

## Adapt to a Changing Enrollment Profile Quickly

### Put DecisionInsite's Research and Consulting Expertise to Work for Your District

As experienced education leaders, DecisionInsite (DI) is keenly aware of the challenges that an ever-changing enrollment profile places on school districts. Population shifts, declining enrollment, and housing dynamics all impact your ability to effectively plan for the future. Our Research and Consulting Services can help you anticipate changes and proactively adapt to your changing community.

## With DecisionInsite's Research and Consulting Services, your school district will be prepared to:

- Understand student enrollment trends\*
- Plan efficient facilities for your projected enrollment
- Successfully plan for and phase-in boundary changes
- Close schools to open enrollment
- Prepare for school openings/closures/grade changes
- Predict staffing requirements
- Tailor educational programs to community needs
- Enhance presentations with professional maps and graphs
- Achieve greater support from your school board and community
- Make the best use of your scarce financial resources **and much more...**

\* Requires subscription to one of the DecisionInsite IDEAS products

## The DI Approach

Our Research and Consulting Services are led by a team of education leaders with district-level experience in:

- School Configuration and Service Areas
- Housing Dynamics
- Board Policy Revisions

### There are two ways to accomplish your goals:

1. We can design and implement the research and consulting on your behalf, or
2. We can provide direct support to your district personnel as they lead the process.

Either way, you can count on a values-based, criteria-driven team effort that incorporates board policies or other parameters, is customized to your unique culture, and involves those who would be affected by a major change. We use The DI System as a tool to quickly review relevant data and develop alternatives. Finally, we create effective presentations for the public, staff and Board of Education.



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## Our Research and Consulting Services

Prior to making a major change in your district, DI can help you look for viable alternatives. If those alternatives do not achieve the goal, it is likely that adapting to current or future enrollment shifts will involve one or more of the elements described below.

### School Configuration and Service Areas

As new schools are opened or neighborhoods change, attendance boundaries may require adjustment. Sometimes population shifts may prompt consideration of closing a school, making capacity adjustments or changing grade configurations.

- **Attendance Boundary Change**—A change in attendance boundaries is typically driven by the need to address overcrowding or balance enrollment, close or open a school, adjust capacity by increasing or reducing the use of relocatable classrooms.
- **School Closing**—School closings must be grounded in good public policy and sound decision making. Factors to consider include timing, transition plans, boundary changes, options for those affected, and community information processes.
- **School Grade Configuration Change**—A change in grade configuration can be driven by the desire to optimize existing facilities and/or achieve a preferred program or service profile. We help you determine how existing facilities can best serve desired grade configuration changes, and include the development of viable boundary change options.
- **School Capacity Calculation**—No longer can you effectively calculate capacity simply by counting the number of rooms and multiplying by 30. DI has developed tools to help you calculate the realistic capacity of each school site, accounting for class size reduction, full or half-day Kindergarten, full use of high school facilities based on contractual constraints, varying group size by course, and students in classes outside the four walls.

### Housing Dynamics

Housing dynamics impact all schools. Our research team provides the following support to your district:

- **Residential Development Research**—Our team skillfully discovers the phasing of proposed dwelling units by type planned 10 years into the future. We integrate this information with The DI System and project future students according to the development schedule. Most districts update this information annually to reflect changes in the housing market.



- **Student Generation Rates**—These studies examine recent housing occupancies to produce yield factors by dwelling unit type for each of three levels: elementary, middle and high school.
- **Residential Build-Out**—Long-range planning often requires looking beyond the typical enrollment projections. DI can generate 15 year or full residential build-out studies. This can help districts to address potential property and financing issues in a wise manner, often circumventing a crisis.

### Board Policy Revisions

Board policies established prior to the rise of a particular crisis serve the Board and community well. Our team is experienced in writing board policies and implementing them. We can help you by reviewing current policies and recommending revisions that fall under the umbrella of addressing changing enrollment profiles. Such policies include:

- Transportation zone/neighborhood school definition
- School size: preferred and maximum
- Closed/Open Enrollment
- Inter-district Enrollment
- School Naming
- Annual Capacity Monitoring
- School Closing criteria and process
- Attendance Boundary Change process and timing



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