

# News Release

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The Bismarck School Board last night heard from a demographer who is working on the school district's Facilities Master Plan. Rob Schwarz told the Board that he has met with city and county planning officials, local realtors, and others in the community as he researches future growth in the school system.

Schwarz said Bismarck Public Schools saw an increased enrollment of nearly 300 students this fall, and that trend should continue each year for the next five years, with most of the impact on the elementary level as young families move into Bismarck. Most of the residential growth is expected to be on the northside of Bismarck, with additional growth to the south and in Lincoln, as well.

The facilities consultants and the School Board will use this information as they consider options such as boundary changes, new schools, moving 6th graders into middle schools, etc.

On January 9 & 10, consultants will present a report card on each school's physical plant and the educational quality of each building. Then, on January 30 & 31, they will present options for solving the enrollment issues facing Bismarck Public Schools for the next 1, 5 and 10 years.

For more information on this planning process, go to [www.bismarckschools.org](http://www.bismarckschools.org) under Facilities Master Planning on the left.

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