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October 2, 2019

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT REPORT

From 1979 to 2019, the Dothan City School System has lost 848 students. The decrease in enrollment was documented in state reports and local system reports. Decrease in students means decreases in state revenue. This was one of the reasons the Superintendent and School Board decided to completely redesign the system.

Alabama has a system where student counts are taken for a period of 20 days after Labor Day. That is the only count that is taken in order to issue funding for the following school year. Each year, the school system's funding is based on the count taken one year prior.

During the school year, the enrollment ebbs and flows. With the Hurricane in 2018-2019, we gained students from surrounding areas; including Panama City; yet the system received no additional funding for the nearly 100 students.

The Dothan City School System's official report shows 8701 with 275 in Head Start not counted or included in the state reported number. With Head Start, the total student enrollment is 8976.

Looking at the trend, the system student loss from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019 was 287 students; from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020, the loss was 333 students or an increase in loss of 46 students.

Reasons for the loss in enrollment vary. Reasons include: out of state transfer, in state transfer, public and private schools transfers, out of country, out of state and home school/virtual school as well as youth services. The No Show (Students Not Returning in Fall) deadline entry date was August 30th. That number shows 541; however, between August 30, 2019 and September 30, 2019, the system enrolled 208 students. Enrollments will continue throughout the year.

Our data and history show that Dothan City continues to have a mobile population. There were 131 out of state transfers and 250 transferred to public schools somewhere in the State of Alabama. 95 went to Private Schools, within the state. The report is attached by school.

The Dothan City School System Free and Reduced official percentage is 71.87%.

This is the beginning of the new school year. Changes are never easy. We are not surprised that we lost some students. We look at this as a baseline year and as with any major transformational change, understand that a period of three to five years is necessary to really effect change.

We are excited about the additional academic offerings and the changes to our sports and extra-curricular programs. We believe the changes will result in a stabilization of our student population.



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OCTOBER 2019 ENROLLMENT

Beverlye Intermediate School	638
Carver School for Math, Science & Technology	465
Dothan High School	1693
Dothan Preparatory Academy	1754
Faine Elementary School	426
Girard Intermediate School	404
Girard Primary School	398
Heard Elementary School	364
Hidden Lake Primary School	485
Highlands Elementary School	564
Kelly Springs Elementary School	543
Morris Slingluff Elementary School	330
Selma St. Elementary School	472
Dothan City Early Education Center	165
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TOTAL State Reported Enrollment	8701
	<i>October 2, 2019</i>
Dothan City Head Start	275
Grand Total of Student Enrollment	8976