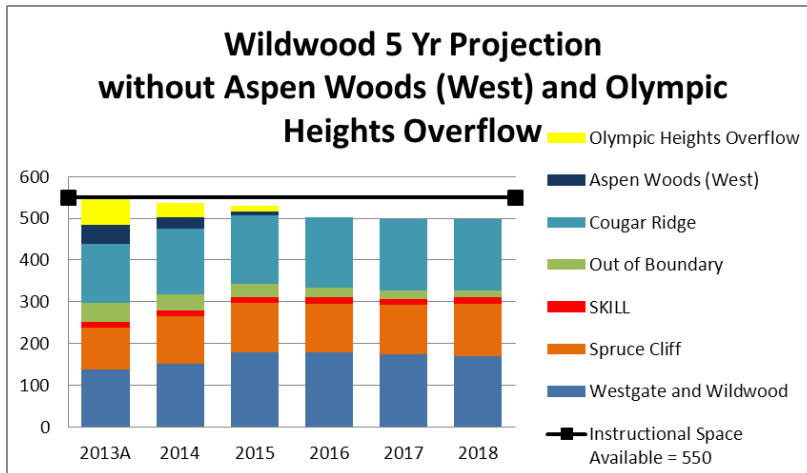
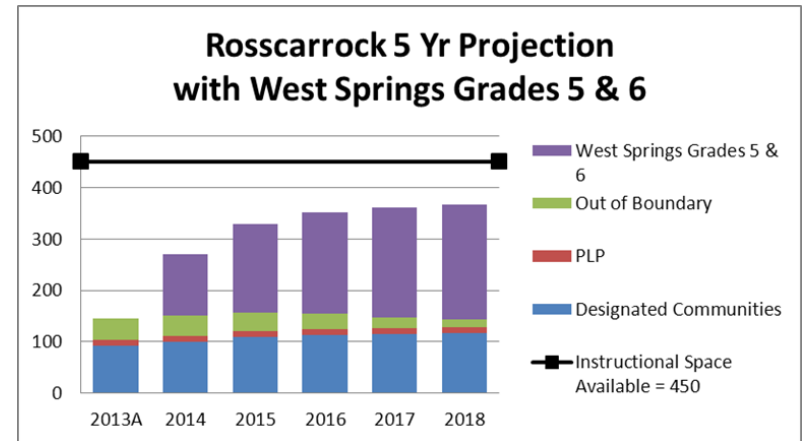
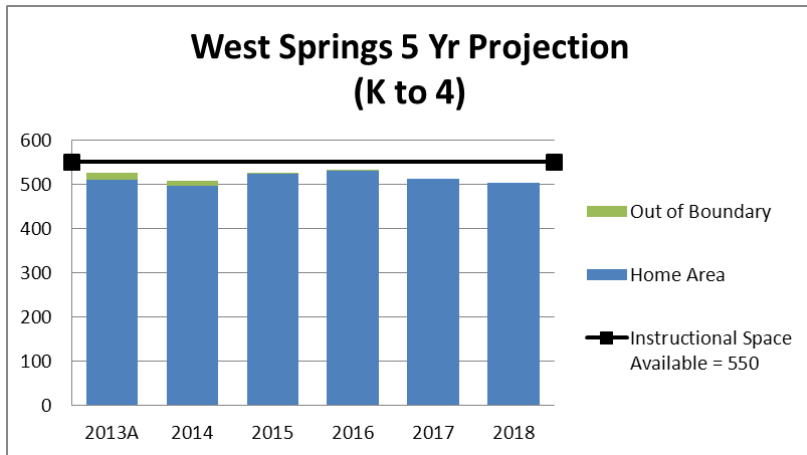
Wildwood

- Move a smaller group to a school that makes sense ie:
 - Aspen Woods to Glendale or Jennie Elliott
 - Cougar Ridge - Glendale

SCENARIO 1:

West Springs School: Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.

Wildwood School: Re-designate Aspen Woods (West of 85th Street) to Jennie Elliott School and re-designate Olympic Heights overflow to Glendale School

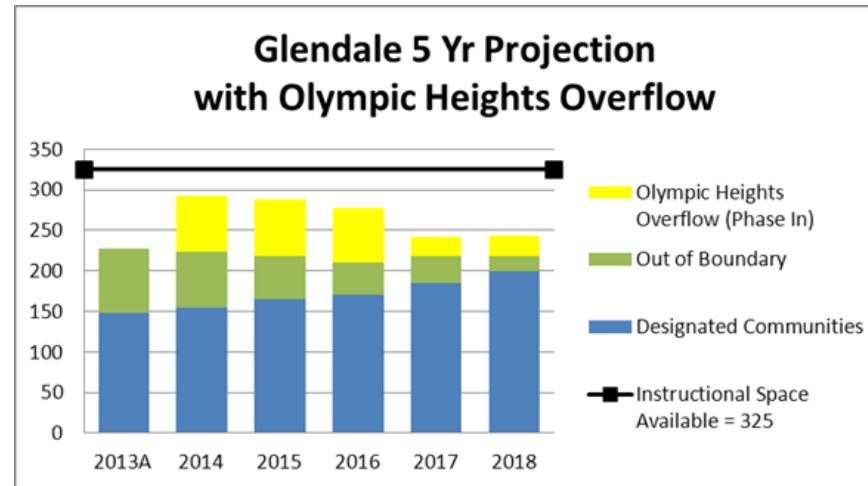


Note: Scenario 1 projections continued on next slide

SCENARIO 1 (Continued):

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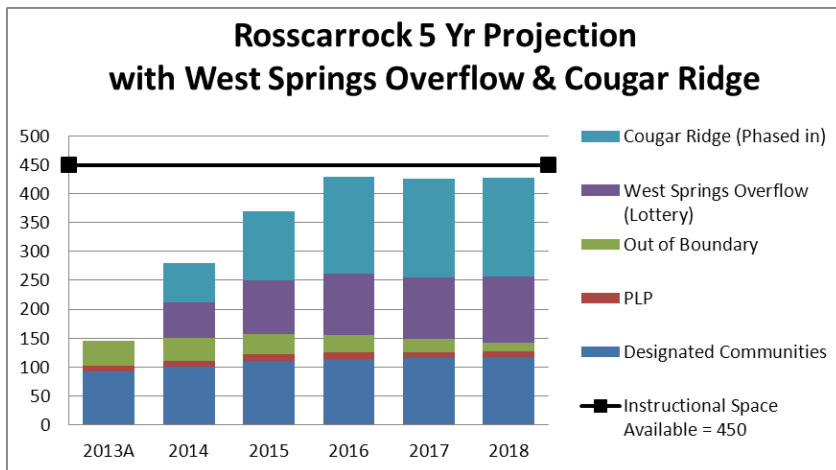
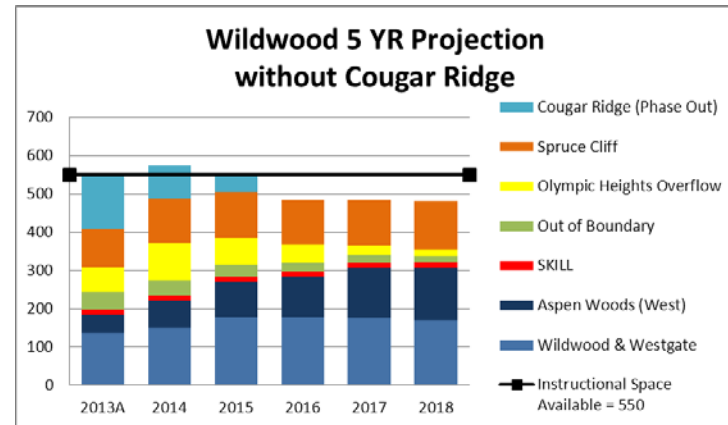
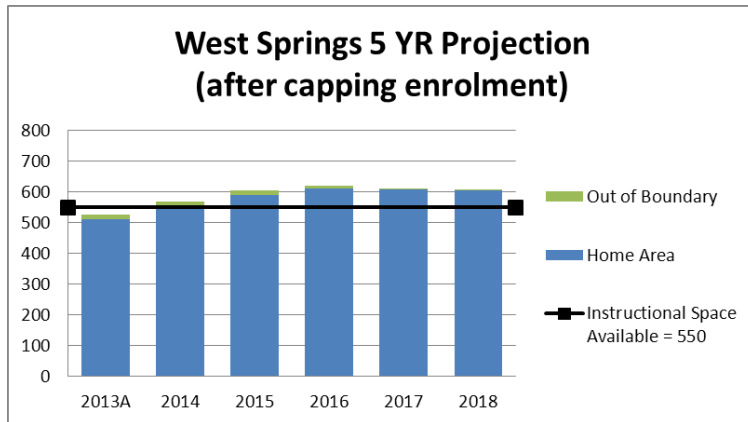
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- *Effective 2014, new overflow students from Olympic Heights School would be designated to Glendale School. Current Olympic Heights students attending Wildwood School could remain at Wildwood until the end of their division.*

