

Blue Bell Capacity

Blue Bell Community Zoom Meeting

January 5, 2022

7:00pm



Outline of Tonight's Presentation

- **Process/Communications to Date**
- **New Topics/Info Tonight**
- **Future Plans/Processes**

Process/Communications to Date

- ▶ 2019-21 Stony Creek Process (possibility of “Phase II” discussed)
- ▶ 11/30/21 Note to Blue Bell Community (introduce start of Phase II)
- ▶ Modulares (2) coming in 2022-23 school year (SHORT TERM FIX)
- ▶ Demographer commissioned to update enrollment projections
- ▶ A&E Design Team commissioned to explore construction options

New Topics/Info Tonight

- ▶ Enrollment Projections (all four K-5 schools)

 - Current Enrollments:

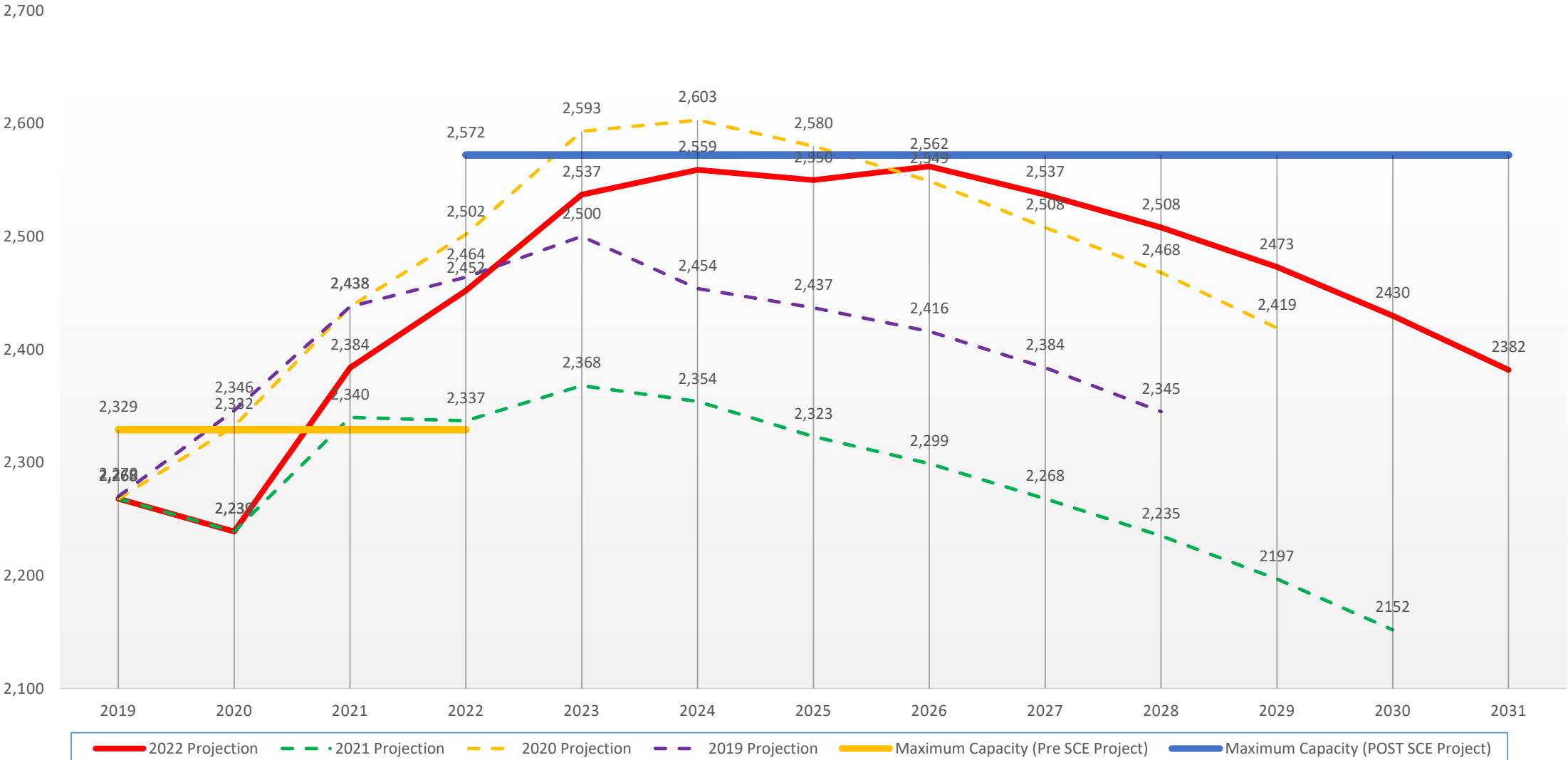
 - ▶ LG: 620
 - ▶ SG: 652
 - ▶ SC: 587
 - ▶ BB: 494

