



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NETWORK (EPSCN)

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TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

AGENDA

- BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES - Nancy H
- GETTING CONNECTED- Jodi
- PRESENTATION - Nancy H
- SPECIAL GUESTS
- OPEN FLOOR NEXT STEPS

BACKGROUND

- Introductions and our stories
- EPSCN (Edmonton Public School Council Network):
 - Was created in Spring 2023, to advance the discussion of the school infrastructure crisis.
 - Is an informal network connecting EPSB school councils. We don't intend to handle \$ or to create a formal governance structure.
 - Is open to all parents at Edmonton Public Schools.
 - Will be a forum to learn and share between school communities and to share that voice to all levels of government.

OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

1. Share information about the Infrastructure and Maintenance crisis.
2. Listen to your experiences and build this network's foundation.
3. Ask for volunteers to our next quarterly meeting (January).

GETTING CONNECTED

Jodi

THE INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS

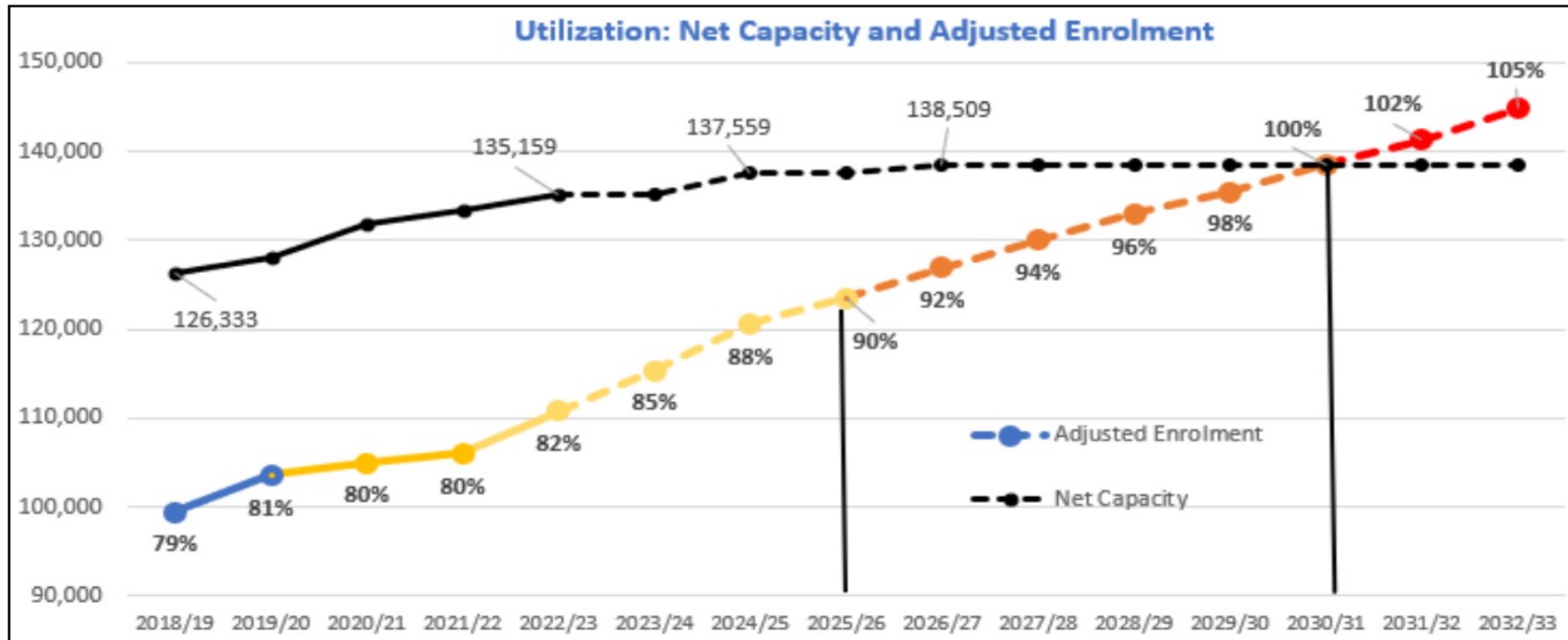
Not enough schools

Crowded schools

Buildings need maintenance



WE ARE PROJECTED TO RUN OUT OF OVERALL SCHOOL SPACE BY 2030



WE ARE PROJECTED TO RUN OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL SPACE BY 2027