SCENARIO 2:

West Springs School: Remain K-6 and Cap enrolment. Overflow K-6 students to Rosscarrock School.

Wildwood School: Re-designate Cougar Ridge students to Rosscarrock School.



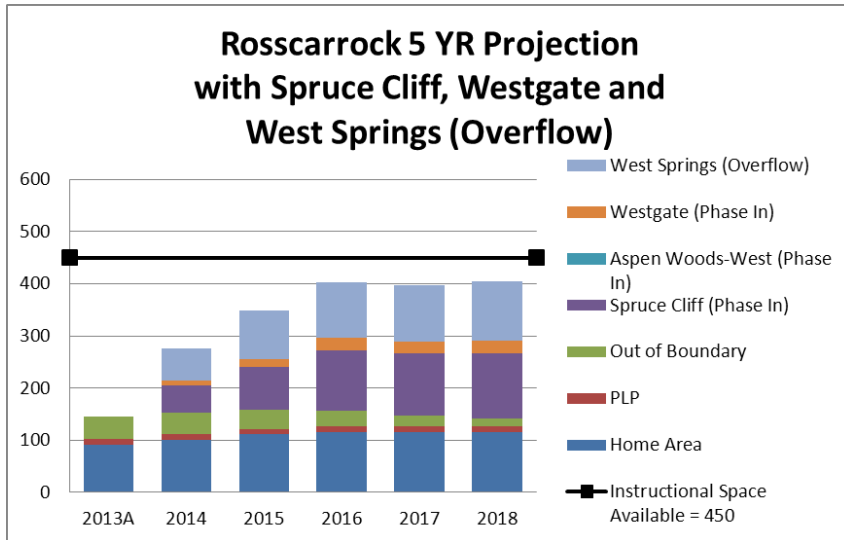
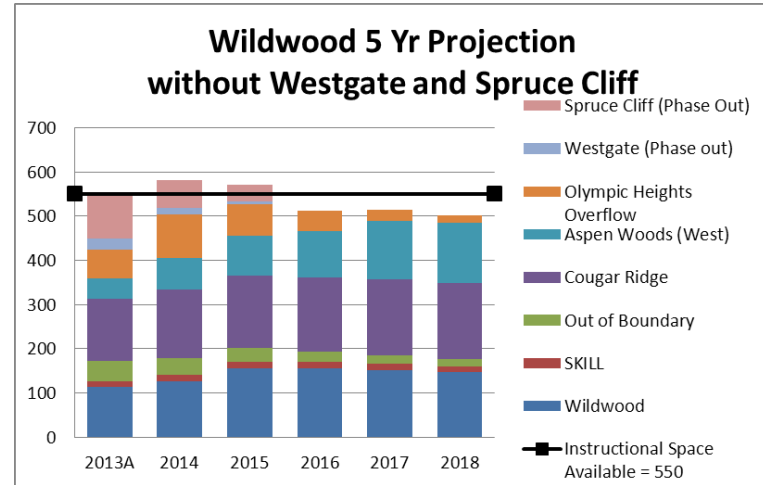
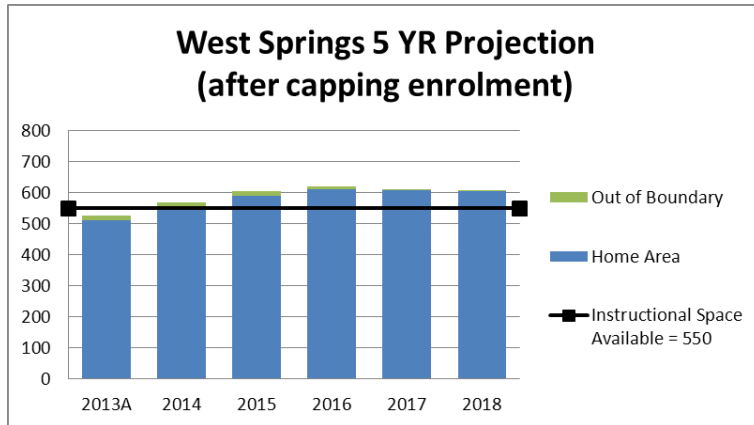
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- *New K to 6 students that are overflowed from West Springs would attend Rosscarrock effective September 2014.*
- *At Wildwood School, new Cougar Ridge students would be designated to Rosscarrock effective September 2014. Current Cougar Ridge students at Wildwood school could remain at Wildwood until the end of their division.*

SCENARIO 3:

West Springs School: Remain K-6 and Cap enrolment. Overflow K-6 students to Rosscarrock School.

Wildwood School: Re-designate Spruce Cliff and Westgate students to Rosscarrock School for Regular program.



