



Board Highlights

Frisco Independent School District

6942 Maple Street Frisco, Texas 75034

Board Members: Richard Beaver - Cindy DePaolantonio - Laura Ellison - Rene Ehmke - Dan Mossakowski - Buddy Minnet - Brenda Polk

Regular Meeting August 21, 2006

Recognitions

The Board recognized the accomplishments of Frisco High School choir students under the direction of Justin Hodges. The following students from the 2005-2006 choir earned a division 1 at the State Solo and Ensemble Competition: Michael Hickam - Named Outstanding Performer; Rusty Drye; Reagan Smith; Ilsa Levine (now attending Wakeland); Whitney Brazeal; Jennifer Nichols.

The Board also recognized Tricia Anne Boswell, Assistant Principal of Pioneer Heritage Middle School for being selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as a Region 10 Outstanding Assistant Principal of the year. Ms. Boswell has 24 years of experience in education and is currently beginning her fifth year as an assistant principal at PHMS.

Each of the regional winners will be recognized during the Opening General Session of the annual TASSP Summer Workshop, June 13-15, 2007, at the Austin Convention Center. They will be presented an award and recognized in a commemorative booklet entitled Texas Principals, Texas Heroes.

Public Hearing on Proposed Title I Expenditures

Director of Special Programs Alicia Richmond discussed the funding we receive which is based on the number/percentage of students we have on the free and reduced lunch program. Currently the district average is 10 percent, so the schools that will be receiving the funding will be Bright, Christie, Rogers, probably Gunstream and possibly Ogle. We receive \$158,000 and use it for teacher salaries, professional development, parent involvement training, supplies and summer school.

Action Items

Consent Agenda – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; 2006 Certified Appraisal Roll; payments to vendors, architects and contractors; budget amendment; one year extension of current contracts with preferred approved vendors; end of year budget amendments, including August accounting accruals and TRS on-behalf payments, in preparation for end-of-fiscal year financial audit; renewal of unemployment compensation with TASB; RFQ for civil engineering; contracted services contract for demographer; resolution authorizing designee to assign land broker as needed; renewal of professional services contract

for assistant supervisor for construction services and internal demographer; extension of financial consulting contract; purchase of white 8 ½ X 11 copy paper; purchase of color 8 ½ X 11 copy paper; District Action Plan for 2006-2007; newly trained appraisers for Professional Development and Appraisal System for 2006-2007 school year; FISD board representation at 2006 TASB Delegate Assembly; Board Local Policy Update 78.

Letter of intent for Option 4 Agreement to Education Nonresident Students

Region X can no longer provide this service and the Board approved working with a broker to sell our Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) to a partner district to reduce our recapture payment by \$595,000.

External Audit Service (RFQ #238-06)

Only two firms responded; the Board approved continuing with Pingleton, Howard and Company PC.

2006-2007 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

The Board approved a budget of \$167.5 million, which includes a \$15.5 million recapture payment. This represents a 21.5 percent increase which is in line with the 21.4 percent increase in the student population.

Of the increased expenditures, \$18.7 million is in payroll for new personnel; \$2.3 million is for health insurance for new employees, along with TRS and medicare payments; \$4.7 million is for \$2,500 in raises for all teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians (\$500 of this is in payment to teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians to restore the \$500 health benefit funding that had been taken away previously by the state and placed in a TRS pass-through account for reimbursement of health related expenses.); \$547,000 is for the additional \$500 for support staff to restore the same health benefit from last year; \$1.27 million is for an \$800 step in pay increase for all returning teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians; and \$1.32 million is for a 4 percent of mid-point of salary scale increase for non-teaching employees. Returning teachers are receiving the equivalent of more than a 6 percent of mid-point pay increase. Another \$1.38 million (\$275 per high school student) is to be allocated for purposes related to college readiness, advanced academics and high school success.

An additional \$4.7 million increase is anticipated in non-payroll related operating costs to help offset increases in utility and fuel charges.

To fund this budget, the Maintenance and Operations tax rate is proposed at \$1.21 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

House Bill 1 impacts the M&O tax rate only. Most school districts in the state were at the M&O tax rate cap of \$1.50, so they will be experiencing more tax relief – 17 cents of relief, down to \$1.33. FISD’s current M&O tax rate is only at \$1.32. In cases like FISD’s, districts must multiply their existing tax rate by approximately 88 percent, which will reduce its tax rate to \$1.17. House Bill 1 then allows local district to add a four cent increase to maintain programs and handle growth, as in FISD’s case, or to reinstate programs, as in the case in districts that were at the tax cap.

This tax rate will generate \$133.8 million based on a final estimate of property values of \$11.2 billion at a 98 percent collection rate. Other tax income is anticipated at \$7.5 million, which includes ag rollback tax collections, frozen tax values and penalty and interest income. Other income such as rental income and interest earned is estimated at \$3.9 million. State funding is anticipated at \$12.3 million.

FISD’s debt service commitment for 2006-2007 is estimated at \$49.9 million. A tax rate of \$.37 cents (it is currently \$.31 cents) is proposed. This would place the district’s proposed overall tax rate at \$1.58.

Below is a comparison of the estimated tax bill of a resident with a home valued at \$230,937 (the 2005-2006 average home value in FISD).

2005-2006 Tax rate and taxes

Market Value	\$230,937 - \$15,000 Homestead
<i>Exemption</i>	
Tax Rate	\$1.63/\$100
Levy	\$3,519.77

2006-2007 Projected tax rate and taxes

Using average valued home not considering a raise in appraised value –

Home Value -	\$230,937 - \$15,000 Homestead Exemption
Projected Tax Rate -	\$1.58/\$100
Levy -	\$3,411.80

The new average home value in FISD is now \$244,000. The maximum combined tax rate will be \$1.58 per \$100 of assessed property value, which is five cents less than the current rate.

Note: From what we know at this time, no provisions were made in this new legislation to modify the tax bill of our citizens over 65 years of age who have frozen taxes.

Discussion of Timelines for Student Transfer Requests

Many districts impose a timeline or window of time for transfer applications/requests to be submitted and for the Board to hear appeals, as well. Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, will be researching this issue and bringing forward a recommendation for the Board to consider.

Enrollment Figures for the first week of school

The Board and staff reviewed the enrollment figures from the first day of school, the second Monday of school, and October projections. ***Please see attached PowerPoint for those numbers.***

Procedures for accommodating potential above-cap overflow from Boals Elementary

Boals Elementary is very near the enrollment cap of 860 students and the proposed plan is to take students to Corbell and Fisher based on the grade level that the student is in (each school has certain grade levels with adequate room for growth). Siblings will be allowed to be at the same overflow campus.