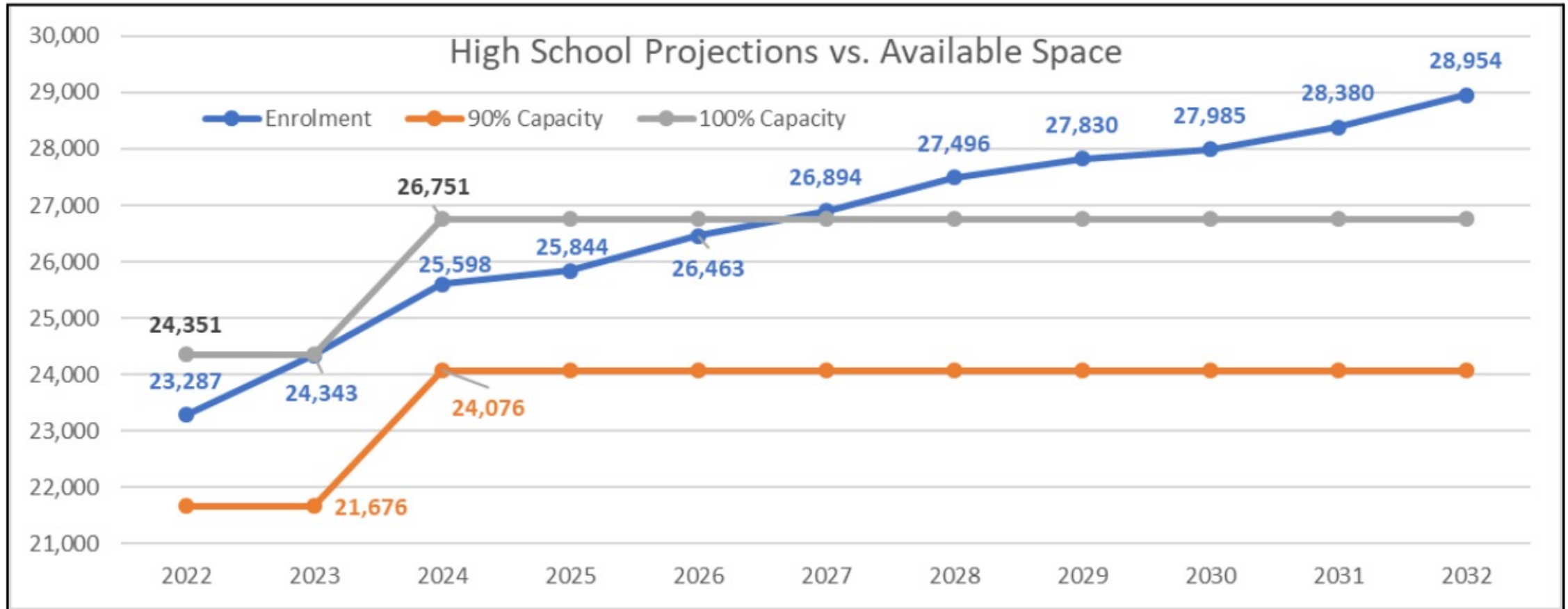


Chart from the [Edmonton Public School Board Ten-Year Facilities Plan](#): page 19

IMPACTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS:

STUDENTS:

Crowded classes and hallways, Concerns about safety
Not enough lockers, Less programming choice
Less enrichment spaces; music, library, art, science, sport

Your
experiences???