- ▶ Re-Districting Goals (if this option is chosen)

- ▶ Construction Goals (*if this option is chosen*)

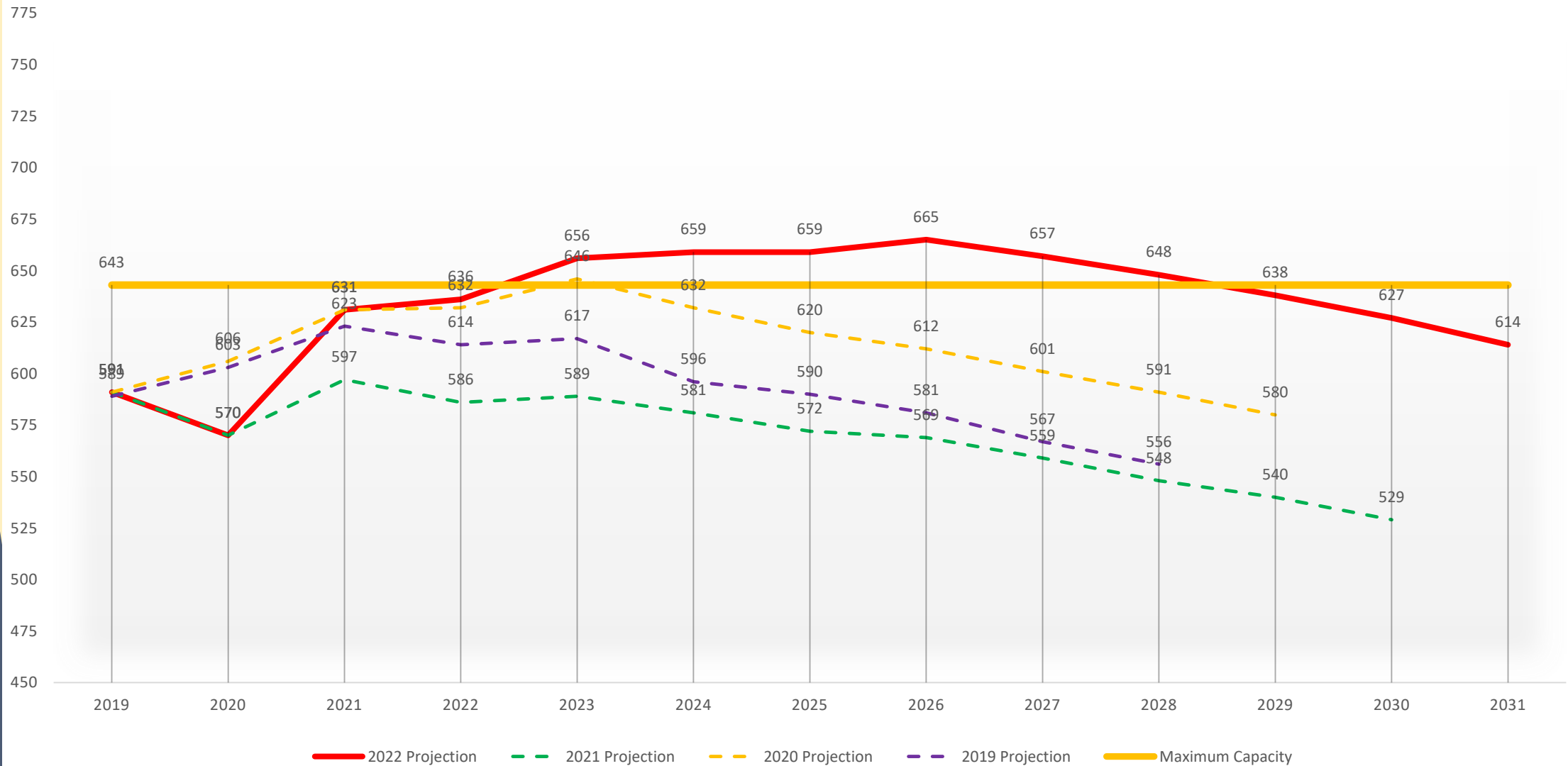
New Topics/Info Tonight (cont.)