Construction Issues

Location and number of middle schools for 2008-

Richard Wilkinson discussed the need for at least one and possibly two middle schools to open in 2008. Based on current projections, a middle school will be needed in the northwestern area of the district in 2008 to relieve Griffin Middle School, which is projected to have over 1,300 students without relief. On the east side, Roach Middle School is projected at this time to have 1,204 students in 2008. This is doable with portables. The October updated projections will be crucial in making the decision to move forward with one or two projects.

Additional Elementary for 2007

Richard Wilkinson has projections of between 779 and 800 students for Ogle in 2007. With portable classrooms, this can be accomplished as has been demonstrated at several schools. The current plan will be to open an elementary school in the Brookstone area in 2008.

Career and Technology Education Center

The Board received an update on this project. ***Please see website www.friscoisd.org for Power Point presentation on this campus that will open in 2008.***

Two-Story Middle School Design

The Board received a visual of the two-story middle school design which will be needed for certain sites in the district, including middle school #8. ***Visit www.friscoisd.org for a preview.***

Staff Highlights

Curriculum and Instruction

We received our 2005-2006 ACT scores and those results are shown below:

	FHS	CHS	Texas	National
2002-2003	22.2	NA	20.1	20.8
2003-2004	22.6	NA	20.2	20.9
2004-2005	22.0	NA	20.2	20.9
2005-2006	23.1	23.1	20.3	21.1

We had 206 students take the entrance exam compared to 208 the previous year.