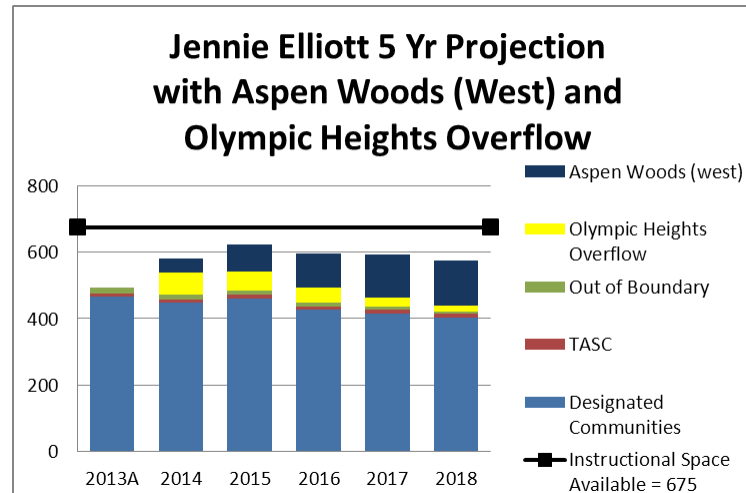
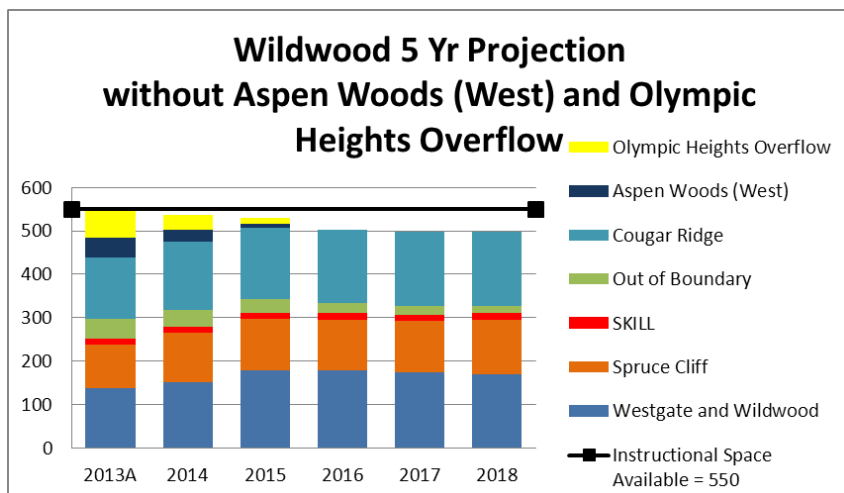
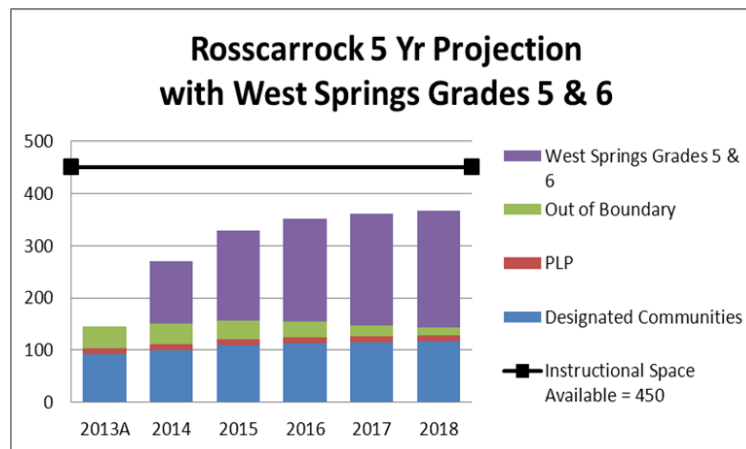
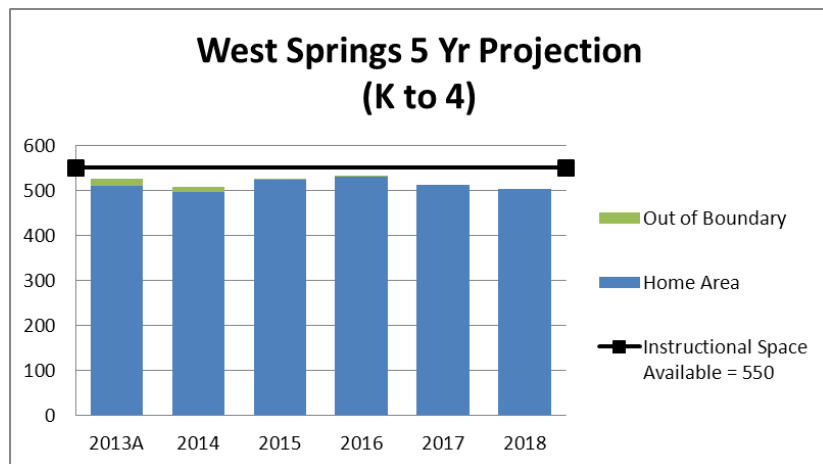
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- At Wildwood School, new Spruce Cliff and Westgate students would be designated to Rosscarrock effective September 2014. Current students from these two communities attending Wildwood school could remain at Wildwood until the end of their division.

SCENARIO 4:

West Springs School: Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.

Wildwood School: Re-designate Aspen Woods (West of 85th Street) and Olympic Heights overflow to Jennie Elliott School.



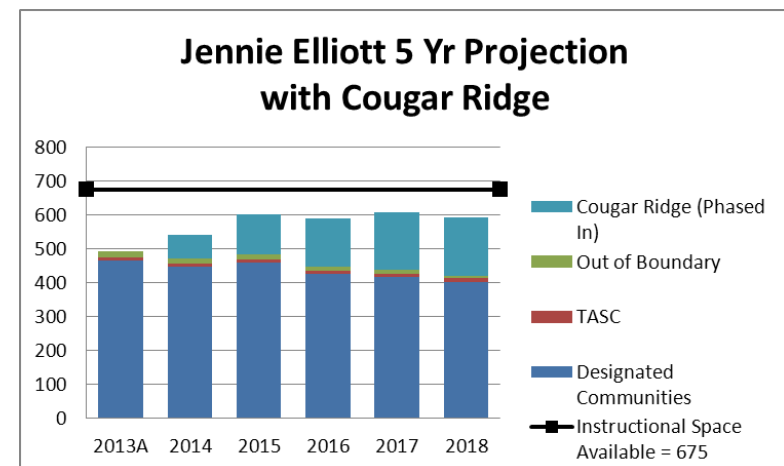
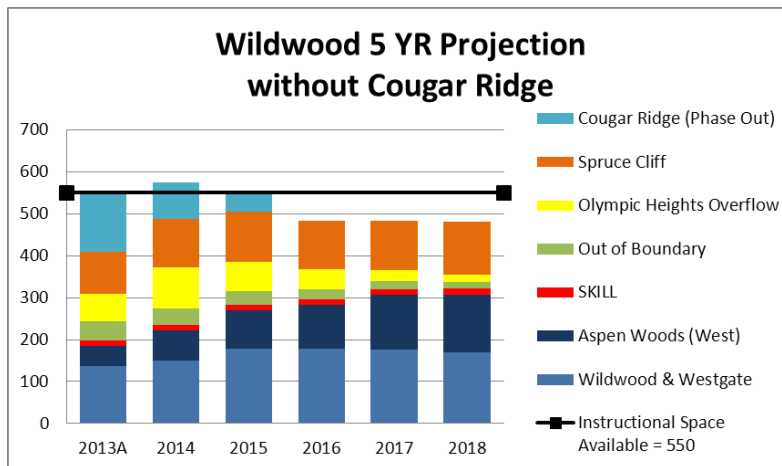
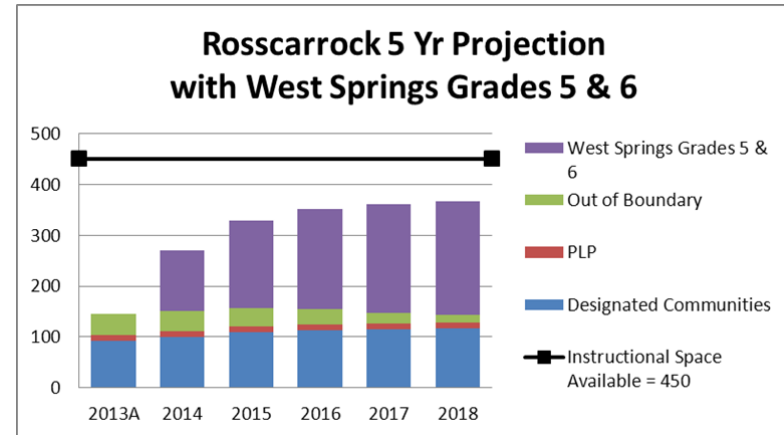
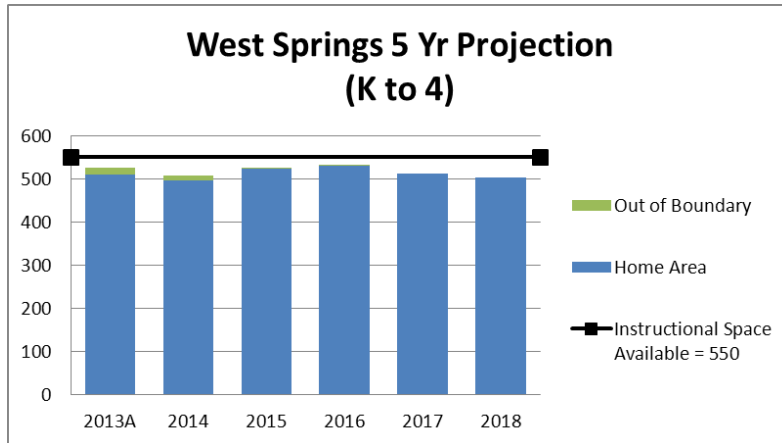
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- At Wildwood, all new students from Aspen Woods (West) and Olympic Heights School would be designated to Jennie Elliot effective September 2014. Those students from these communities currently attending Wildwood School could remain at Wildwood until the end of their division.

