



Annapolis County Schools Review

Spring 2008



Purpose

- The purpose of this review is to look ahead and see what the school system will look like in a few years and use this information as a starting point for a meaningful dialogue with the schools and community. This will lead to a plan of action for the future that will see our students well served for many years.



Why a Review?

- Our school enrollment is declining significantly
- Smaller enrollments can impact on educational opportunities for students
- We need to ensure we can continue to provide a high quality education for all students at all grade levels



Why a Review – cont.

- Our school facilities are aging with some needing a significant amount of renovation or upgrade
- Major Renovation Projects are funded by the Province and can take years to get approval and be implemented
- We need to know how our schools will be used in the future so we can develop the necessary capital renovation requests



Review Process

- The first step is to identify where we are headed with enrollments and facility utilization.
- The second step is to share this information with the school communities and seek feedback and ideas.
- The third step will be to identify options and opportunities for the future using the data and responses from the community



Review Process – cont.

- The fourth step will be to review and evaluate the identified options with the school communities
- The fifth step will be to develop recommendations for consideration by the School Board



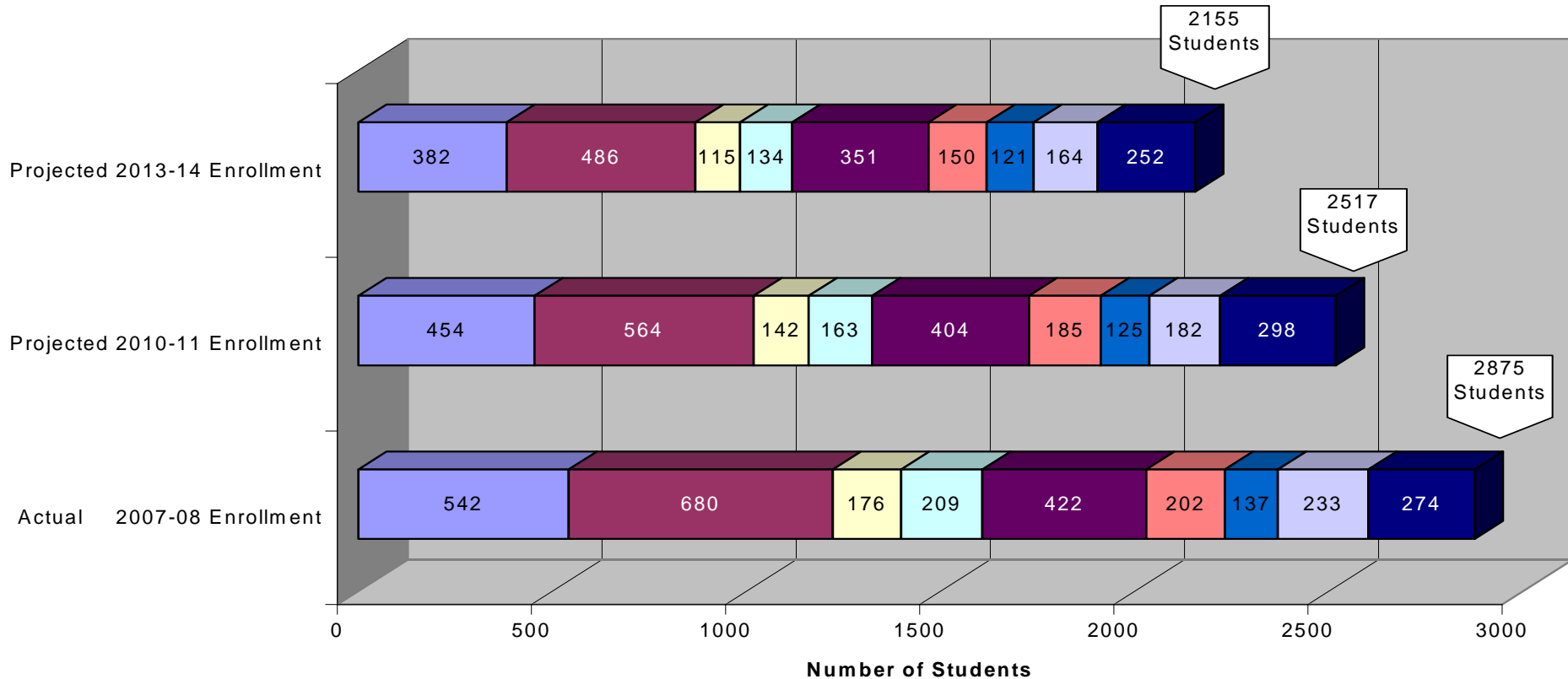
Enrollments

- Enrollments are declining all across the Province and will continue to do so
- Enrollments in Annapolis County are declining at more than twice the rate being experienced in the rest of the Region's schools
- This is projected to continue well into the future



Enrollments

Current and Projected Enrollment - All Annapolis County Schools

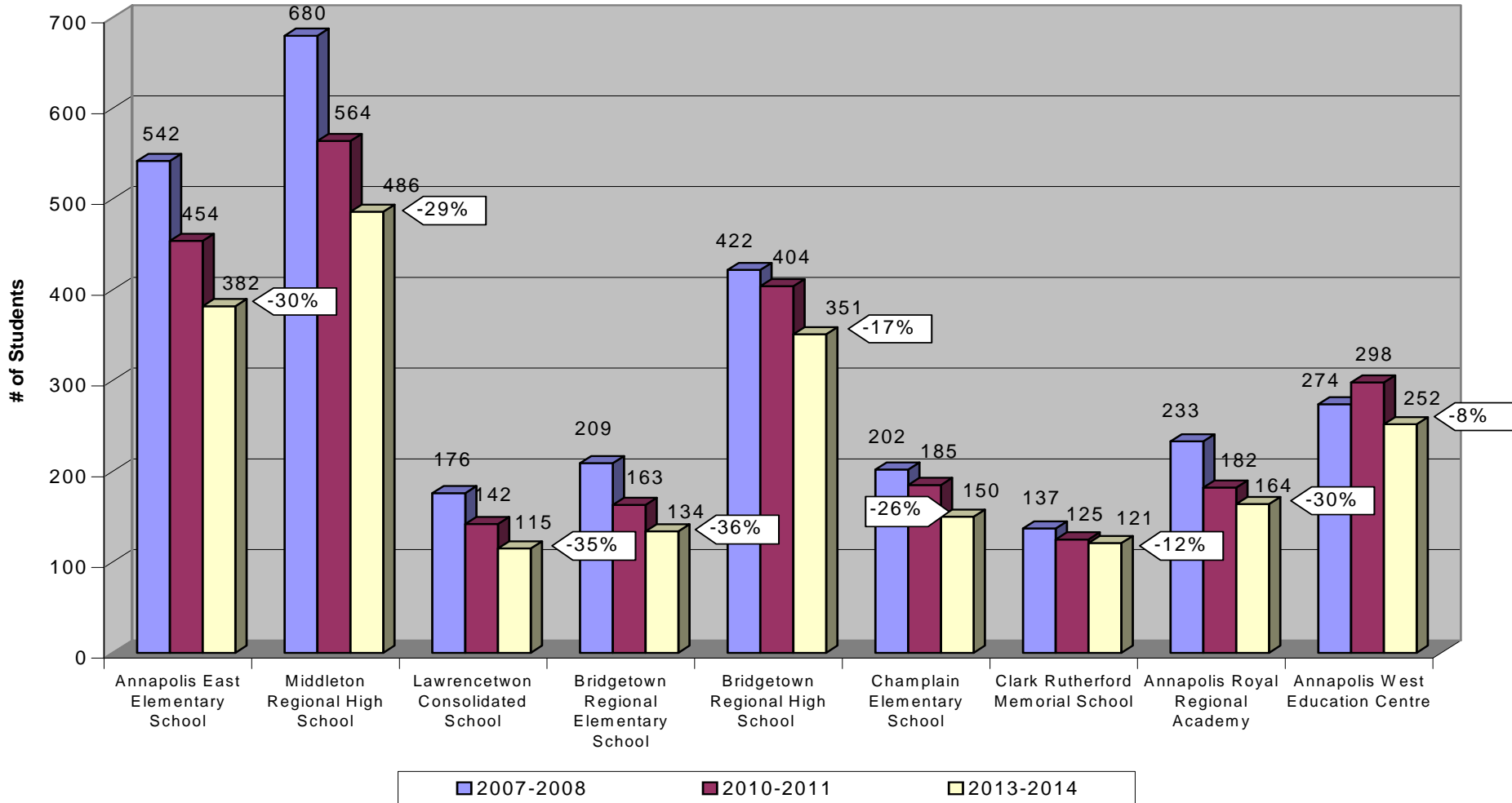


■ Annapolis East Elementary School	■ Middleton Regional High School	■ Lawrencetwon Consolidated School
■ Bridgetown Regional Elementary School	■ Bridgetown Regional High School	■ Champlain Elementary School
■ Clark Rutherford Memorial School	■ Annapolis Royal Regional Academy	■ Annapolis West Education Centre



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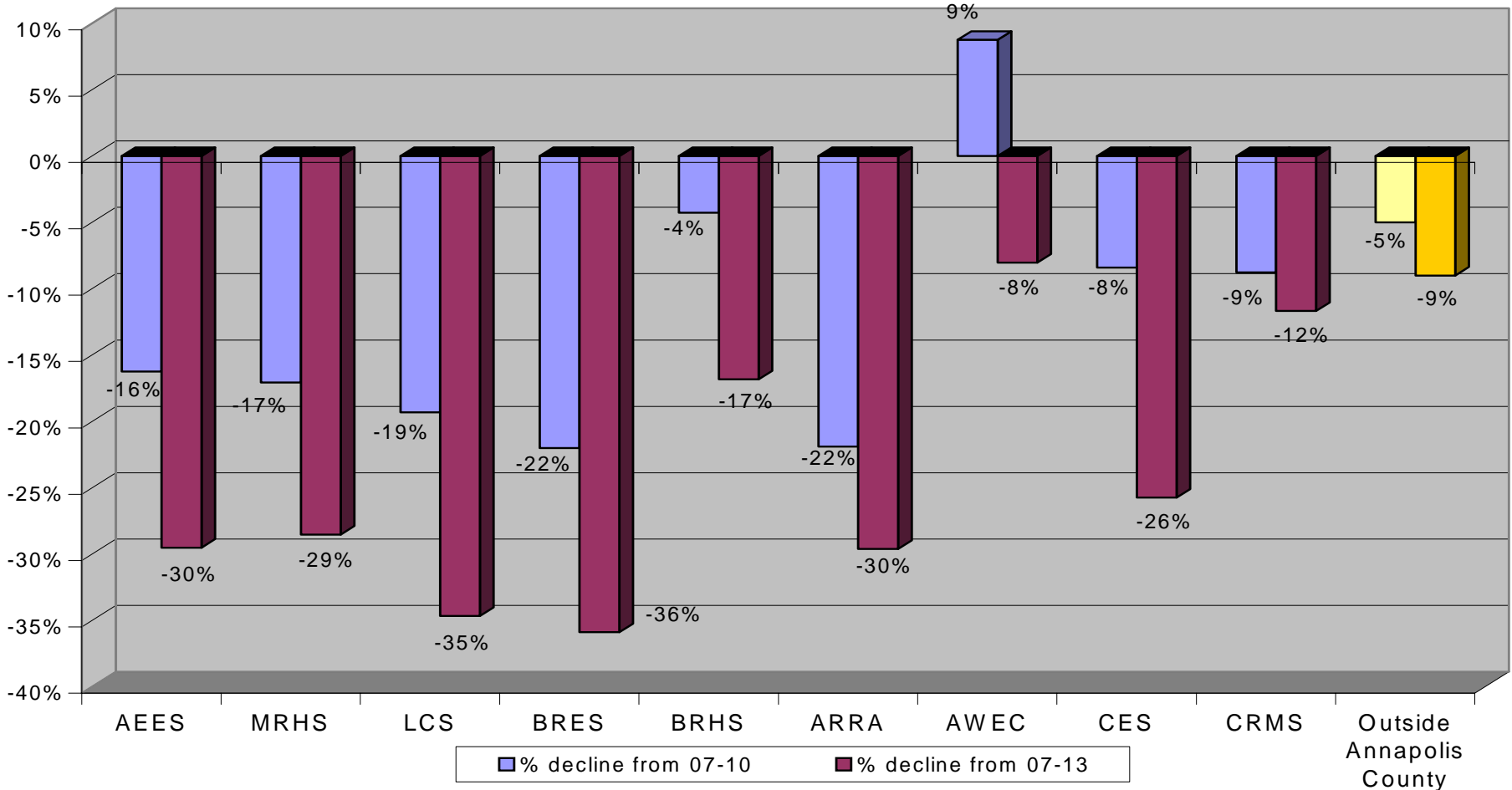
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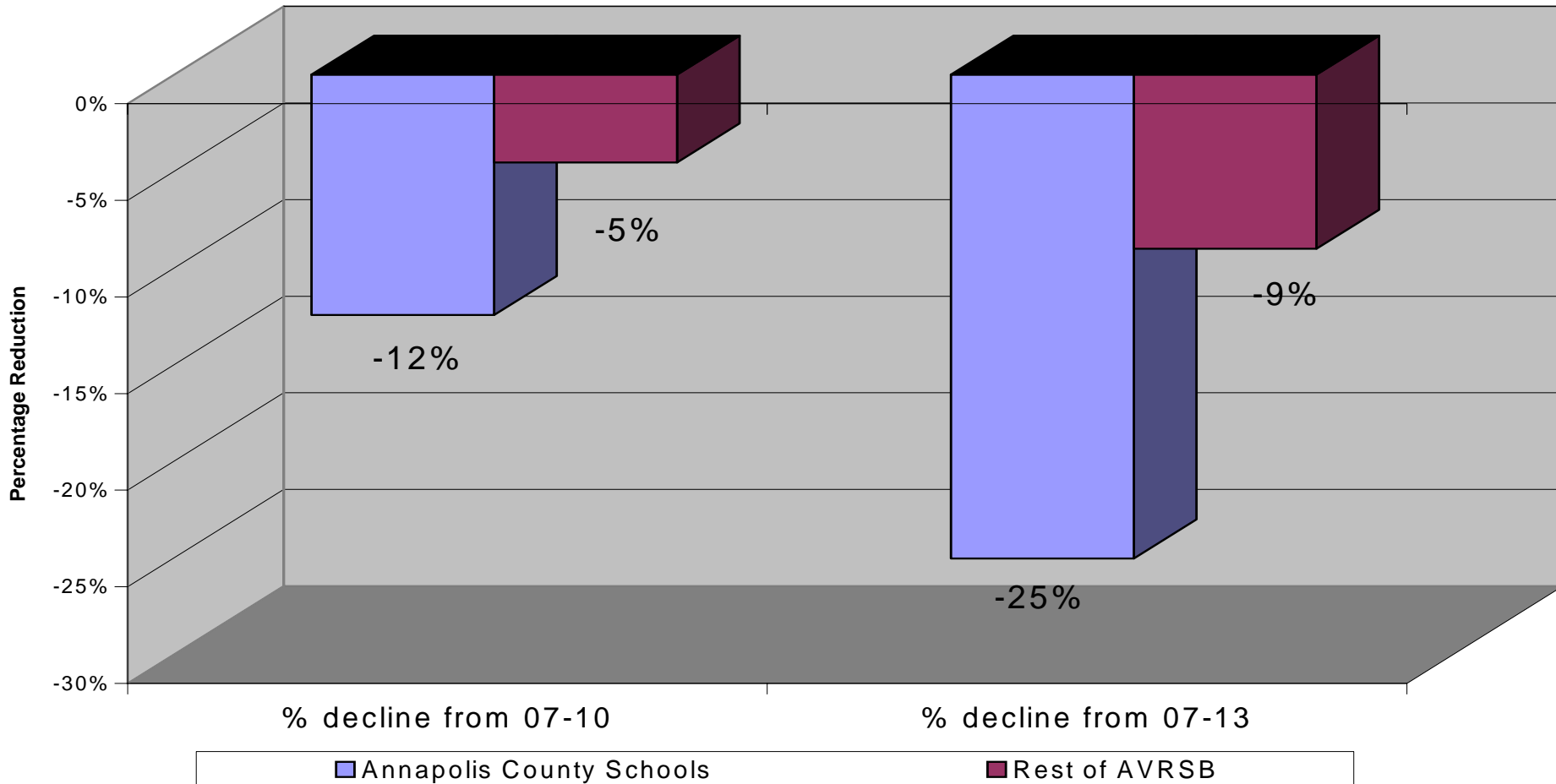
Projected Percentage Enrollement Increase/Decrease - All Annapolis County Schools