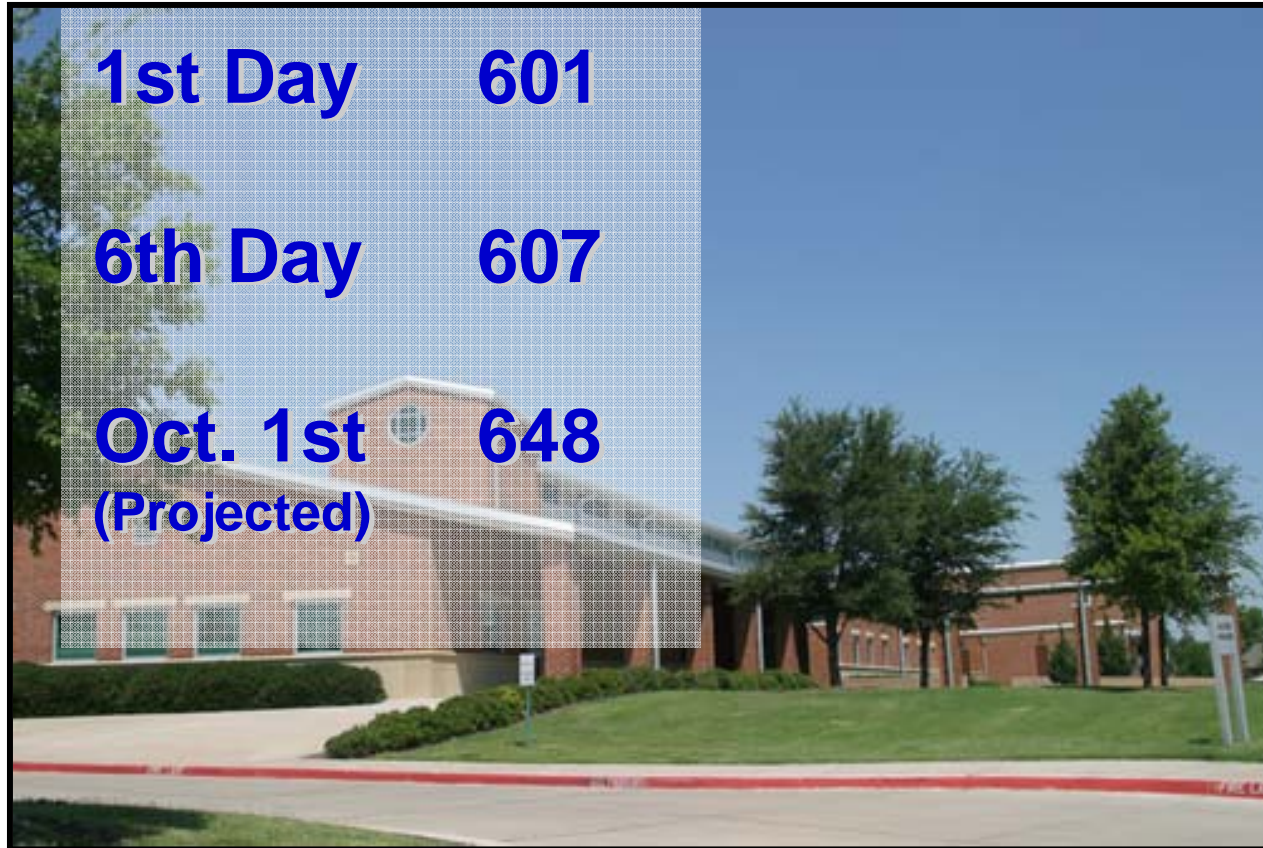
Next Board Meeting – September 11, 2006

2006-2007
1st Day of School

Acker Special Programs Center



Anderson Elementary

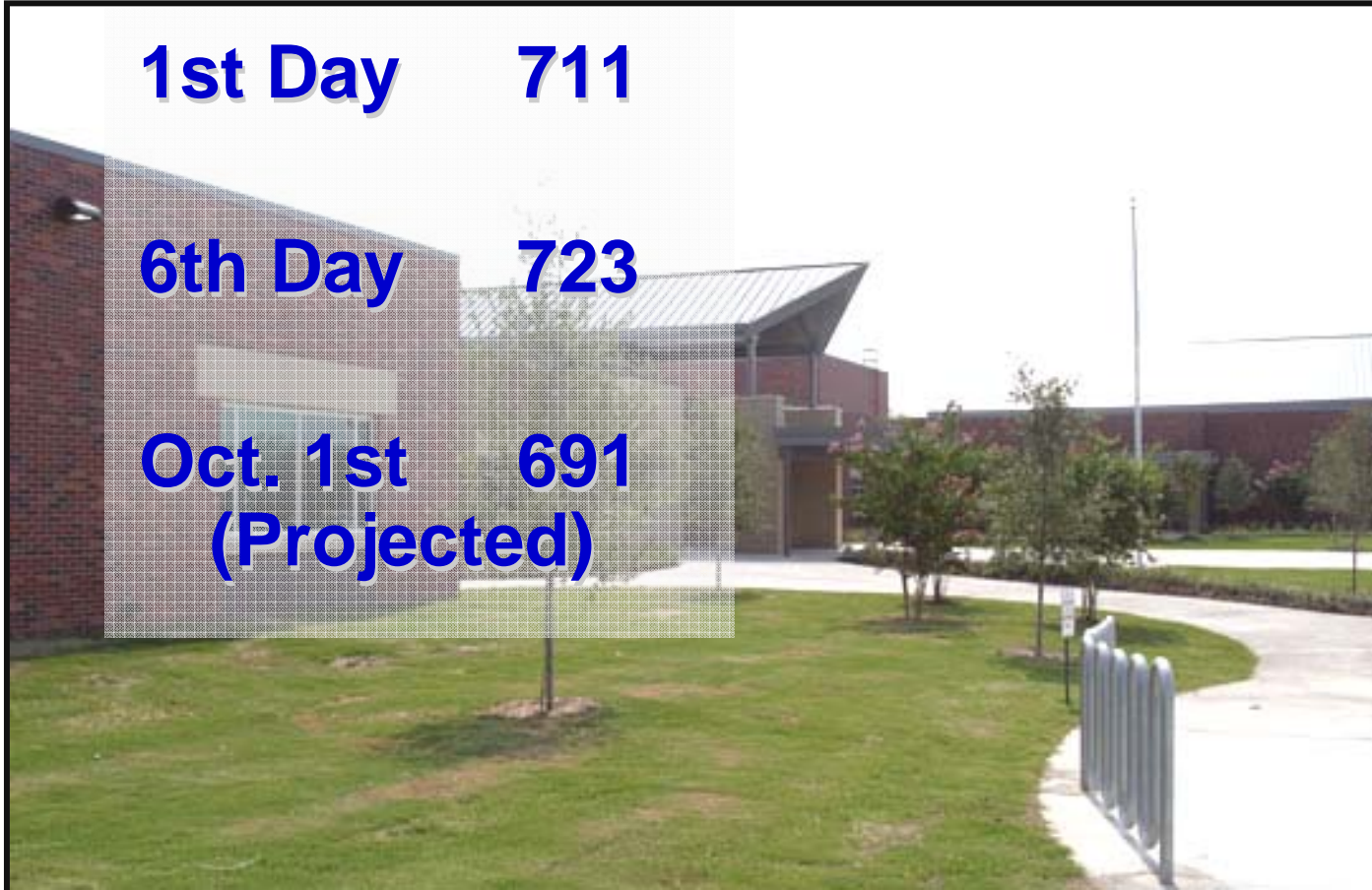


Ashley Elementary

1st Day 711

6th Day 723

**Oct. 1st 691
(Projected)**

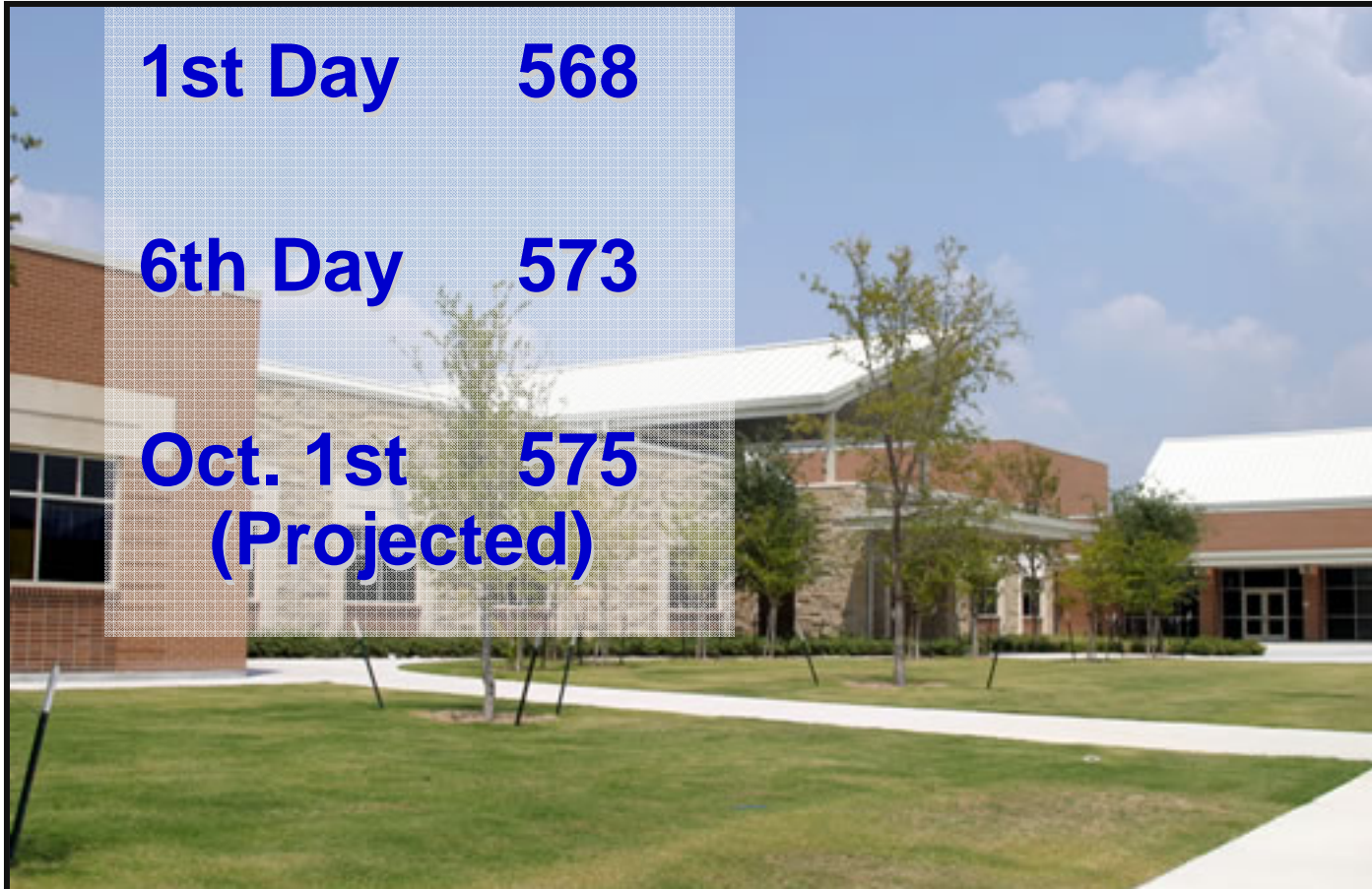


Bledsoe Elementary

1st Day 568

6th Day 573

**Oct. 1st 575
(Projected)**

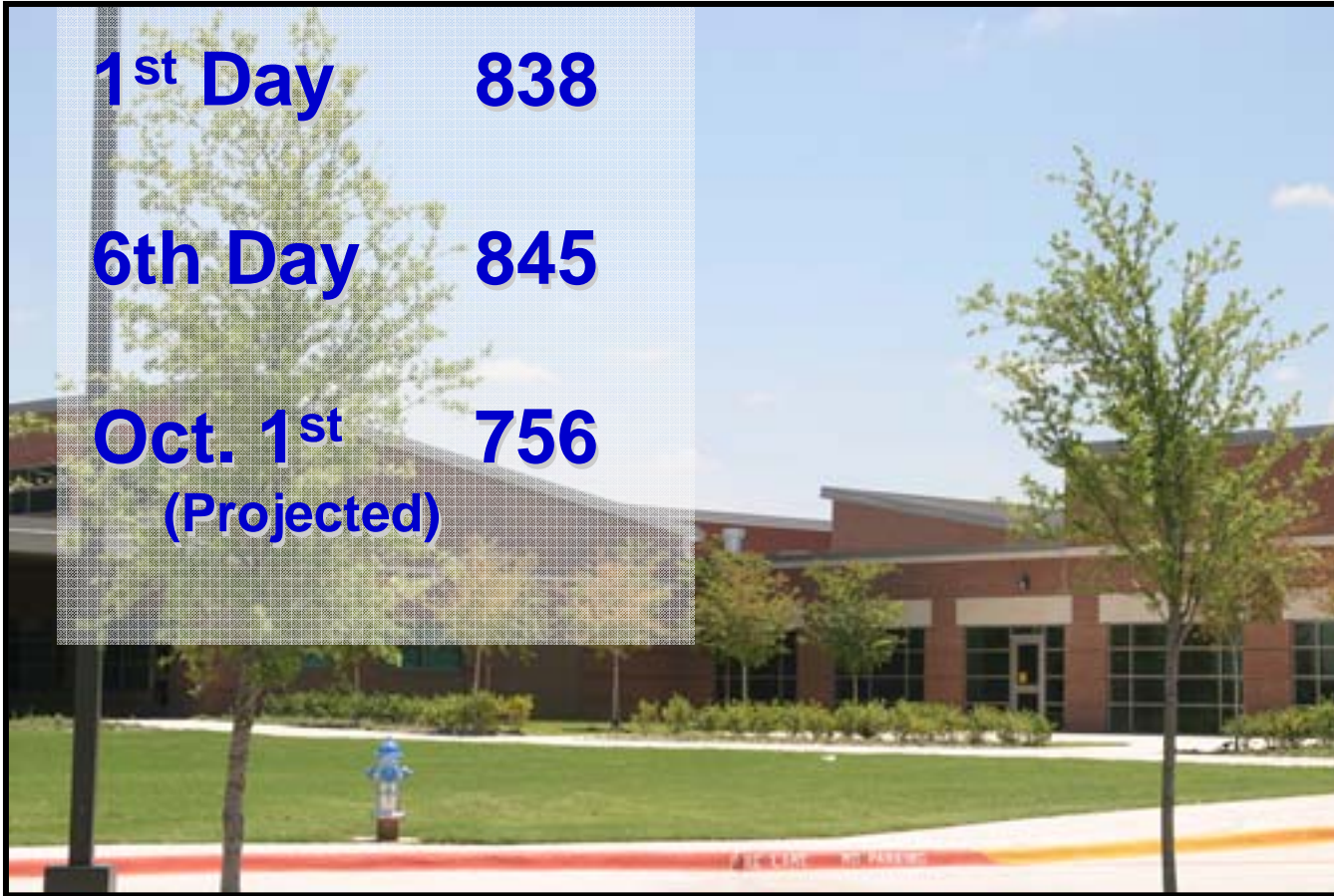


Boals Elementary

1st Day 838

6th Day 845

