

## **DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT SUMMARY**

### **Enrollment Projection and Socio-Demographic Study**

A comprehensive demographic study prepared for the Board of Education and the Administration by IUPUI, Indiana Business Research Center (IBRC) and the Polis Center was submitted in July, 2005. A previous study dated March, 2001, was presented by the IBRC describing “linear” enrollment projects. Those particular predictions were quite accurate through 2004-2005.

The most recent report (included in the Appendix) examined housing starts, population trends and enrollment projections through 2014-2015. Please refer to the Appendix for additional detail and research methodologies that influenced the enrollment projections cited for the MSD of Pike Township.

Moderate growth is anticipated for the MSD of Pike Township based upon the following factors:

- Continued competition in new housing in the adjacent/neighboring areas.
- Increasing educational and extracurricular offerings in adjacent districts.
- Housing value diversity and demand.
- General “maturing” of existing Pike neighborhoods.
- Decreased amount of available land for “entry level” homes.
- Relatively stable Kindergarten and First Grade enrollments.
- Potential external educational options; private, parochial and charter schools.
- Potential impact associated with fluctuating kindergarten “cut-off” dates.

One component of the study imposed variables relative to housing and related demographic trends to provide a “most likely scenario: of the enrollment projection for the MSD of Pike Township. This particular Projection Table appears on Page 19 of the study found in the Appendix.

Generally, these projections reveal the following trends through 2014-2015:

- The Pike Township’s minority student population as a percentage of the school district’s total enrollment has increased from 34.0% in 1990-91 to 77.2% in 2004-2005, making Pike the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest school district in the state in terms of the percentage of minority enrollment.
- MSD Pike Township has the state’s 26<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of limited English students at 7.11%, and the 104<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of Special Education students of the state’s 292 school districts with 18.5%.

## **Enrollment Projection and Socio-Demographic Study (continued)**

- The district's number of limited English students has grown from 101 in 1997 to 970 students in 2004-2005.
- The district's Special Education population has increased from 12.1% in 1997-98 to 18.5% in 2004-05.
- The Pike Township school district is ranked 278<sup>th</sup> (out of 292 school districts) in terms of the lowest percentage of adults over age 25 with less than a high school education, which is further explained by the following statistics:
  - Pike Township has a higher percentage of minority residents over age 25 who are college graduates than Indianapolis as a whole.
  - A higher percentage of residents with jobs in Management and Professional occupations than the city – at 44% to 33%.
  - The Pike Township median income of \$47,853 is higher than Indianapolis as a whole at \$40,421, and the entire metropolitan area at \$45,548; and , the township's black residents have a higher median income than the city and metro area.  
Pike Township = \$42,720  
Indianapolis & Metropolitan Area = \$30,637
  - The housing values are the highest for nearly every racial/ethnic group in Pike Township than those values are in the city and metropolitan areas, as is home ownership – except Pike Township's total home ownership, as well as, the percentage of white families who own their homes, is below the percentages for the city and metro area.
  - However, when the distribution of home owners and residents (over age 25) with a median income in the highest levels is broken down by zip code, it is apparent those residents live in much smaller areas of the Township – particularly in the southeast and northwest sections of the district.

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- MSD of Pike Township has one of the state's highest Assessed Valuation (AV) per student (ADM) of any district in the state at \$495,549 per student – as compared to the state average of \$275,542, and ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in the state in terms of per capita income.
- The district also ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in the percentage of students who are eligible for the federal Free Lunch program; and, that percentage of students has grown from 21% in 1997-98 to 35.5% in 2004-05.

These pieces of data seem to further confirm the spread of income in the district.

- Currently, the enrollment is increasing at about 2% per year.
- Grades K-5, in 2014-2015, will enroll about 5529 students; an increase of 442.
- Grades 6-7-8, in 2014-2015, will enroll about 3116 students; and increase of 472.
- Grade 9, in 2014-2015, will enroll about 937 students; and increase of 178.
- Grades 10-11-12, in 2014-2015, will enroll about 2210 students; an increase of 217.
- Projections for 2004-2014, indicate the enrollment in the district could climb from 10,493 to 11,792, an increase of about 1299 students; an increase in growth of about 11% for the period.