



# Chasco/Calusa Proposal

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# About Calusa Elementary

- Built in 1979
- 75,551 square feet on 10.5 acres
- Currently 429 students
- 65% of capacity – 429/657



# Chasco Elementary and Middle

## Elementary

- Built in 2000
- 99,766 square feet on 13.1 acres
- Currently 582 students

## Middle

- Built in 2001
- 138,850 square feet on 22 acres
- Currently 614 students

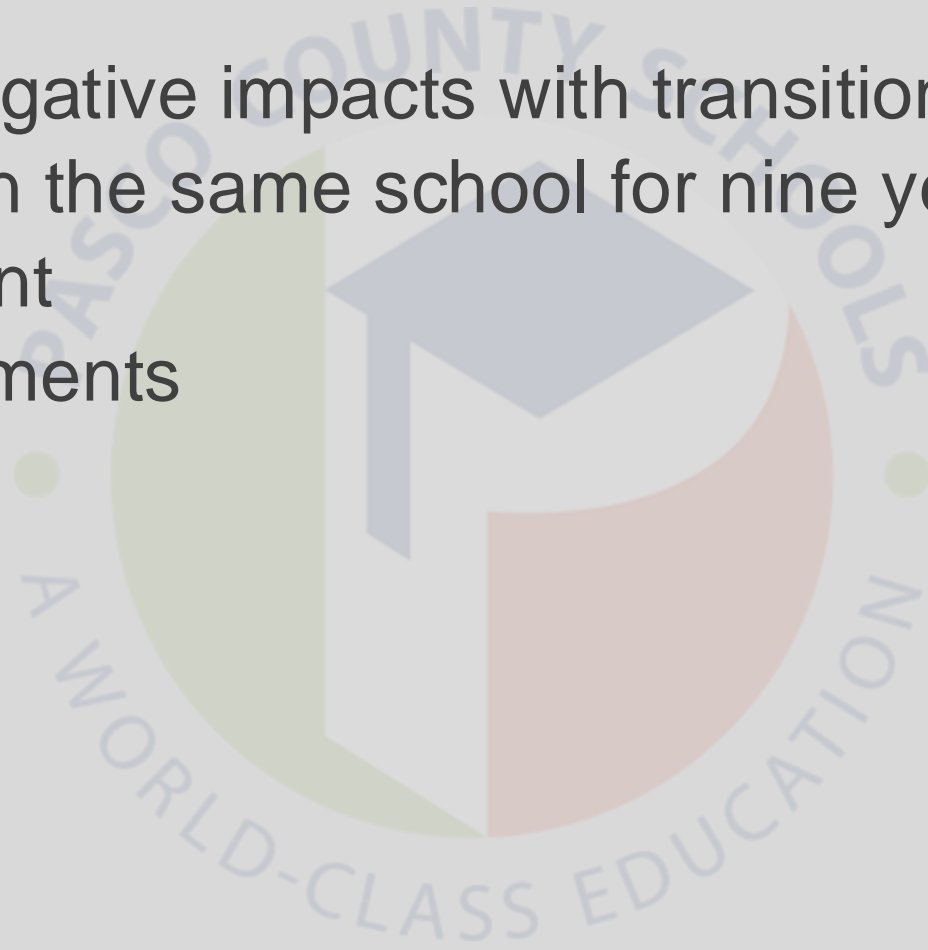


# Why this proposal?

- Calusa Elementary has 429 students enrolled with a school capacity of 657, 65% of enrollment.
  - Combine schools to a newer, more modern facility and in a fiscally responsible way to maximize our resources and student support with little disruption to families
- Proximity of the schools
  - Only 1.4 miles apart and in the same community
  - Minimal Transportation impact

# Why this proposal?

- Benefits of K-8s:
  - Minimization of negative impacts with transition to middle school
  - Stability of being in the same school for nine years
  - Family engagement
  - Behavior improvements
  - Funding formula