K-5 Enrollment Projections vs. Capacities--DISTRICTWIDE--2022 Update
 (w/ capacity up 243 after SCE Project)--all charts use DI "Conservative" projections



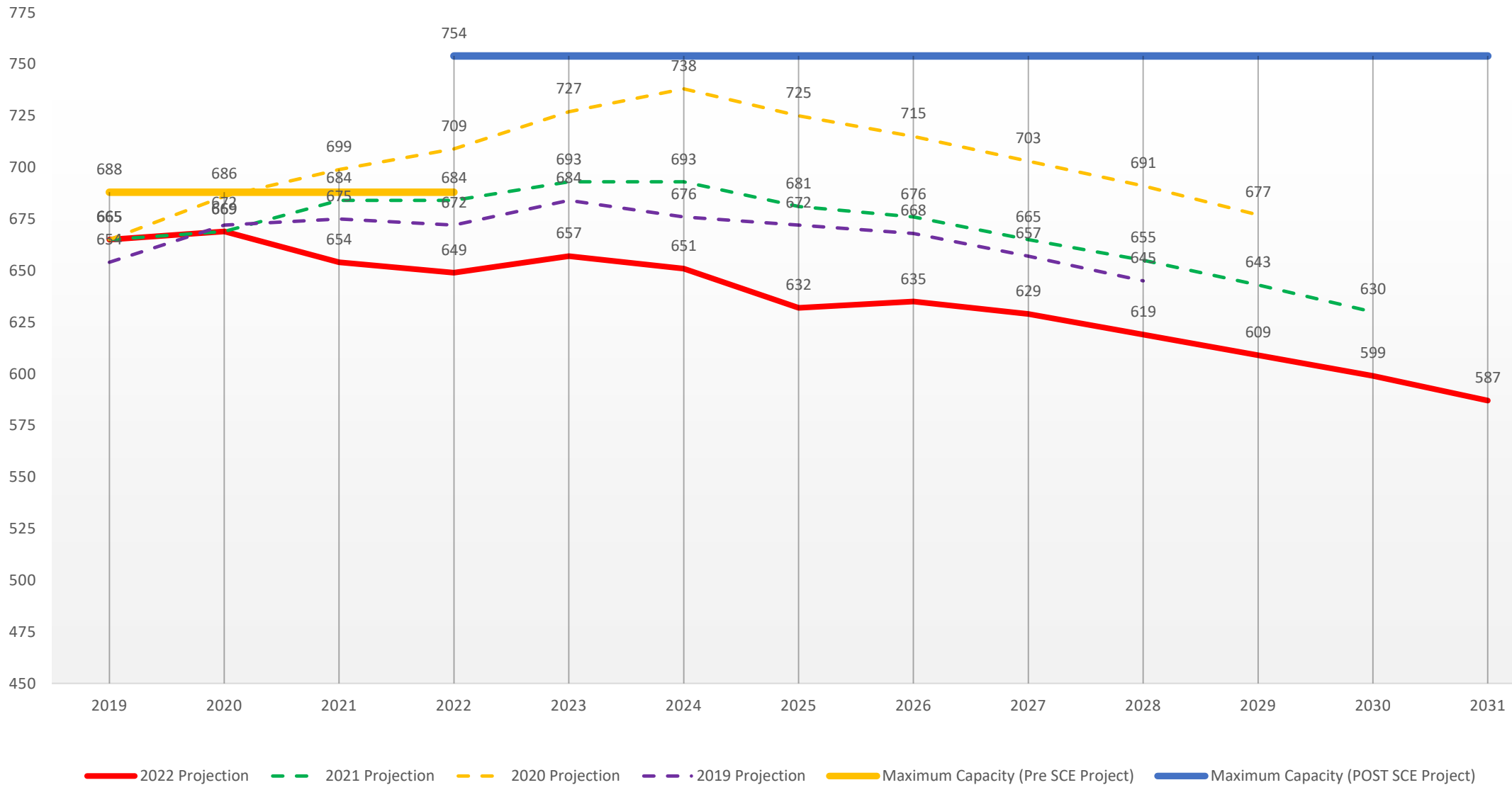
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Lower Gwynedd--2022 Update