SCENARIO 5:

West Springs School: Change grade configuration to K-4 and designate GR 5-6 students to Rosscarrock School.

Wildwood School : Re-designate Cougar Ridge students to Jennie Elliott School



Notes:

- Effective September 2014, all Grade 5 and 6 students from West Springs would attend Rosscarrock.
- At Wildwood, all new students from Cougar Ridge would be designated to Jennie Elliot effective September 2014. Those students from Cougar Ridge currently attending Wildwood School could remain at Wildwood until the end of their division.

Decision Making

- The Area Director and Director of Planning & Transportation make decisions on student accommodation issues.
- Parent input influences and impacts decisions.

257 received to date

242 West Springs Residents/families/relatives

23 Wildwood/Olympic Heights

10 Parents of pre-school children living in West Springs

10 Receiver Schools (majority from Jennie Elliott)

*Binder with actual emails is available for viewing – names removed.

Thoughtstream

Thoughtstream data from all 4 Thoughtstreams was consolidated and analyzed independently for the CBE by facilitators at Thoughtstream. Information included in this presentation has been provided by Thoughtstream.

Thoughtstream

Thoughts:

- 758 invited
- 401 participated (53%)
- 2929 individual Thoughts submitted

Priorities:

- 758 invited
- 579 participated (76%)
- 18,625 stars assigned

Thoughtstream

Main Theme:

- Splits/Disruptions/Grade Configurations

Other Common Themes:

- Proper Utilization/Planning of Space and Capacity
- Maintaining Quality Education
- Transportation
- Capping/lottery set-up

Splits/Disruptions/Grade Configurations

- Maintaining community and connections was voiced in all five options as an issue of high negative concern.
- Cited as extremely important as encourages involvement and social stability through peer and family networks.
- Concern that some options would split up communities or force dissimilar communities to merge.
- Mixed feelings around changes to grade configurations of schools (ex: K-4 or K-6).

Scenarios

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5
<i>Splits/Disruptions/grade Configuration changes</i>	<i>neutral</i>	most beneficial	most beneficial	<i>somewhat beneficial</i>	<i>extremely problematic</i>
<i>Capping/Lottery</i>	<i>somewhat beneficial</i>	problematic	problematic	<i>neutral</i>	<i>somewhat beneficial</i>
<i>Maintaining Quality of Education</i>	<i>problematic</i>	very problematic	problematic	<i>somewhat beneficial</i>	<i>problematic</i>
<i>Proper Utilization of Space</i>	<i>beneficial</i>	very problematic	most problematic	<i>extremely problematic</i>	<i>extremely problematic</i>
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>neutral</i>	somewhat beneficial	somewhat beneficial	<i>problematic</i>	<i>extremely problematic</i>

Thoughtstream

Other thoughts from parents:

- Add portables to West Springs
- Give siblings priorities (if do overflow) and deciding who goes to what school
- Add Glendale to Options 2 and 3
- If need to make West Springs K-4 ensure that those already enrolled get to finish grades 5 and 6 there as they expected and planned (since they contributed to the school and stuff)
- Build a middle school
- Access to TASC program (Jennie Elliott)
- Access to childcare



Revised Scenario

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Scenario 1 West Springs

K-6 West Springs

- Remain K to 6
- Enrolment capped at approximately 80 new kindergarten students each year using lottery process.

**Existing students attending West Springs School would not be asked to leave.*

- New K to 6 students that are overflowed from West Springs would be designated to Rosscarrock School effective September 2014.

Scenario 1 Wildwood School & Olympic Heights School

New Cougar Ridge students would be designated to Rosscarrock School effective September 2014.

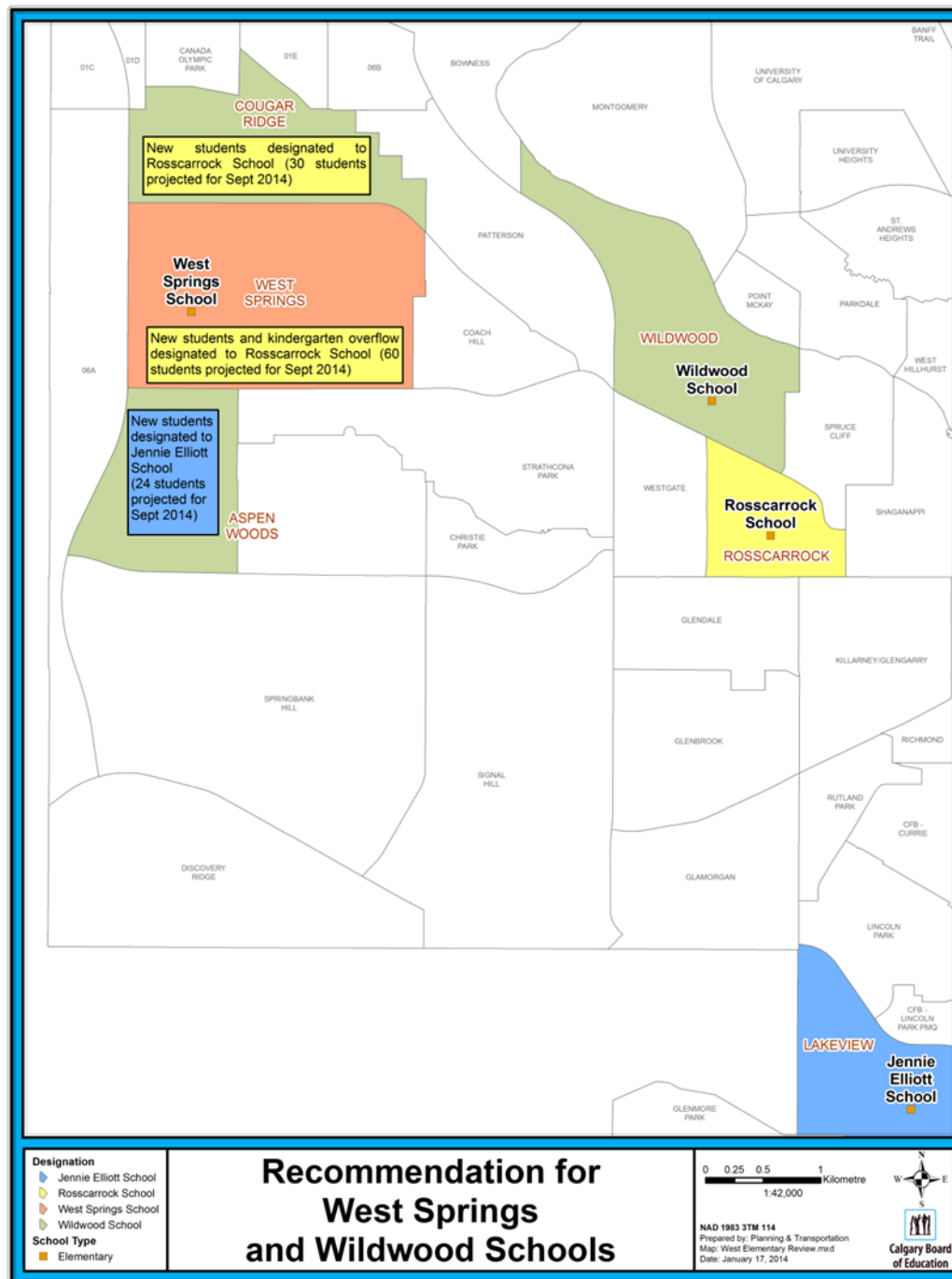
- Current Cougar Ridge students and any new siblings of Cougar Ridge students currently attending Wildwood School could remain at Wildwood School.