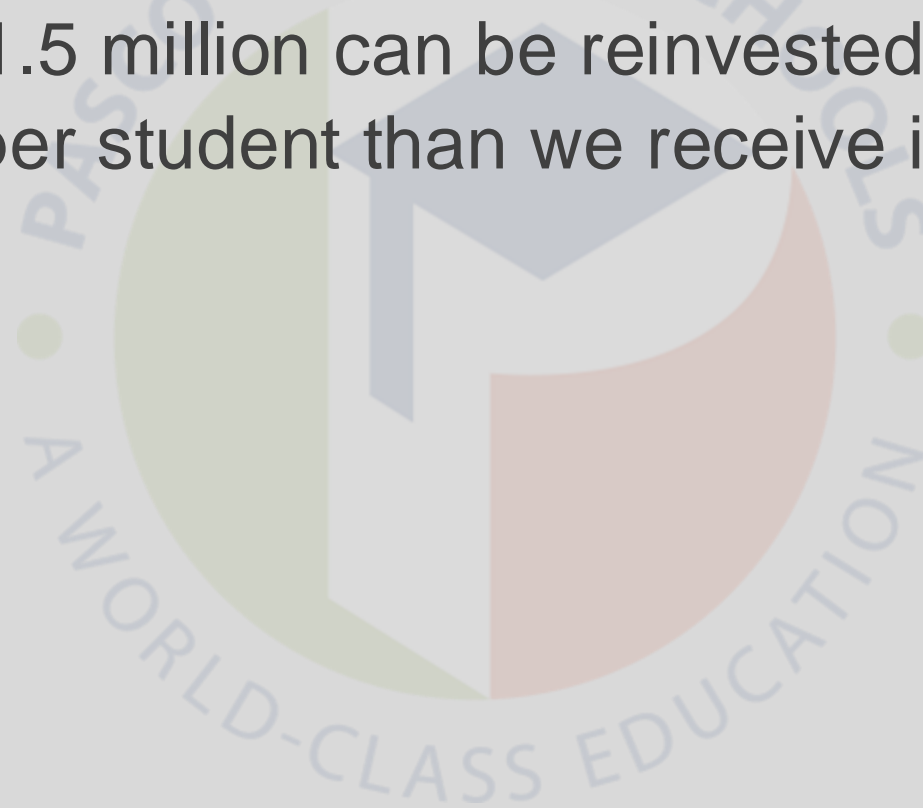


# Why this proposal?

- We are not fully realizing the benefits of a K-8 on the Chasco Campus.
- K-8 Success Locally and Nationally
  - Shady Hills Elementary/Crews Lake Middle temporary K-8
  - Starkey Ranch K-8
  - Kirkland Ranch K-8 and Skybrooke K-8

# Why this proposal?

- Operational efficiencies and savings
  - 20 non-instructional/support allocations
  - Approximately \$1.5 million can be reinvested
  - Spending more per student than we receive in FTE
  - Capital savings



# K-8 Comparison – Square Feet

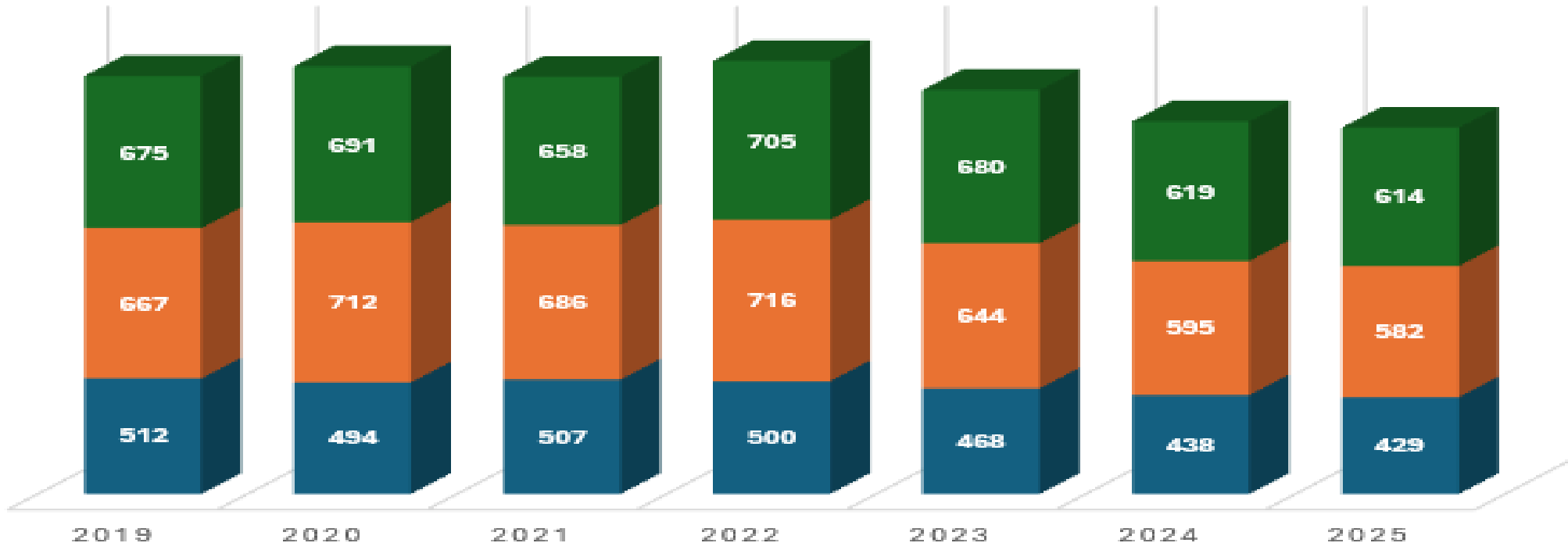
- Starkey Ranch K-8 – 220,964 square feet
  - 2,104 students
- Kirkland Ranch K-8 – 164,711 square feet
  - 1,432 students
- Skybrooke K-8 – 170,000 square feet
  - 1,620 students
- Proposed Chasco K-8 – 238,616 square feet
  - Current enrollment in all three schools is 1,625



# Student Enrollment Over Time

## HISTORICAL ADM

■ Calusa Elementary   ■ Chasco Elementary   ■ Chasco Middle





# Questions?

Thank you!



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