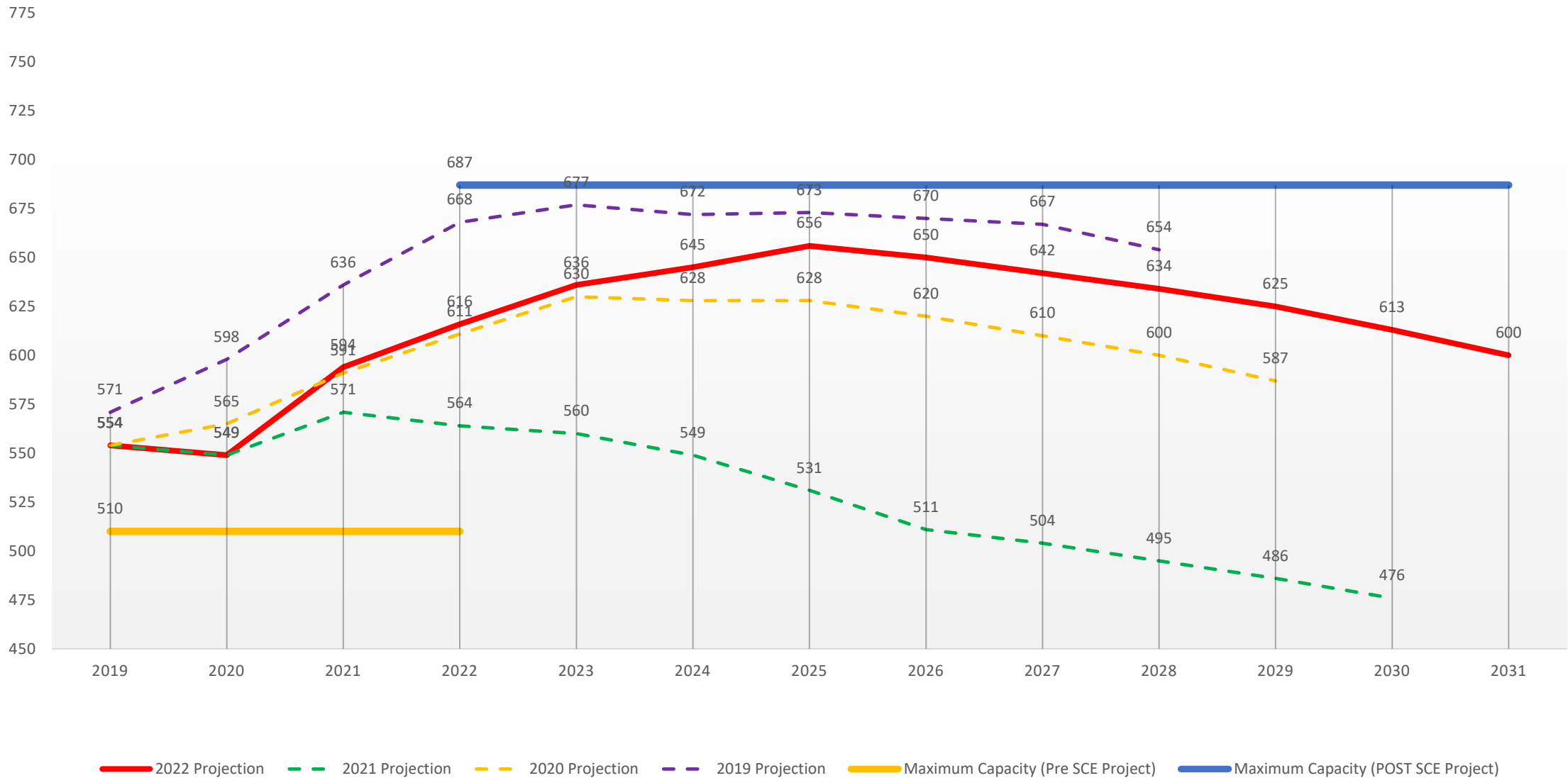
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Shady Grove--2022 Update (w/ capacity up 66 after SCE project)