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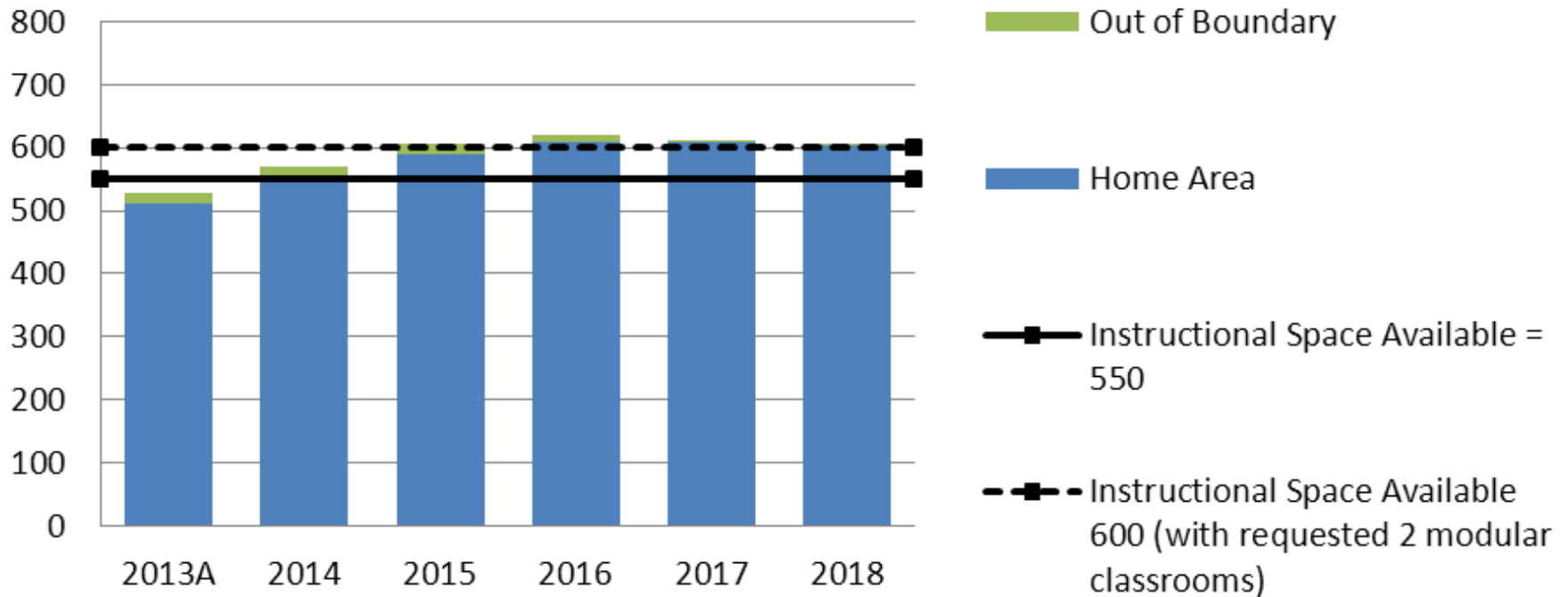
- New Aspen Woods (West of 85th Street) students would be designated to Jennie Elliott School starting September 2014.

**Existing Aspen Woods (West of 85th Street) students and any new siblings would not be asked to leave Wildwood School.*

There would be no change at Olympic Heights School.

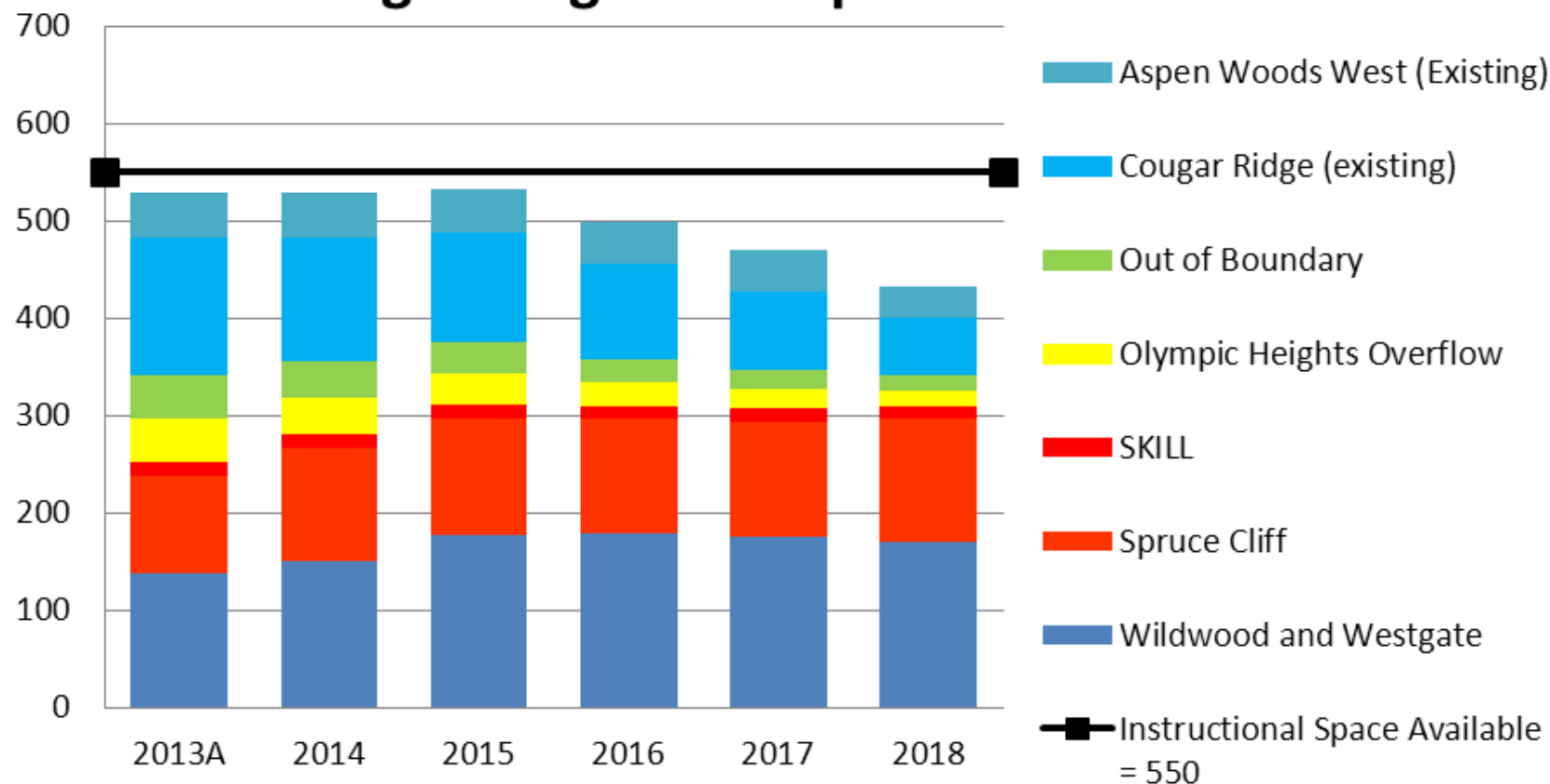


West Springs 5 YR Projection (after capping enrolment)



