

State of the Schools

Nome Public Schools

November 25, 2024

SIXTH Annual Presentation



Nome Elementary Successes

- Exited School Improvement Designation
- Increase in # of students reading on grade level
- PBIS impact – fewer disciplinary referrals
- New principal transitioning well
- All international teachers returned for Year 2 and doing well



Nome Elementary Challenges

- Struggles with enough support for SPED students
 - Paras – Wages not competitive
 - Teachers – waiting for 1 international candidate to arrive
- Need more substitutes
- Absenteeism – especially in lowest grades



Nome-Beltz Successes

- Stable administrative team
- PBIS implementation going well – reduction in referrals, OSS
- School Improvement Plan – focus on absenteeism, curriculum development, Visible Learning as new instructional model



Nome-Beltz Challenges

- Vaping is continual concern
- Not enough substitutes
- International SPED teachers late to arrive – 1 arrived 11/15, awaiting the 2nd – impact on existing staff
- Need more paraprofessionals to support SPED students
- New designation due to low outcomes for SPED students in testing, attendance



Anvil City Science Academy Successes

- Higher level of student achievement
- Significant changes in staffing but new teachers adapting well – Nome-grown teacher is a great addition to staff
- Good level of parent engagement



Anvil City Science Academy Challenges

- Principal retiring – hunt to find high quality replacement
- Meeting needs of SPED students w/limited staff - half-time teacher, half-time para
- Finding substitutes



Extensions Successes

- Highest enrollment since program began
- Lead teacher expanding services to incarcerated students



Extensions Challenges

- Providing support for SPED students enrolled
- Meeting needs of students with special circumstances
- Lead teacher is currently approximately .75 FTE while also teaching brick and mortar 0.5FTE

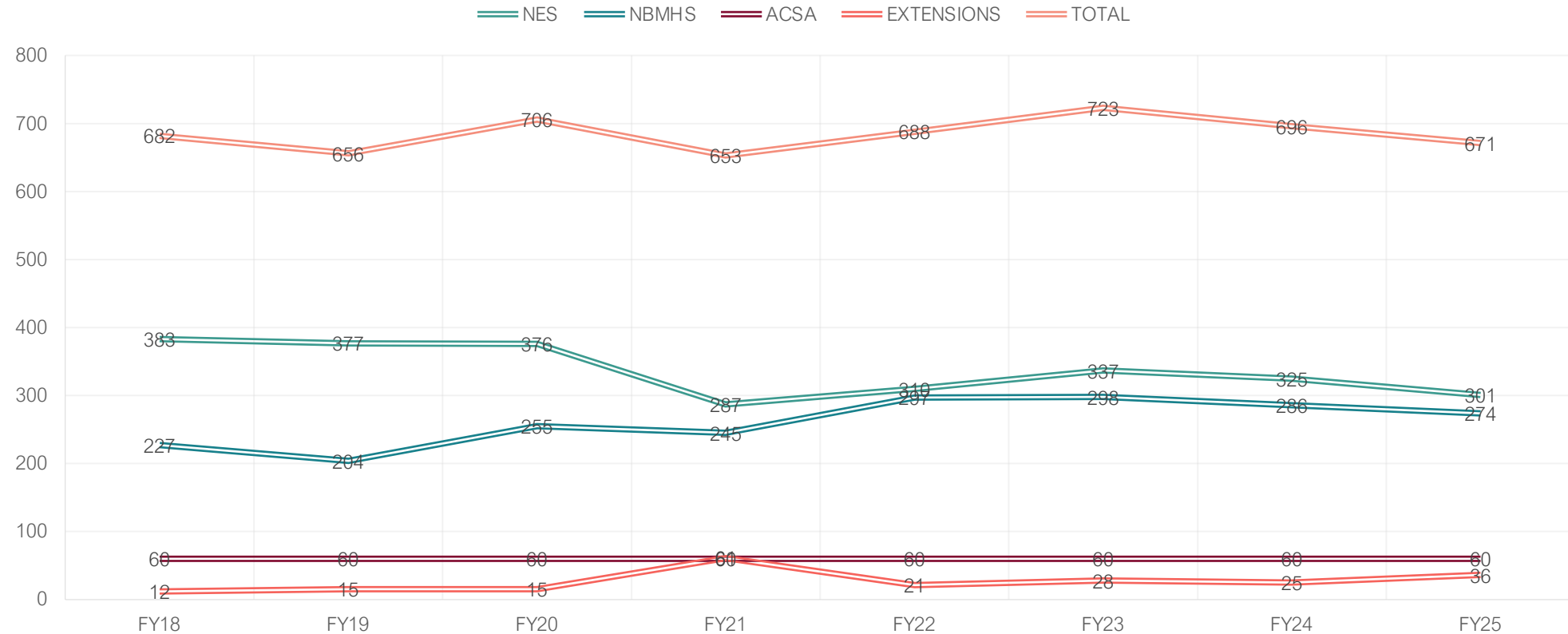


District Successes

- Continuing to make headway with facility needs
 - Additional funding for roof approved
 - HVAC system up and running
 - Working on pool MOA with City
 - Various smaller projects addressing deferred maintenance issues
- Long term leadership
 - New Assistant Superintendent working well
- Positive School Board/Superintendent relationship
- Community Support of Schools and Students