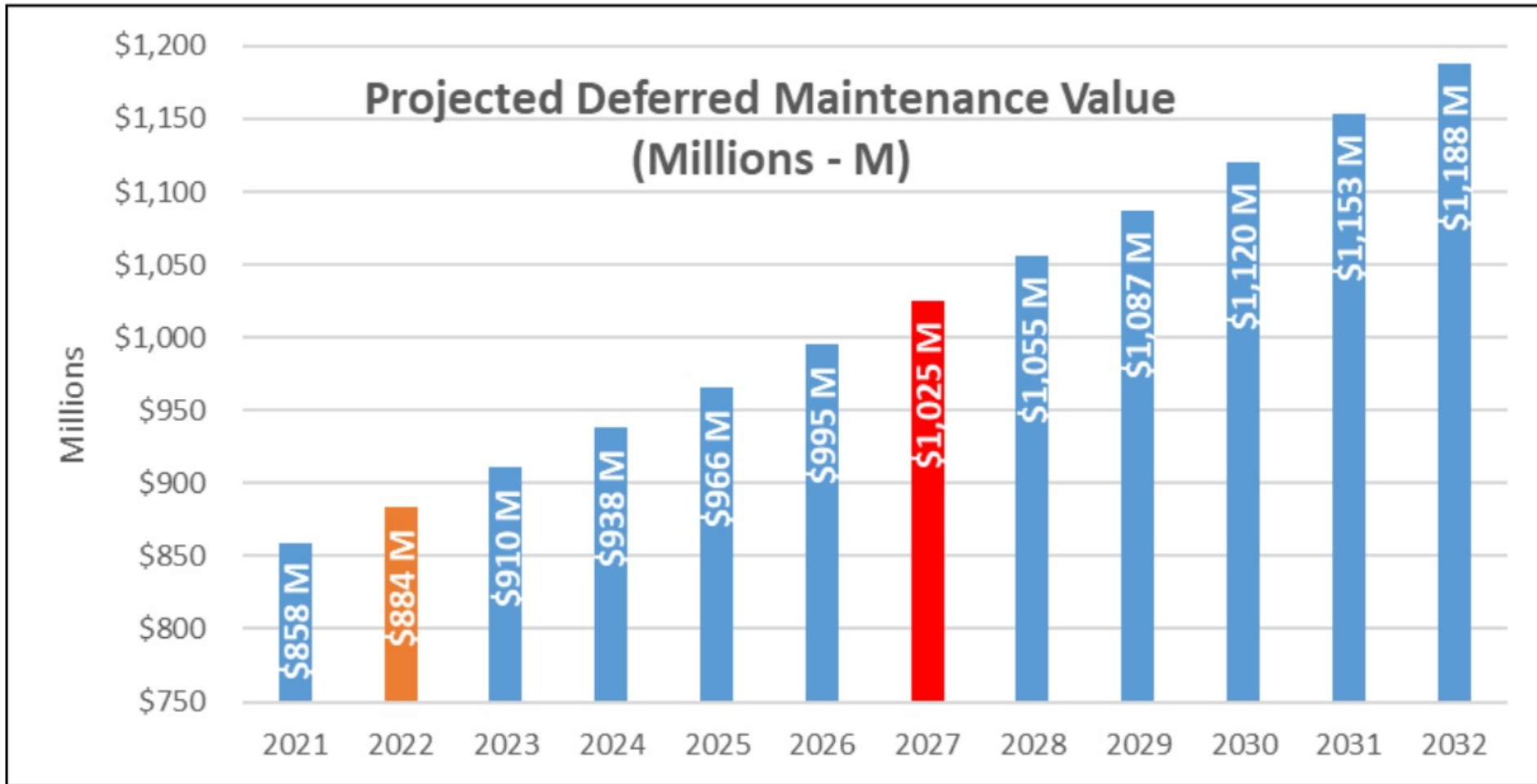
STAFF:

Less staff room space
Large class sizes
Burnout and turnover
Less support in classrooms

