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Please make our public schools a priority and fund them appropriately! It's really hard to attract new students, post pandemic, to our neighborhood schools when all they hear about are cuts to our teachers and programs. Where's the investment in the next generation? Families that have the means will have little incentive to enroll their children in our neighborhood public schools, further widening the divide between those more well off and those that have no other option.

These are the losses for our school based on projected enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year:

2nd grade- loss of 1 teacher

3rd grade- loss of 1 teacher

4th grade-loss of 1 teacher, bumping class sizes up to 32 students per class

Music teacher down to 0.5 FTE for our entire school and we don't have any other type of arts teacher

Media specialist/librarian down to 0.5-0.75 FTE for our entire school

Learning center teachers (ex: SPED, ESL, SLP, Psych) down to 1 FTE for our entire school

Instructional specialist (reading intervention) down to ZERO FTE for our entire school

Those numbers are so disheartening! Please PLEASE increase the funding for our public schools!