**Oct. 1st 756
(Projected)**

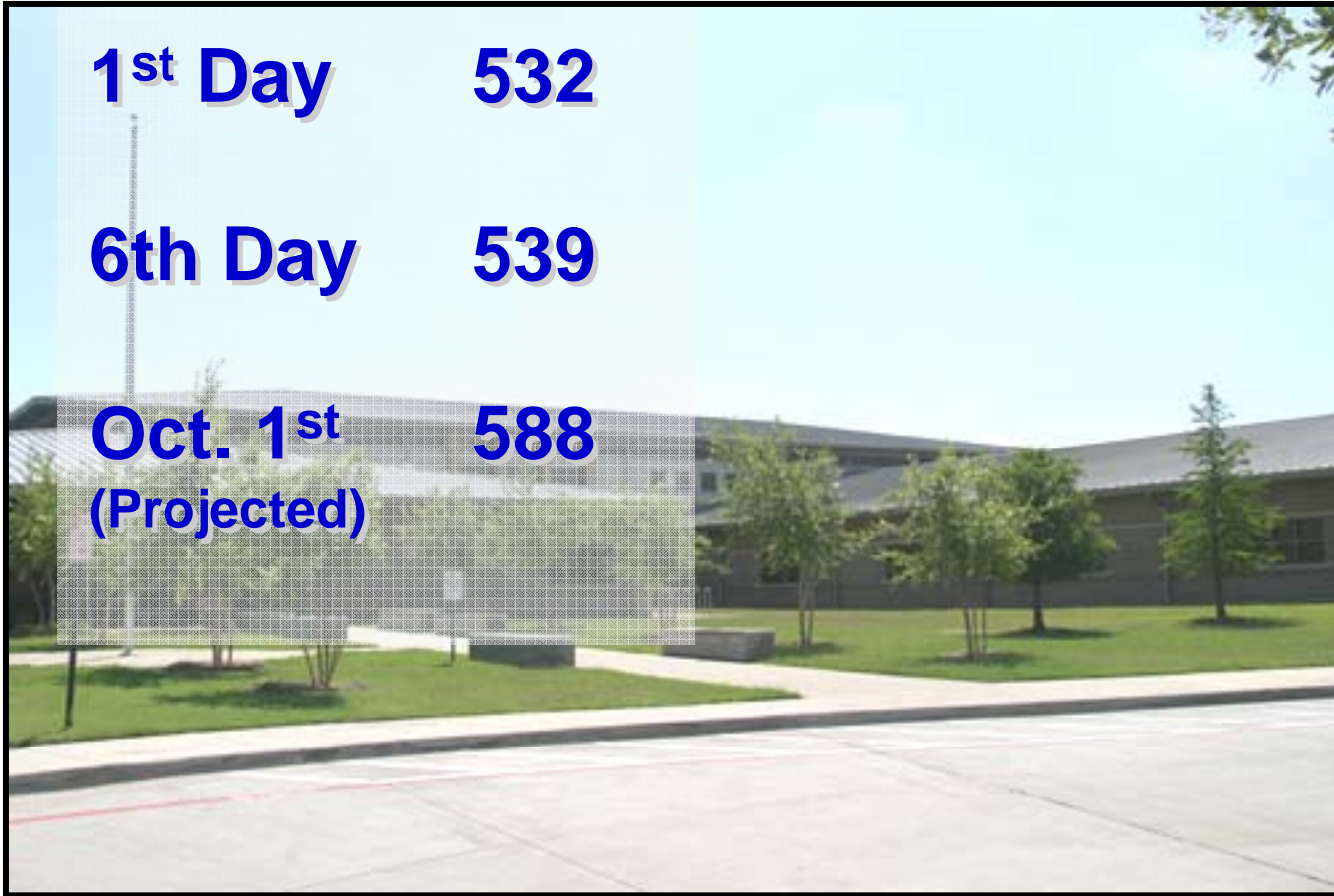


Borchardt Elementary

1st Day 532

6th Day 539

Oct. 1st 588
(Projected)

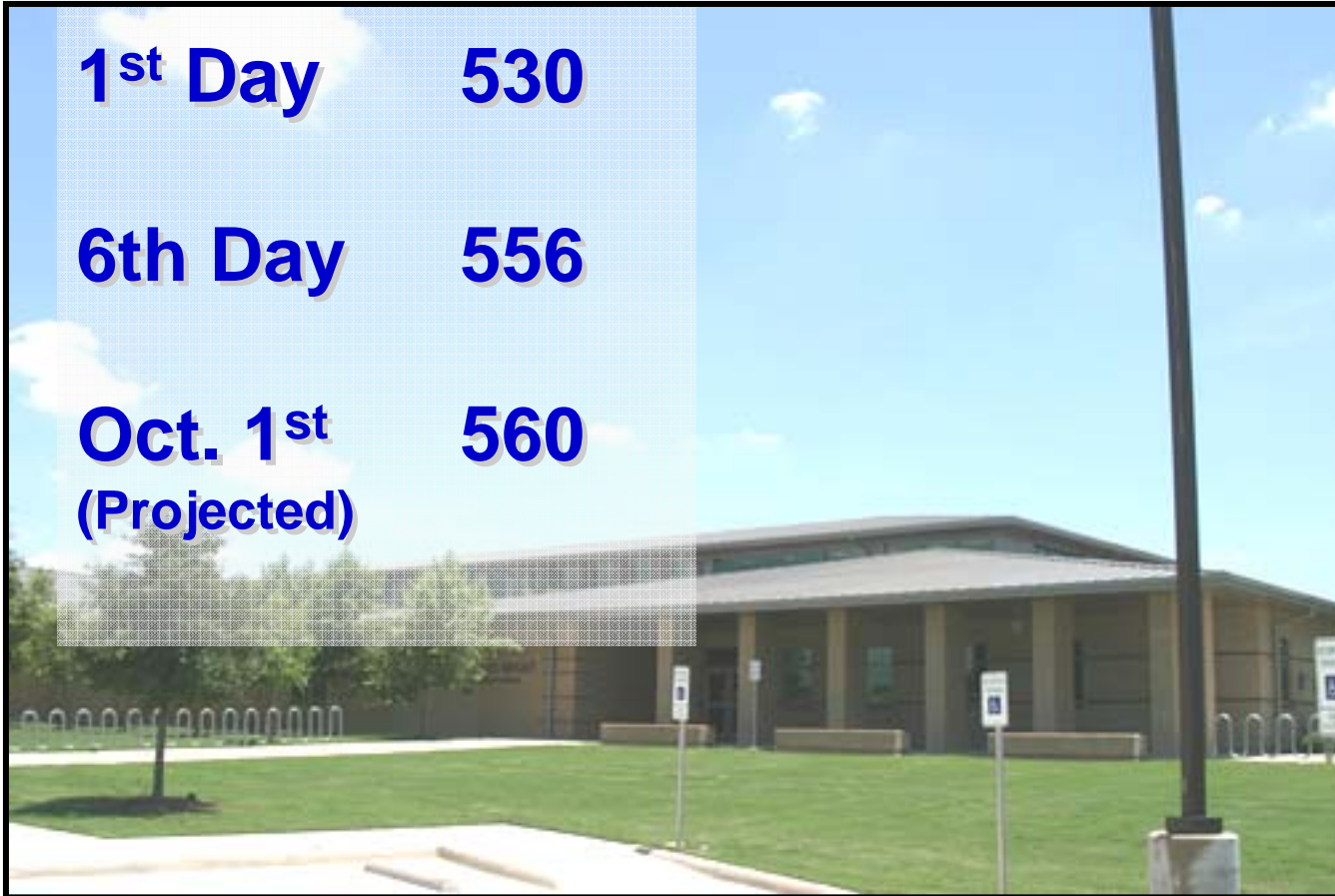


Bright Elementary

1st Day 530

6th Day 556

Oct. 1st 560
(Projected)