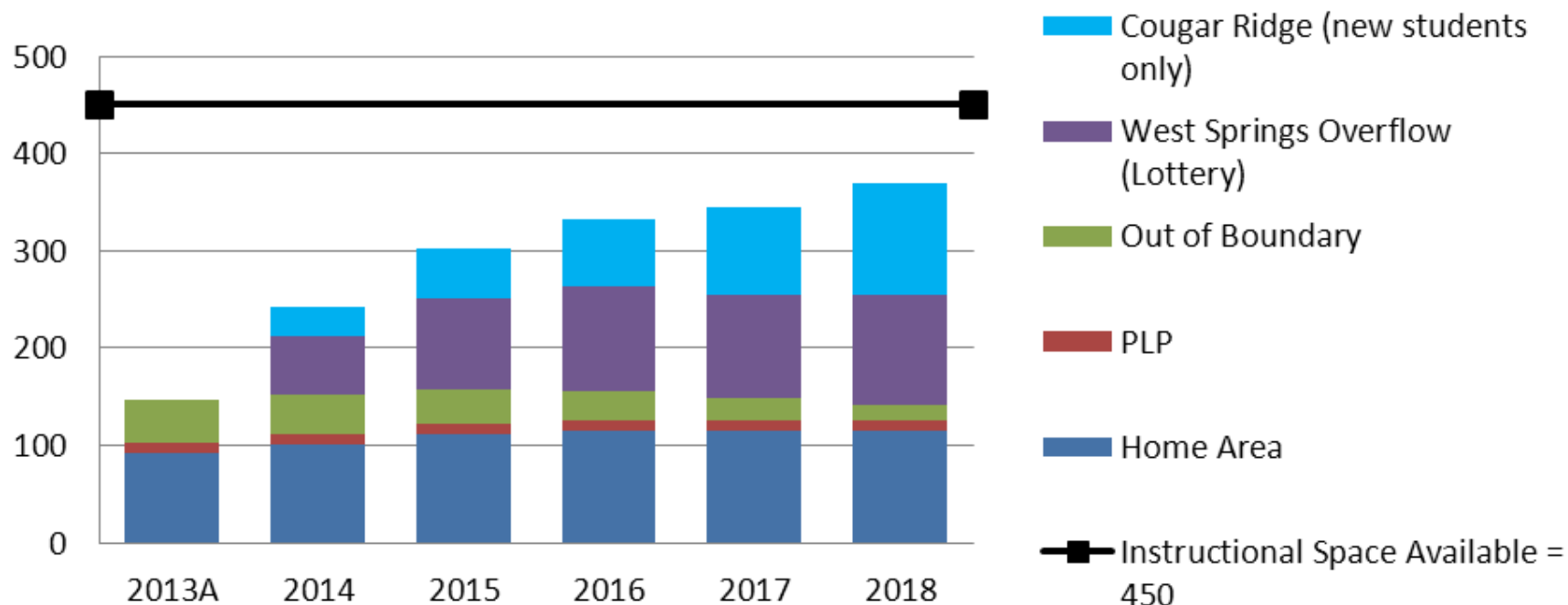
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Wildwood 5 YR Projection redesignating Cougar Ridge and Aspen Woods West



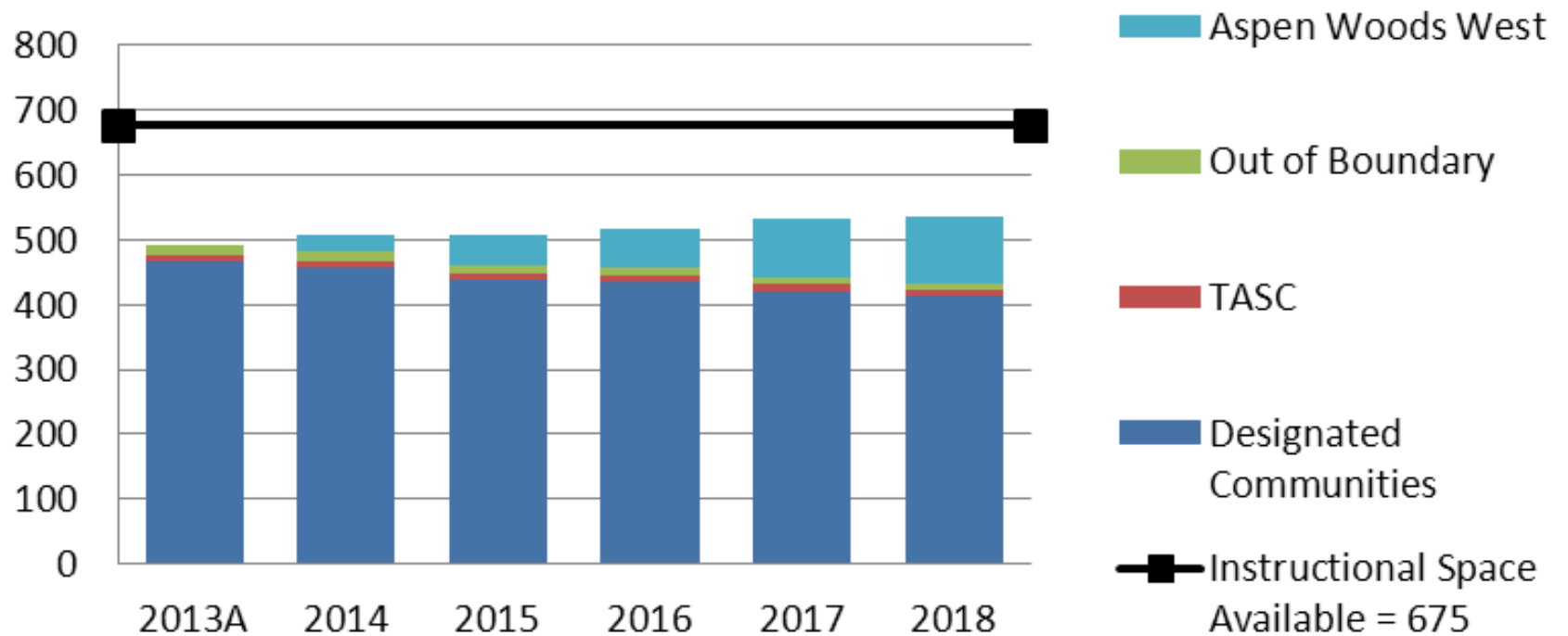
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Rosscarrock 5 YR Projection with West Springs Overflow and Cougar Ridge



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Jennie Elliott 5 YR Projection with Aspen Woods (West)



Scenario 2a from West Springs School parents – Move to K-4 over time

Effective Sept. 2014 cap kindergarten registration at 85 students and announce that these kindergarten students will be the first group that may only attend until grade 4.

All students currently at West Springs School will complete to grade 6.

Overflow students to Rosscarrock School.

