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Enrollment Forecast for 2019-2020 Shows 450 More Students

Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) student enrollment is expected to rise for the eighth consecutive year, according to school district projections.

The enrollment forecast for the 2019-2020 school year indicates 458 more students will be attending CPS, said Sarah Trimble Oliver, the district's chief information officer. Oliver expects the district enrollment to hit 36,282. In October 2017, enrollment was expected to hit 35,544. The district's current enrollment, however, has exceeded projections by 269 students.

In a presentation to the CPS Board of Education Wednesday, Oliver said the growth is evident in grades 7-12. She told school board members several schools are experiencing a significant increase in student population, including Aiken New Tech High School and Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students, and more students are enrolling in CPS from charter schools.

To accommodate the expected growth, the district is planning to open two schools in 2019. The Clifton Area Neighborhood School, an elementary building, is slated to open in the spring. Also, the district recently purchased the former Mercy High School, located in Cincinnati's Westwood neighborhood, and will announce plans for the new building in the next few weeks.

Since 2013, the district's enrollment has climbed by 4,462 students, according to data from the Ohio Department of Education. Earlier this year, Superintendent Laura Mitchell released a report showing CPS enrollment is far outpacing other Ohio urban school districts.

From 2013 - 2017, seven of the state's Urban 8 school districts – Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown – gained 682 students combined. During the same time period, 4,462 more students enrolled in CPS.

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Enrollment Comparison of Urban 8 School Districts:

Cincinnati Public Schools: **4,462** increase

Toledo Public Schools: **1,474** increase

Columbus City Schools: **554** increase

Cleveland Metropolitan: **224** increase

Youngstown City Schools: **116** decrease

Dayton Public Schools: **447** decrease

Akron City Schools: **456** decrease

Canton City Schools: **551** decrease

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