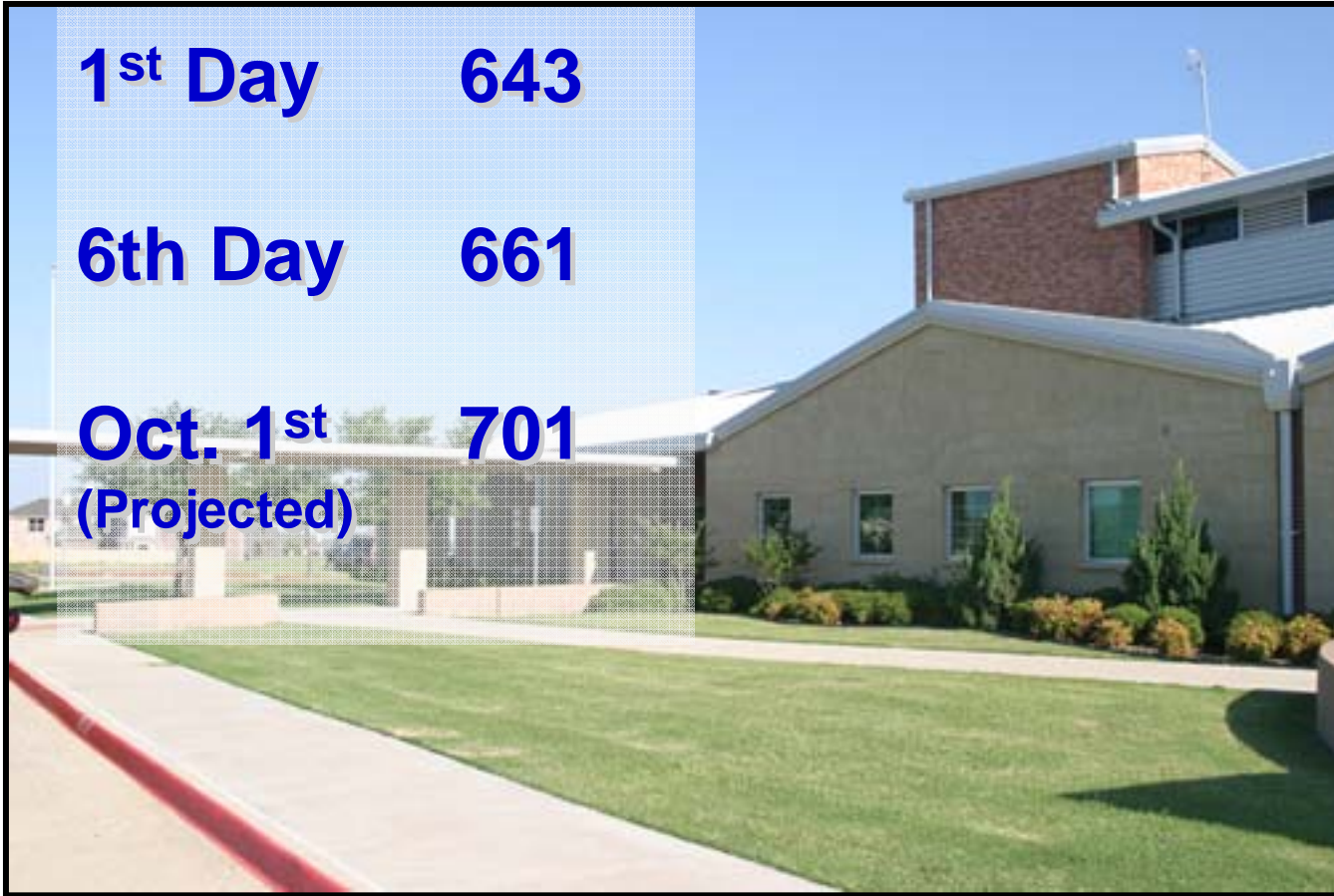


Christie Elementary

1st Day 643

6th Day 661

Oct. 1st 701
(Projected)