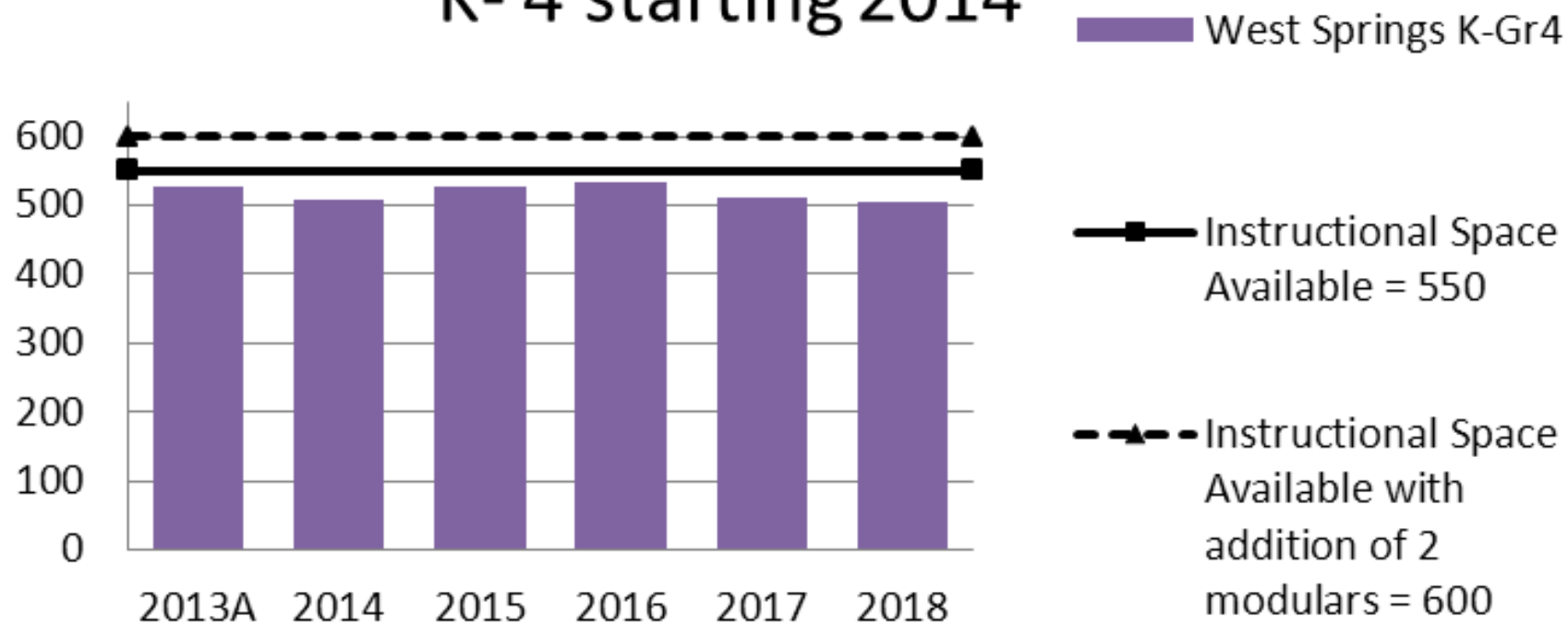
Scenario 2b West Springs School Move to K-4 September 2014

Moves to a K-4 grade configuration.

Effective Sept. 2014 Grade 5 & 6 students move to Rosscarrock School.

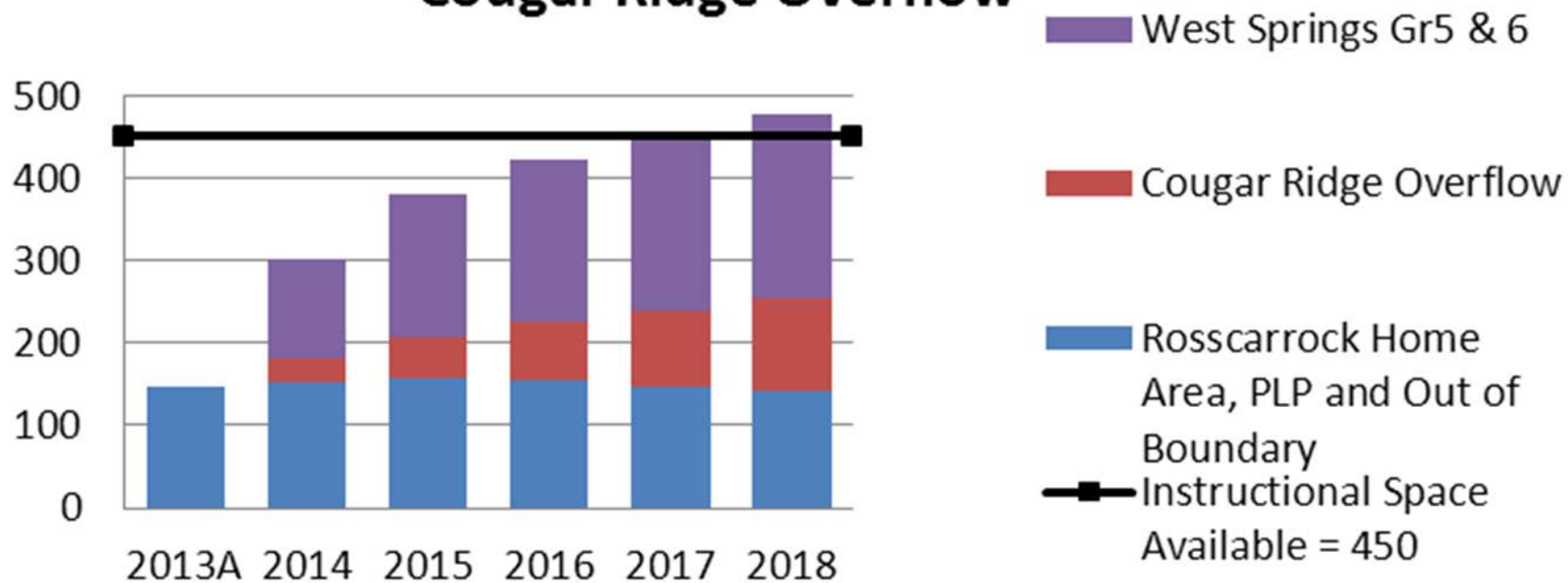
West Springs 5 YR Projection

K- 4 starting 2014



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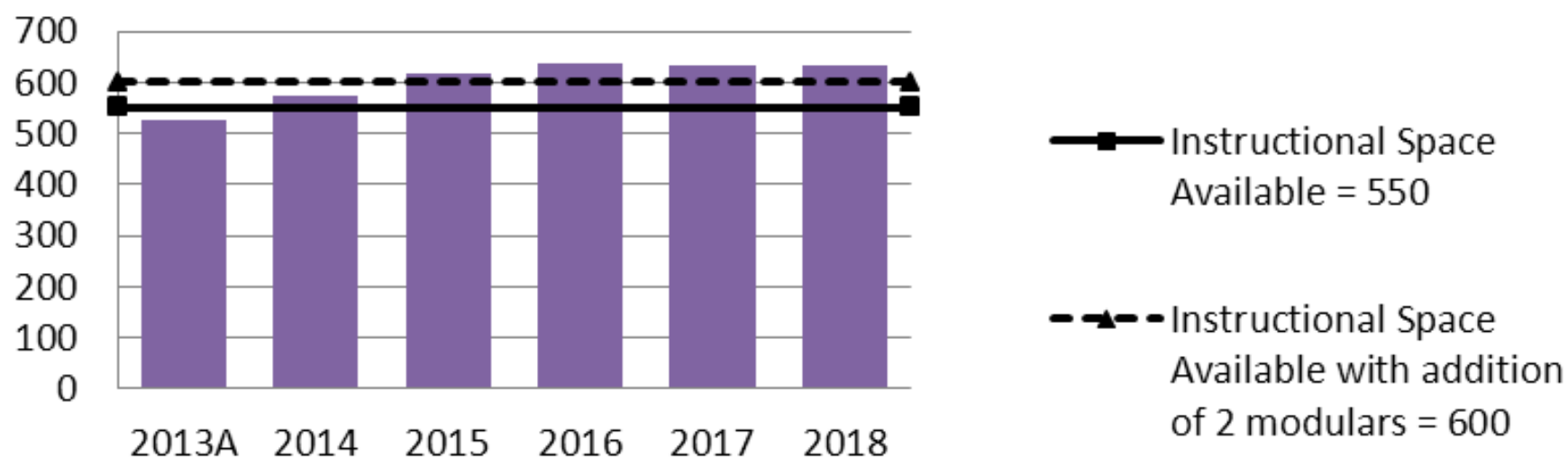