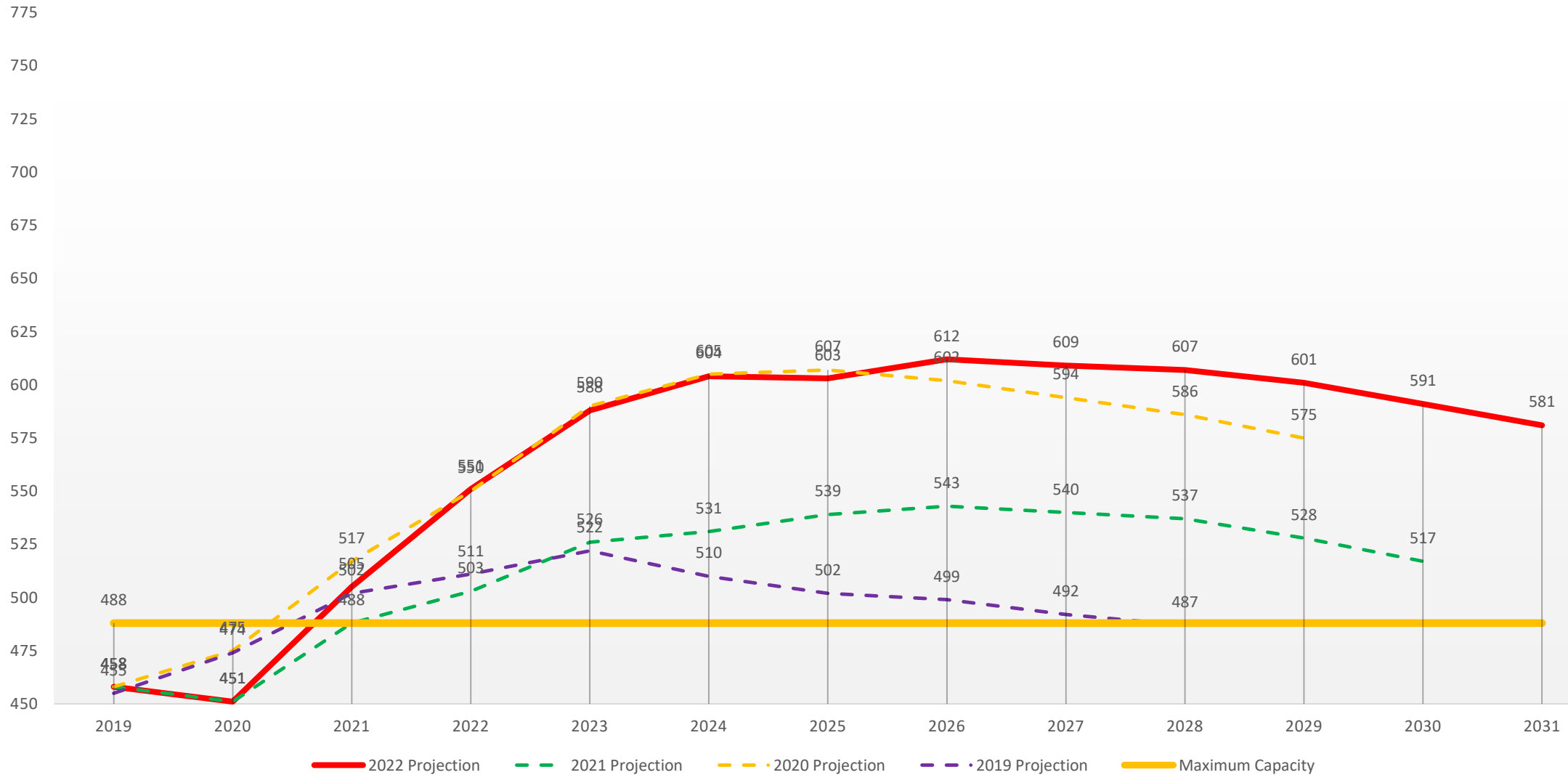
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Stony Creek--2022 Update (w/ capacity up 177 after SCE project)



New Topics/Info Tonight (cont.)

Blue Bell--2022 Update



New Topics/Info Tonight (cont.)

RE-DISTRICTING GOALS

(should the decision be to re-district rather than build)

- ▶ Prioritize geographical proximity of students to a school
- ▶ Minimize impact on existing students
- ▶ Keep existing neighborhoods together whenever possible
- ▶ Allow 4th grade students to be grandfathered for their 5th grade year
- ▶ Avoid the need to re-district more than once if at all possible
- ▶ Minimize need for modulars in short term (& avoid need in the long term)

New Topics/Info Tonight (cont.)

CONSTRUCTION GOALS

(should the decision to be to build rather than re-district)

- ▶ Increase classroom capacity of school (e.g., house more students)
- ▶ Increase core capacity of school (e.g., a large multipurpose space for large functions, lunch, gym, etc.)
- ▶ Increase on-site parking & space for car line (drop-off/pick-up)
- ▶ Separate buses from cars entering and exiting the property (if possible)
- ▶ Maintain sufficient outdoor recess/play area

New Topics/Info Tonight (cont.)



Future Plans/Processes

▶ Refine & Share Options

▶ Re-Districting IS an option (a 1-2 year process)

- ▶ Using enrollment projection software to craft options now
- ▶ Will of course involve presentations and conversations with all four K-5 school communities

▶ A BBES Construction Project is also an option (at least a three year process)

- ▶ Design team working on this now—site constraints are very real!
- ▶ Funding options will be analyzed (including opportunity costs of scarce capital monies)
- ▶ Board/Township/County reviews/approvals will take time!

▶ Present draft plans (for both options above), gather feedback, refine...repeat

▶ Finalize plan (aiming for a decision, w/ formal Board approval, in June 2022)

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS?