



City School District of Albany Enrollment Impact 2019-20

Arbor Hill Elementary School

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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 Arbor Hill students:

- Arbor Hill returns to a prekindergarten-grade 6 model until the new North Albany middle school opens in 2023-24
- Arbor Hill students attend O'Neal for grades 7-8 only
- Fewer students overall at O'Neal because of the reduced sixth-grade enrollment (about 80 students)

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2019-20 Enrollment Options and Budget Impact

Option 2 (formerly Option C 1.5):

- North Albany Academy is repurposed temporarily 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 Arbor Hill students:

- Arbor Hill 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 total students at North Albany for sixth grade
 - About 320 total students at O'Neal for grades 7-8
- Increased elementary enrollment at Arbor Hill (pre-K through grade 5) with new students from North Albany

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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 Arbor Hill students:

- A smaller middle school at O'Neal until the new North Albany middle school opens in 2023-24
- Increased elementary enrollment at Arbor Hill (pre-K through grade 5) with new students from North Albany

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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 (about 85 students)
 - 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



Placement of North Albany Students

NAA ENROLLMENT 2018-19 by Attendance Zone								
SCHOOLS	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
AHES	3	4	3	0	5	4	10	29
DCS	1	4	1	4	4	9	2	25
EPES	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
GIFFEN	3	5	4	6	3	10	6	37
NSES	1	1	5	1	2	2	3	15
NAA	20	12	8	21	11	16	12	100
SAA	1	4	3	4	10	9	8	39
SPA	5	2	6	2	3	6	8	32
PHES	1	3	5	2	2	1	1	15
TOTAL	36	35	35	40	40	58	51	295
SPED SC	6	12 SC				16 SC	14 SC	

These classrooms will need a home.
 No space to return to home school
 Very limited space to return to home school



2019-20 Elementary Gradation NAA Re-Enrollment Option 1

2019-20 with NAA and AHES attendance zone students currently at NAA					
AHES	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	
PK	18	18	18	18	
K	17	17	18		
1	20	20	21		
2	19	19	19		
3	20	20	20		
4	22	22	22		
5	20	20	21		
Total	136	136	139	18	429

AHES building capacity is 550



2019-20 Elementary Gradation NAA Re-Enrollment Option 2

19-20 Open Enrollment Space						
	EPES	GMES	NSES	PHES	SPA	Total
K						
1	10	0	4	8	9	31
2	2	0	2	11	13	28
3	7	0	2	6	0	15
4	0	6	2	7	11	26
5	5	6	4	0	14	29
6	0	8				8
Total	24	20	14	32	47	137

All students can be accommodated back at their home school except DCS 4th and SAA 3rd and 4th.
Other schools will have room for the 3rd and 4th graders from DCS and SAA.

We could also accommodate all NAA students with an Open Enrollment at a school that would make them eligible for transportation.



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.
-- Discussion only
- **Thursday, April 4** – Albany High School, 7 p.m.
-- Possible decision

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Questions



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