



# City School District of Albany Enrollment Impact 2019-20

Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy

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## Overview Context for Tonight's Discussion

**Three primary factors have contributed to our re-evaluation of enrollment options for 2019-20:**

- **Enrollment growth at O'Neal Middle School**
  - The building is not big enough to serve all students designated to attend there through our temporary enrollment pattern
  - Need to reduce enrollment at O'Neal while providing high-quality academic opportunities for all students
- **District-wide budget deficit for 2019-20**
  - Current estimated gap of \$6.7 million before any tax-levy increase or other budget savings
- **Elementary enrollment decline**
  - North Albany Academy, Arbor Hill Elementary School, Sheridan Preparatory Academy



## Original Timeline Repurposing North Albany Academy

**Proposed conversion of North Albany into a permanent 650-seat middle school to open in 2023-24:**

- **April 2021 -- July 2023 (pending voter approval in May 2019)**
  - Renovations to expand Arbor Hill
  - Site work at North Albany in anticipation of full renovation and expansion in 2022-23
  - North Albany fully enrolled PK-5 through 2021-22; Albany International Center remains at North Albany
- **2022-23 school year**
  - North Albany students PK-5 enroll at expanded Arbor Hill; Albany International remains at North Albany
- **Fall 2023**
  - North Albany reopens as a 650-student middle school
  - Albany International relocates (location TBD based on 2020-21 demographic study)

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## 2019-20 Enrollment Options and Budget Impact

**Option 1 (formerly Option B):**

- Arbor Hill and North Albany both expand to add sixth grade
- O'Neal has one team of sixth grade (Schuyler and Sheridan Prep students only) and grades 7-8
- **Budget impact:** No additional staffing required; no budget savings

**What it would mean for Schuyler students:**

- Schuyler students continue to attend middle school at O'Neal
- A smaller sixth grade at O'Neal (reduction of about 80 students) and fewer students in the building overall throughout middle school

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## 2019-20 Enrollment Options and Budget Impact

### Option 2 (formerly Option C 1.5):

- North Albany Academy is repurposed for sixth grade only
- Full O'Neal sixth grade moves to North Albany; O'Neal serves grades 7-8 only
- North Albany current students PK-4 enroll in other district elementary schools
- **Budget impact:** No additional staffing required; estimated budget savings \$1.67 million-\$2 million depending on enrollment options for North Albany elementary students

### What it would mean for Schuyler students:

- Schuyler students attend sixth grade at North Albany, grades 7-8 at O'Neal until the new North Albany middle school opens in 2023-24
- A smaller setting in middle school for the next four years
  - About 170 students in sixth grade at North Albany
  - About 320 students in grades 7-8 at O'Neal

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## 2019-20 Enrollment Options and Budget Impact

### Option 3 (formerly Option D):

- North Albany is repurposed as a small, temporary middle school serving students currently in fifth grade at North Albany and Schuyler
- Students in fifth grade at Arbor Hill and Sheridan Prep continue to attend middle school at O'Neal with a smaller sixth grade
- North Albany current students PK-4 enroll in other district elementary schools
- **Budget impact:** No additional staffing required; estimated budget savings \$1.67 million-\$2 million depending on enrollment options for North Albany elementary students

### What it would mean for Schuyler students:

- A small middle school until the new North Albany middle school opens in 2023-24
  - 80 total students in 2019-20 (grade 6 only)
  - 120 total students in 2020-21 (grades 6-7)
  - 160 total students in 2021-22 (grades 6-8)
  - 120 total students in 2022-23 (grades 6-8)

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## Re-Enrollment Options for North Albany Families

If the Board of Education selects Option 2 or Option 3, families of North Albany students currently in prekindergarten through fourth grade would have the following enrollment options for 2019-20:

- **Re-Enrollment Option 1:**
  - North Albany-zoned students attend Arbor Hill
  - All other current North Albany students attend their zoned schools
- **Re-Enrollment Option 2:**
  - North Albany-zoned students offered open-enrollment options throughout the district
  - All other current North Albany students attend their zoned schools

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## Next Steps

### School-based meetings for all schools that would be affected:

- Monday, March 11 – North Albany Academy, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12 – O’Neal Middle School, 6 p.m. (for O’Neal and Sheridan Prep families)
- Monday, March 18 – Schuyler Achievement Academy, 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 19** – Arbor Hill Elementary School, 6 p.m.

### Board of Education meetings:

- **Thursday, March 21** – North Albany Academy, 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 4** – Albany High School, 7 p.m.

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# Questions

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