Enrollment Shifts FY18-FY25

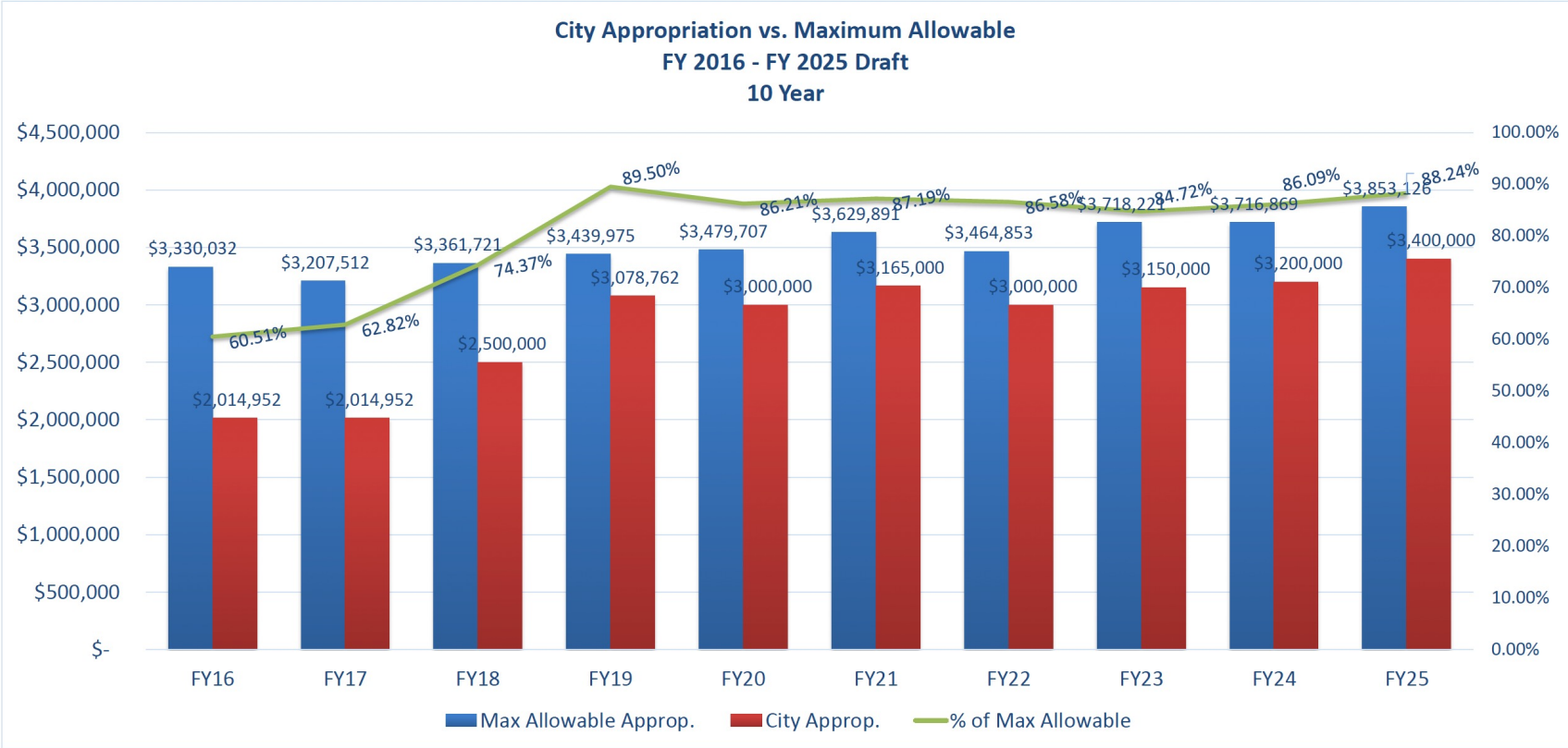
NPS ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL FY18-FY25



District Challenges

- Declining enrollment combined with flat funding = significant funding deficit going into FY26 planning – staffing cuts looming
- Funding inadequate to meet certified association demands; need to increase wages for classified staff as well
- Staffing – negotiations challenges may lead to turnover; pool of stateside teachers dwindling leading to more international candidates with higher costs; inability to compete to attract classified staff; housing options are scarce or expensive

City of Nome Historical Contribution



Major Maintenance

- Nome-Beltz Roof RFP released to bidders
- Security Entrance Upgrades will release in next few weeks
- NES Roof will need replacing
- NES grounds need significant work – parking lot, sidewalks, student walkway, building ramps too steep
- Beltz campus – 3rd boiler needs replacing – currently being rebuilt as stopgap measure
- Aging heavy equipment and fleet vehicles



Thank you

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