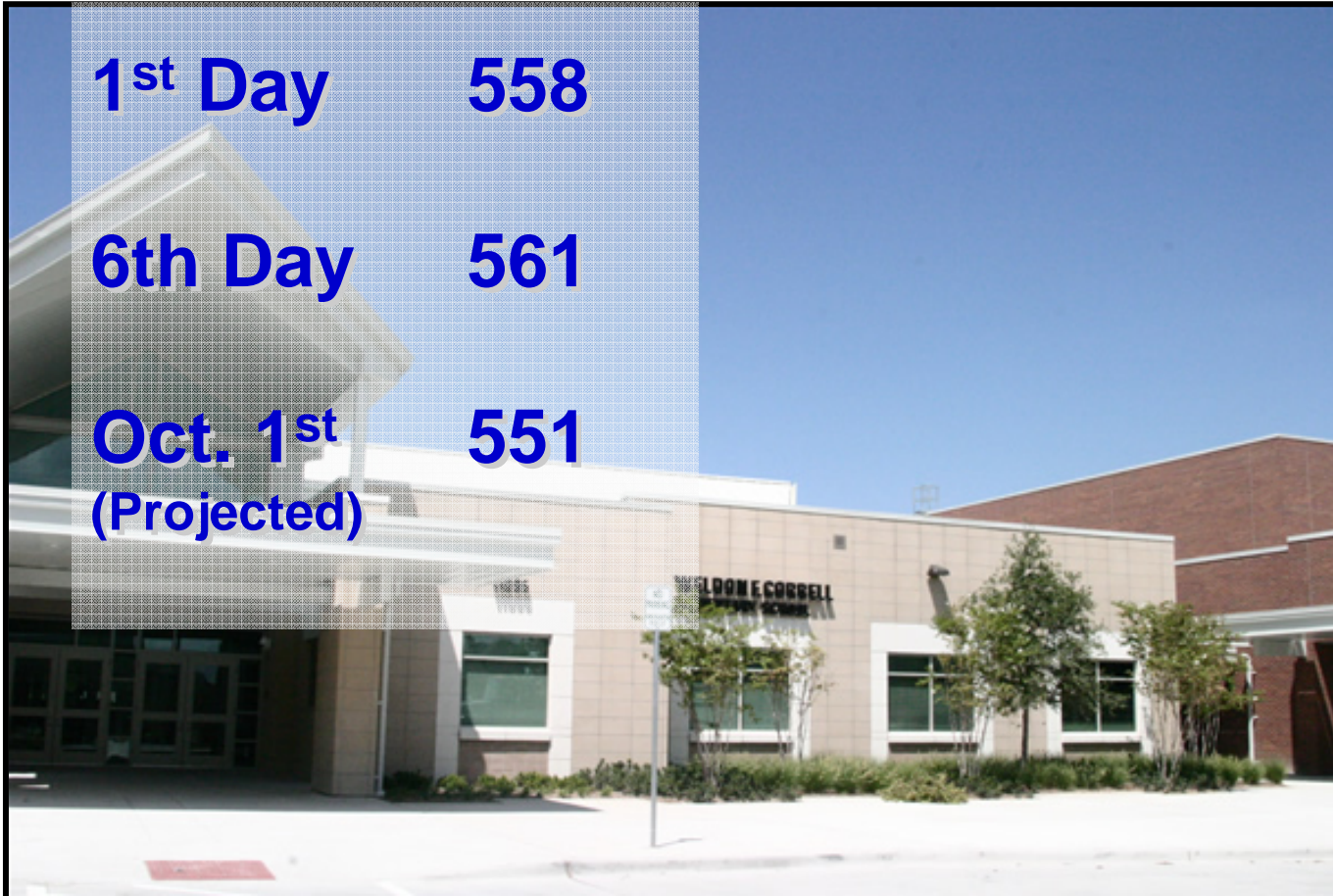


Corbell Elementary

1st Day 558

6th Day 561

Oct. 1st 551
(Projected)

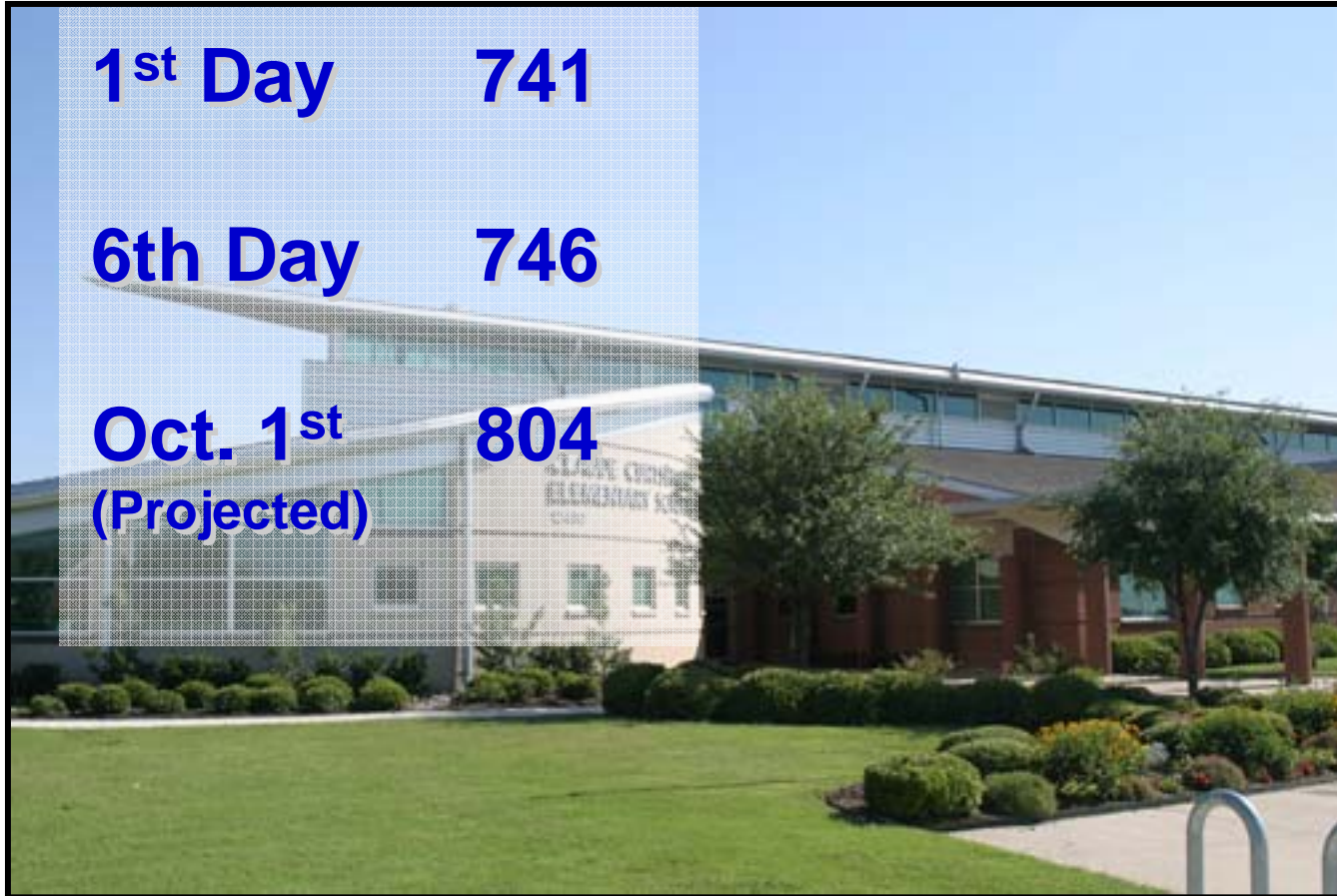


Curtsinger Elementary

1st Day 741

6th Day 746

Oct. 1st 804
(Projected)