Enrollments

**Percentage Decrease in Enrollment from 2007-2008 Baseline - Annapolis County
Compared to the Rest of the AVRSB**





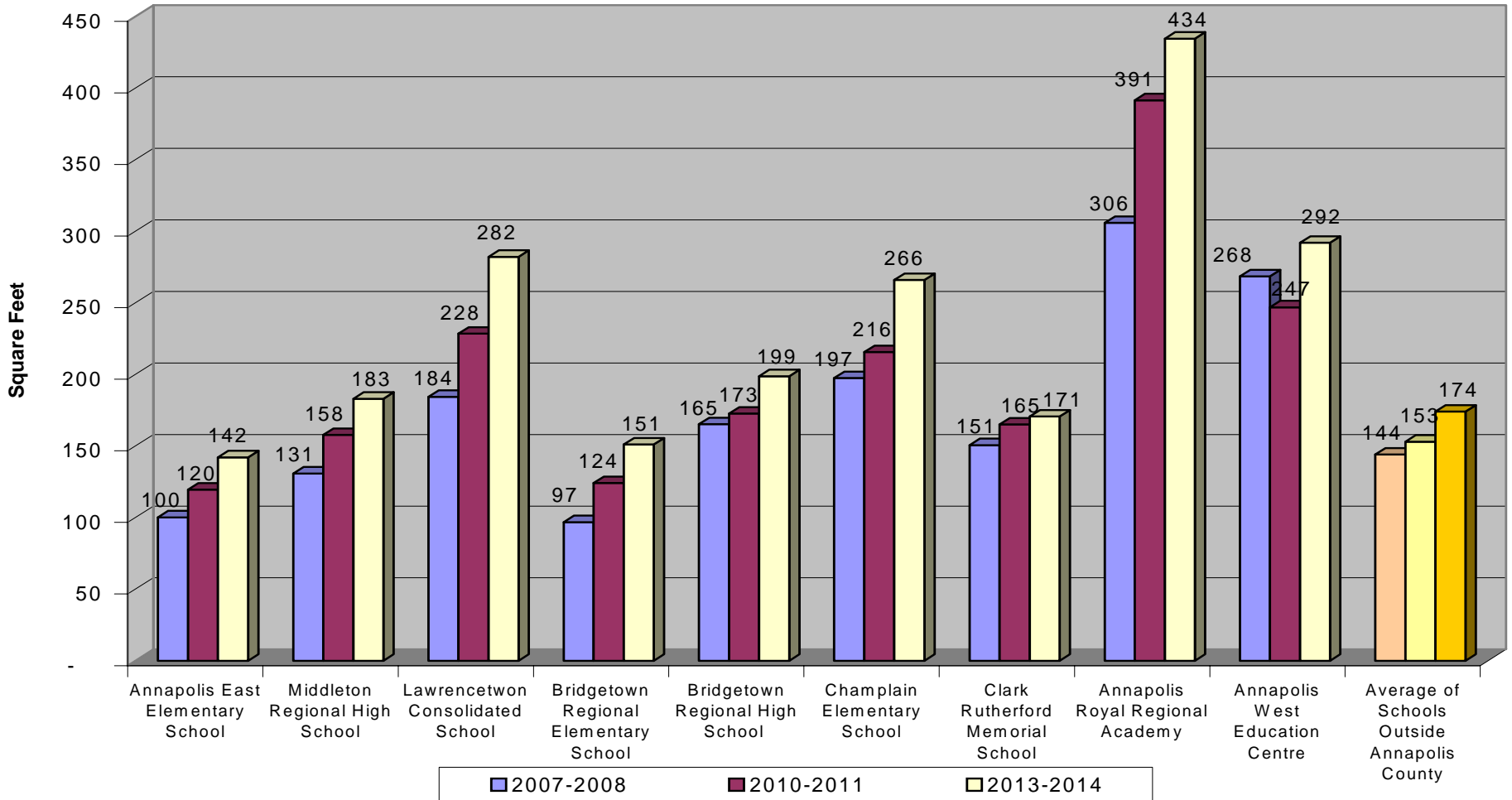
Facility Usage

- School utilization varies significantly from school to school
- In Annapolis County there are already more square feet being utilized per student than elsewhere in the Region
- This differential will continue to expand as enrollment declines



