

TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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School District U-46 is Illinois' largest school district outside of Chicago. We serve 41,000 students in the communities of Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin, Wayne, Streamwood, West Chicago, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Carol Stream, and others.

We are a minority-majority school district, with:

- 44.4% - Hispanic
- 36.5% - White
- 8.1% - Asian/Pacific Islander
- 6.9% - Black
- 3.9% - Multi-racial

According to the 2010 Census, the population within the boundaries of School District U-46 is 231,224. Because this is the first time the Census has provided data by school district, it is unclear how much our population has increased in the past 10 years.

However, I can tell you that since 2000 the population in our district has grown. In fact, our student enrollment – excluding pre-schools – has increased from 34,983 in 2000 to 40,745 today.

This increase of nearly 6,000 students required us to build six new elementary schools, a new middle school, and a new high school, in the past 10 years.

In addition, we built additions onto seventeen elementary schools, five middle schools, and four of our high schools in order to accommodate the increase in student enrollments.

Our District's request to you is to take into consideration school district boundaries as you re-draw legislative districts. We also would like to see the proposed legislative boundaries rather than speculate on the impact the re-drawing will have on our school district and communities.

Thank you.

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## Background Information

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Currently our school district is represented in the House of Representatives by Keith Farnham (22 schools), Randy Ramey (18 schools), Fred Crespo (12 schools), Tim Schmitz (2 schools), Michelle Mussman (1 school), Franco Coladipietro (1 school).

In the Senate, we are represented by Michael Noland (36 schools), John Millner (19 schools), and Chris Lauzen (2 schools).

### School District U-46 Enrollments

1999	33,570
2000	34,983
2001	36,108
2002	37,445
2003	38,587
2004	38,285
2005	38,429
2006	39,117
2007	39,794
2008	40,186
2009	40,449
2010	40,745

### Schools Built Since 2000

- 2002 Hawk Hollow Elementary in Bartlett
- 2003 Hilltop Elementary in Elgin
- 2002 Liberty Elementary in Bartlett
- 2003 Lincoln Elementary in Hoffman Estates
- 2002 Otter Creek Elementary in Elgin
- 2003 Timber Trails Elementary in Hoffman Estates
- 2003 Kenyon Woods Middle School in South Elgin
- 2004 South Elgin High School in South Elgin

Additions built since 2000

Centennial Elementary  
Century Oaks Elementary  
Channing Elementary  
Fox Meadow Elementary  
Harriet Gifford Elementary  
Horizon Elementary  
Lowrie Elementary  
Nature Ridge Elementary  
Oakhill Elementary  
Ontarioville Elementary  
Prairieview Elementary  
Ridge Circle Elementary (2000 and 2002)  
Sunnydale Elementary (2000 and 2003)  
Sycamore Trails Elementary  
Washington Elementary (2000 and 2004)  
Wayne Elementary  
Willard Elementary

Abbott Middle School  
Eastview Middle  
Ellis Middle  
Kimball Middle  
Larsen Middle

Bartlett High  
Elgin High  
Larkin High  
Streamwood High