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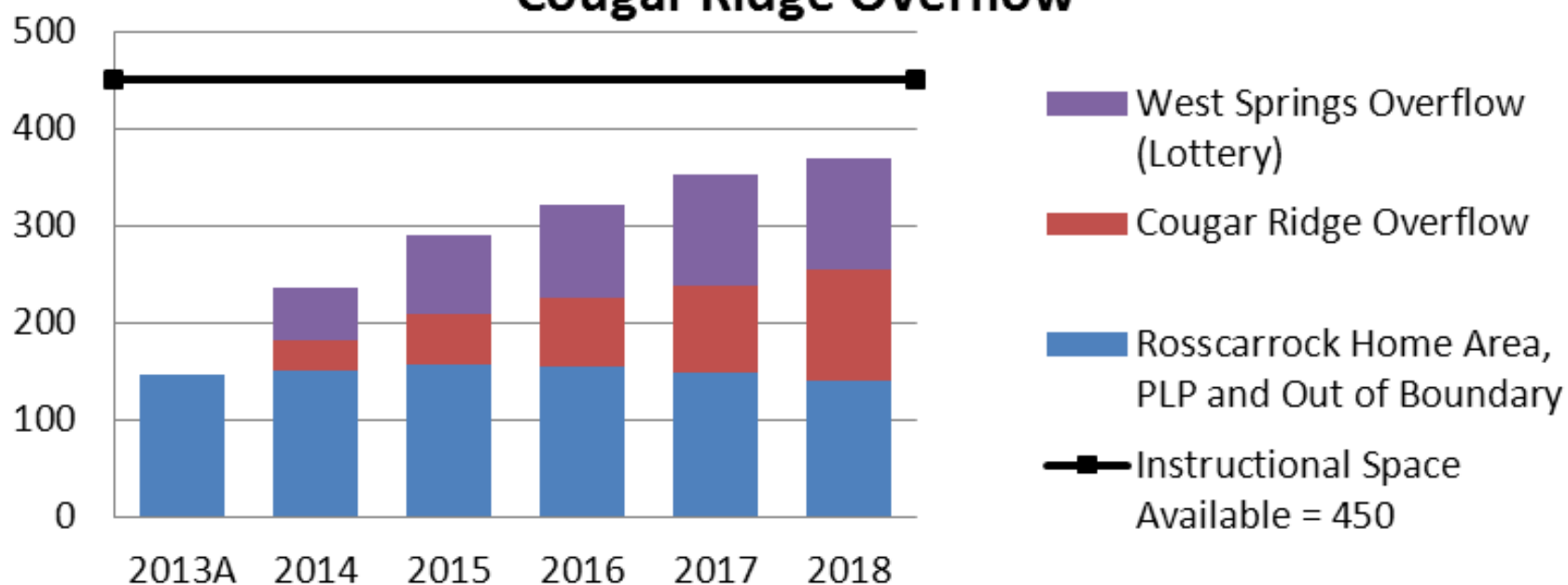
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New students K -4/Existing students stay till Grade 6



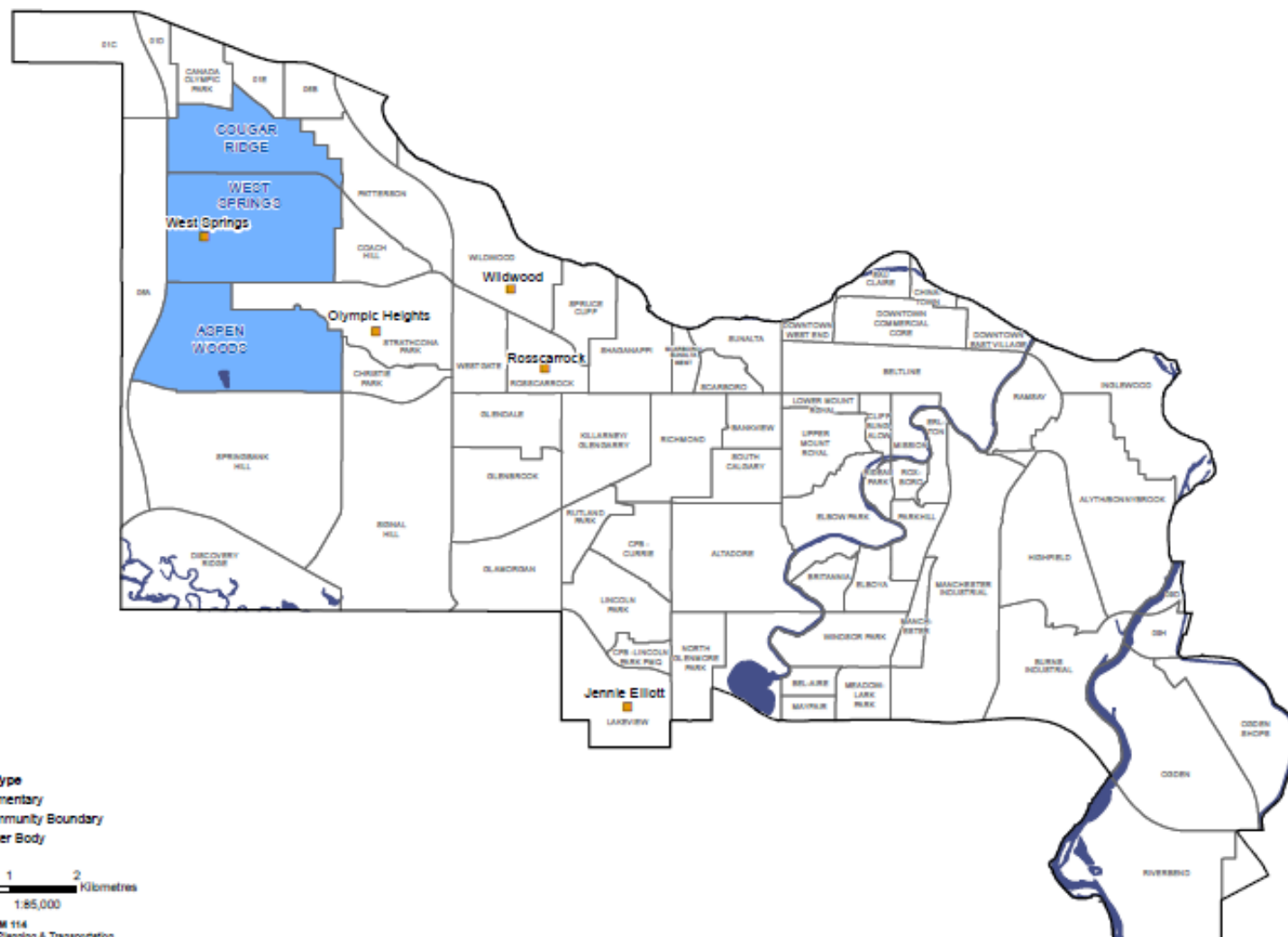
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Area IV (West) Accommodation



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Three-Year School Capital Plan 2014-2017

New School Construction Evaluation Process