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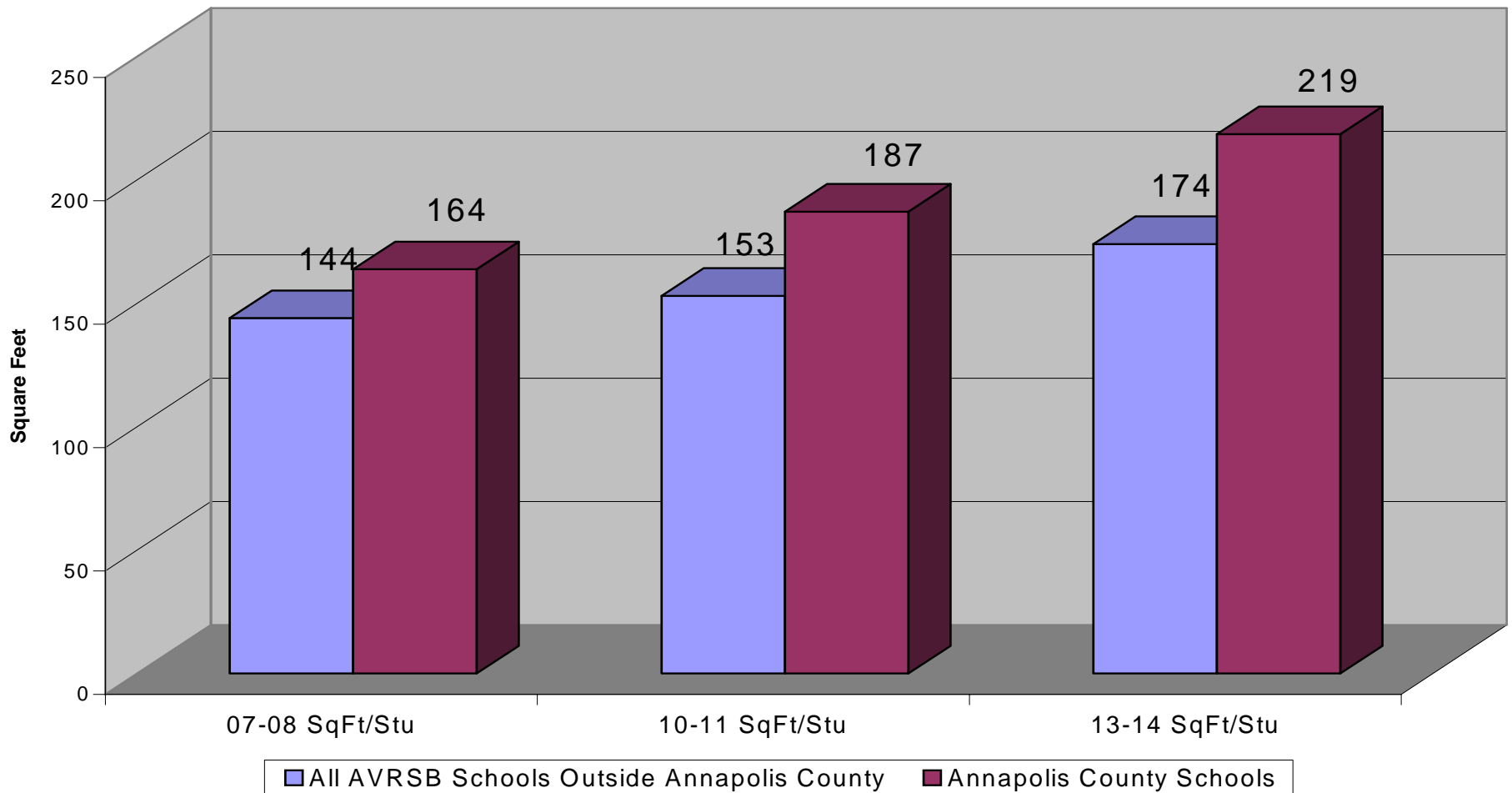
Square Feet Per Student - Annapolis County Schools - Current and Projected