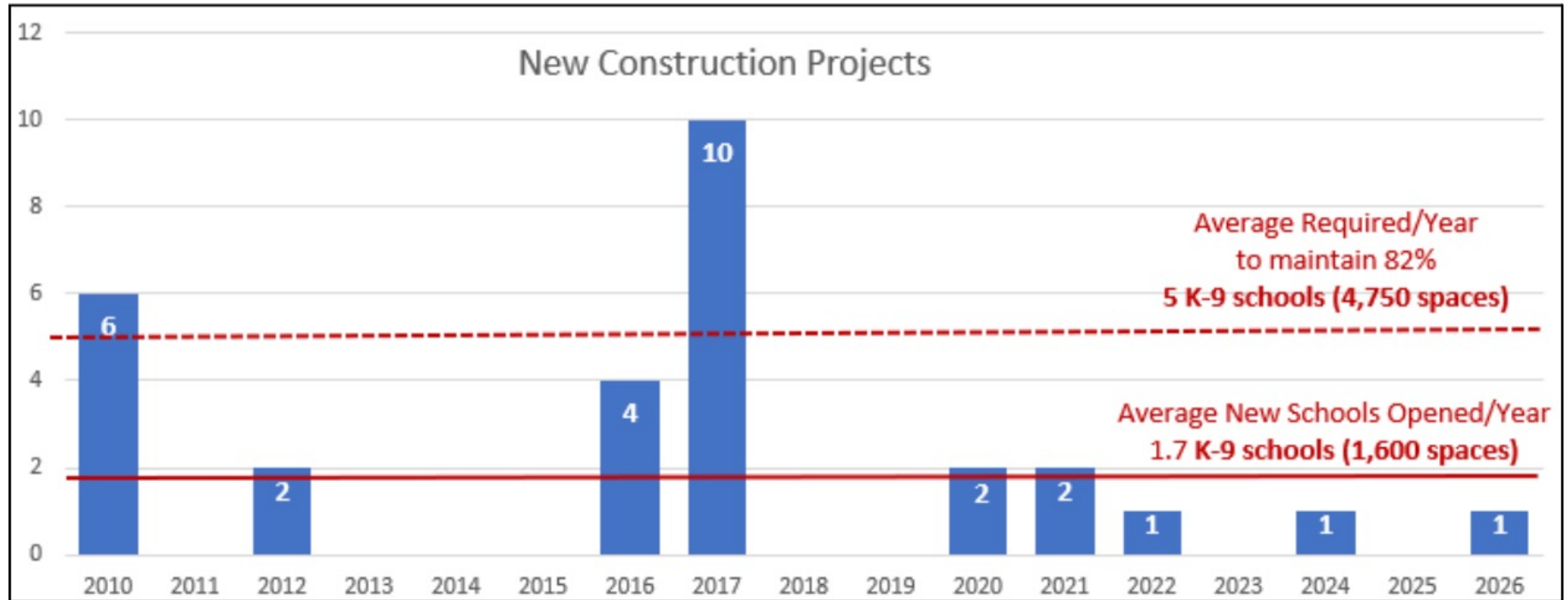
FAMILIES:

Less available childcare in school buildings
Increased travel times
Lotteries at 7 schools, so families don't get
school of choice

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE IS CURRENTLY \$910 MILLION



5 NEW PROJECTS NEEDED PER YEAR VS 1.7 ACTUAL



WHAT ARE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS / ROLES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC

- Province: \$ - how do we get funding urgently?
- EPSB: - Varied school scheduling and configuration of physical space
- EPSB: - Off campus classes
- EPSB: - leverage Online / remote learning tools where it benefits students
- EPSB / Province: use of unconventional spaces. ECSB buildings, other buildings?
- City of Edmonton: - requirements for developers. New schools should be part of the new development process. Could developers contribute \$?

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 1. Honourable Rachel Notley:** Leader of the Opposition, former Premier of Alberta, MLA for Edmonton Strathcona
- 2. Honourable Rakhi Pancholi:** Official opposition critic for Education, MLA for Edmonton-Whitemud.
- 3. Heather Quinn,** President of the Edmonton Public Teachers local 37 of the Alberta Teachers Association.

Q & A

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3. What we need:
 1. Volunteers with social media skills
 2. Volunteers with research skills
 3. Volunteers to share out messages
 4. Volunteer to help with organizing the next meeting

THANK YOU

THREE THINGS:

1. We will do:
2. You can do:
3. Next meeting will be in January 2024

Our Action today will create a better tomorrow.

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