



ROGERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2017 MILLAGE ELECTION



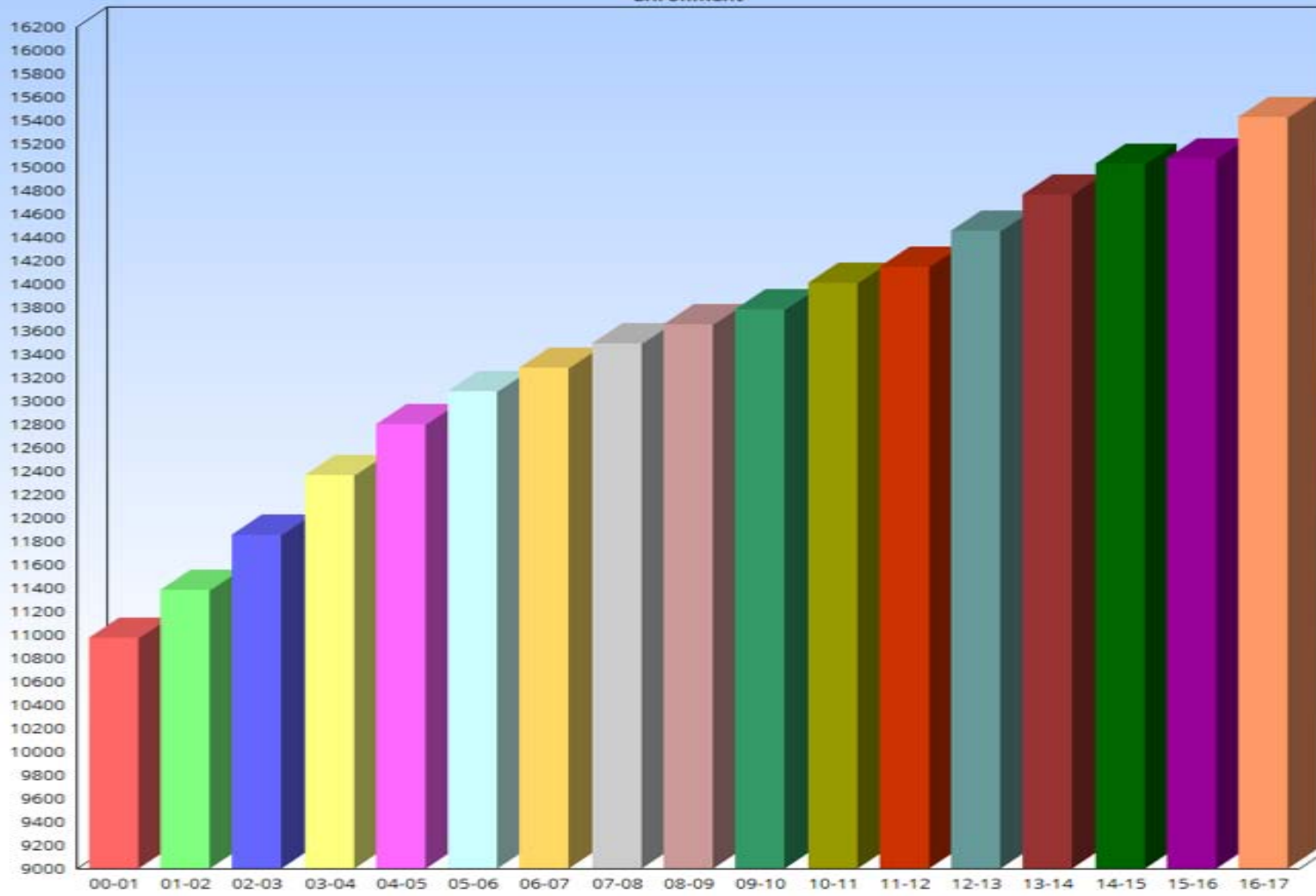
Rogers where all belong, all learn,
and all succeed!



Rogers continues to be a great place to work and
learn and a destination for new families to thrive.

We are attracting many more students.

Rogers Public Schools Enrollment



This year alone, the district
grew by more than 350
students.

(This is the largest increase in the past 10 years.)

The growth included more than 300 elementary students

(This rate would fill one-half of a typical school.)

OUR STRONG PRO-BUSINESS ECONOMY

NWA “is flourishing, as total employment has risen at twice the state and national rates over the past year.”

“Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers will maintain a healthy lead over the state and nation and rank among the best performers in the South.”

--Moody's Analytics (July 2016)

2018-2019 Projections:

The district will grow between 275 and 425 students in the next two years, alone.



Classroom Size Mandates:

Arkansas law caps our class sizes, so with more students more classrooms are required.

School Overcrowding Facts:

More than 110 elementary students attend another school because there are no openings at their neighborhood school. This **overcrowding** causes early decline of school buildings and assets.

Current Status of Capacity:

75% of our elementary schools are at maximum capacity, and the projected new student enrollment will soon surpass class sizes required by law.

Fiscal Accountability

We work hard to be good stewards of taxpayer funding by keeping a close eye on staffing efficiency and making wise use of existing classrooms and facilities.

Unanimous Board Support:

The Board of Education has unanimously agreed that an increased millage to help resolve these challenges:

- Elementary school space crisis
- Classroom Instruction and infrastructure
- Safety, security & facility needs

1. School Buildings – elementary schools:

2 new elementary schools



Projected Timeline for Completion:

Two years needed to plan and construct a school. First school to open August 2019, and second to open based upon projected enrollment in estimated 2021.

Cost: \$35 million, subject to bidding.

2. Classroom Instruction and Infrastructure:

Basic Infrastructure to support more than 16,000 students and teachers



3. School Safety Following Minimum Safety Recommendations to School Board:



Adequate Exterior Lighting

Video cameras in strategic areas

Fencing security for Playgrounds

Preserve investment in older schools

How do we compare
with other area rates?

**If Approved:
Rogers would
be 41.9 MILLS**

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|----------------|-------------|
| Bentonville | 46.6 |
| Fayetteville | 45.7 |
| Siloam Springs | 45 |
| Pea Ridge | 44.8 |
| Elkins | 44.2 |
| Gentry | 42.9 |
| Prairie Grove | 42.9 |
| Lincoln | 42.7 |
| Farmington | 42.6 |
| West Fork | 40.6 |
| Springdale | 40.5 |
| Decatur | 39.9 |
| Greenland | 39.5 |
| Rogers | 38.4 |
| Gravette | 37.2 |

How long has it been since last millage?

Thanks to fiscally responsible management and direct board oversight, we have maximized everything we can out of available funds. This request will allow us to prepare for and adjust with the substantial population growth in our community before it is too late.

14 years

WHAT DOES 3.5 MILLS COST HOMEOWNER TAXPAYERS?

| Home Value | Cost Per Month |
|------------|----------------|
| \$100,000 | \$5.83 |
| \$200,000 | \$11.67 |

WHAT IS THE RESULT?

Respond to our Growing Population

Preserve Safe, Secure Schools

Plan today for reasonable investment

Questions? Feedback?

Let your voice be heard on May 9. Early voting available May 2-8.