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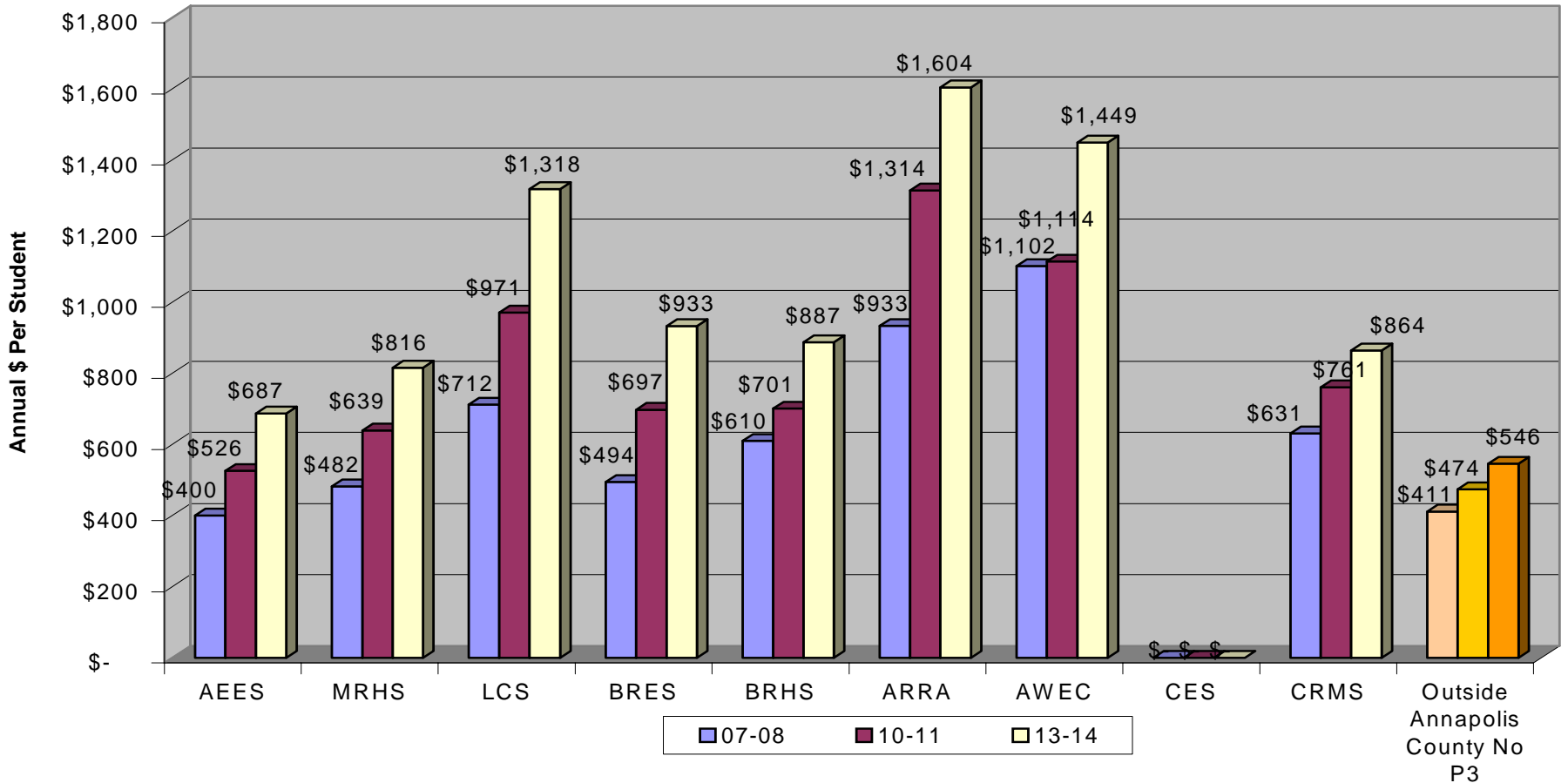
Square Feet per Student - Annapolis County Compared to Outside Annapolis County





Facility Usage

Facility Operating Costs/Student Current and Projected - Annapolis County Schools





Summary

- Enrollments will continue to decline
- There is more school space than we need
- Some facilities need major renovations or upgrades
- A solid long term plan is needed for Annapolis County Schools
- Good planning requires participation and input from the school communities



Timeline

- April-May, 2008 – Release the Reviews
- June-October, 2008 – Seek Input from Schools and Communities
- November-December, 2008 - Develop Options for Consideration
- January-February, 2009 – Evaluate Options with Schools and Communities
- March, 2009 – Create Recommendations for School Board Consideration



In Conclusion

- This presentation and the full review document will be available on the School Board Website www.avrsb.ednet.ns.ca
- Copies of the full review document will be provided to all Schools, School Advisory Councils, Home and School Organizations and Municipal/Town Councils
- Other organizations and individuals can request a copy from the School Board Office



Submissions

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