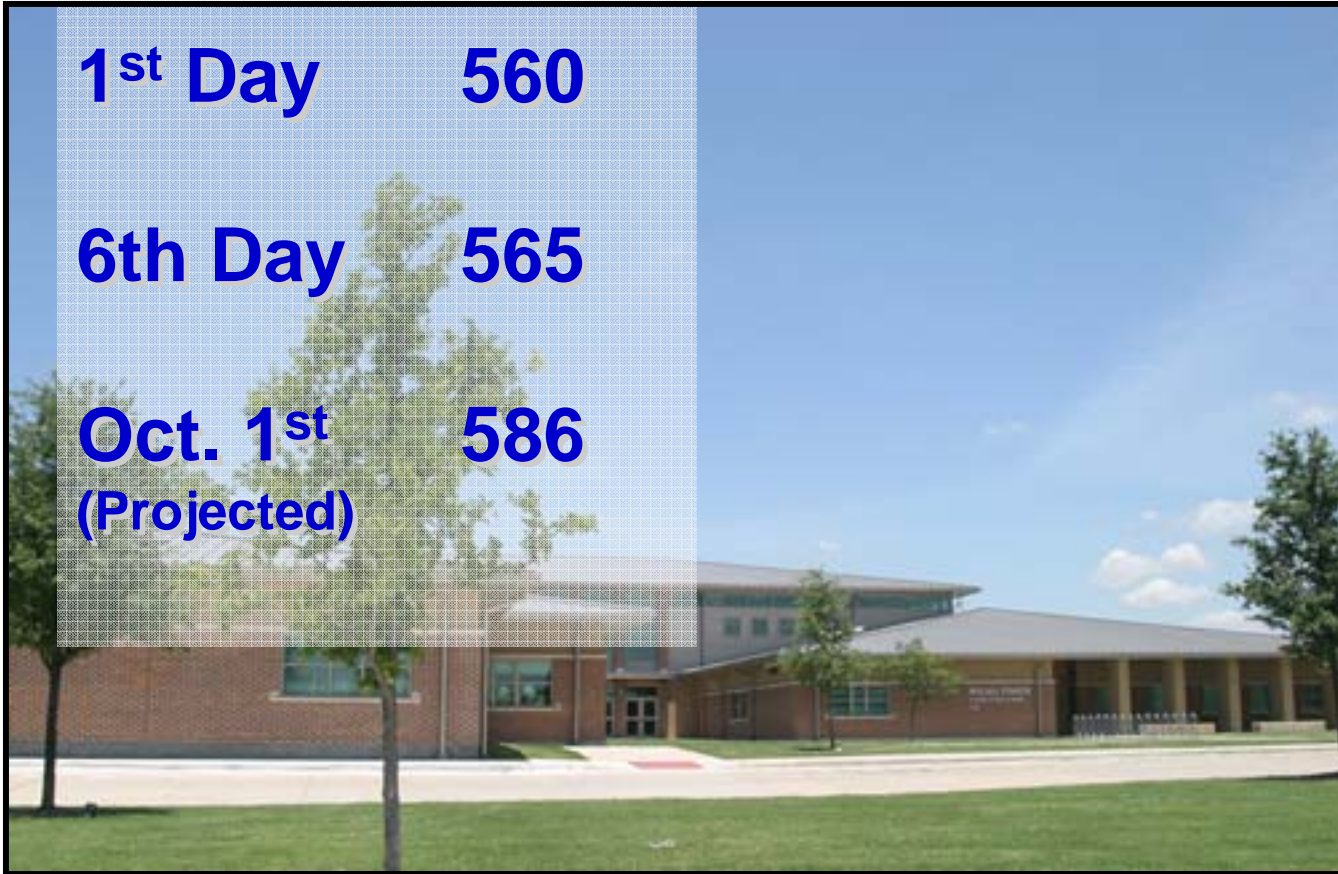


Fisher Elementary

1st Day 560

6th Day 565

Oct. 1st 586
(Projected)

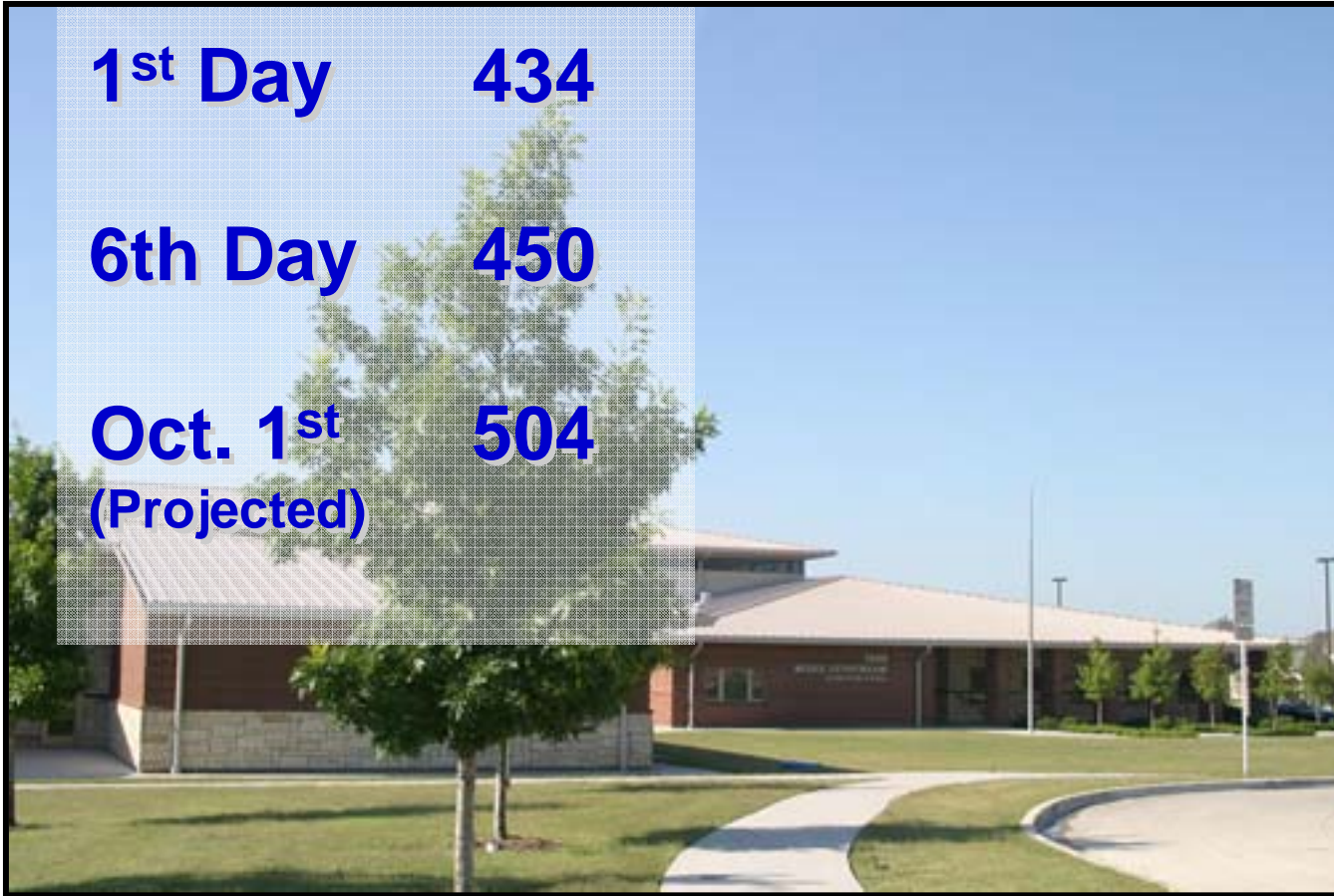


Gunstream Elementary

1st Day 434

6th Day 450

Oct. 1st 504
(Projected)

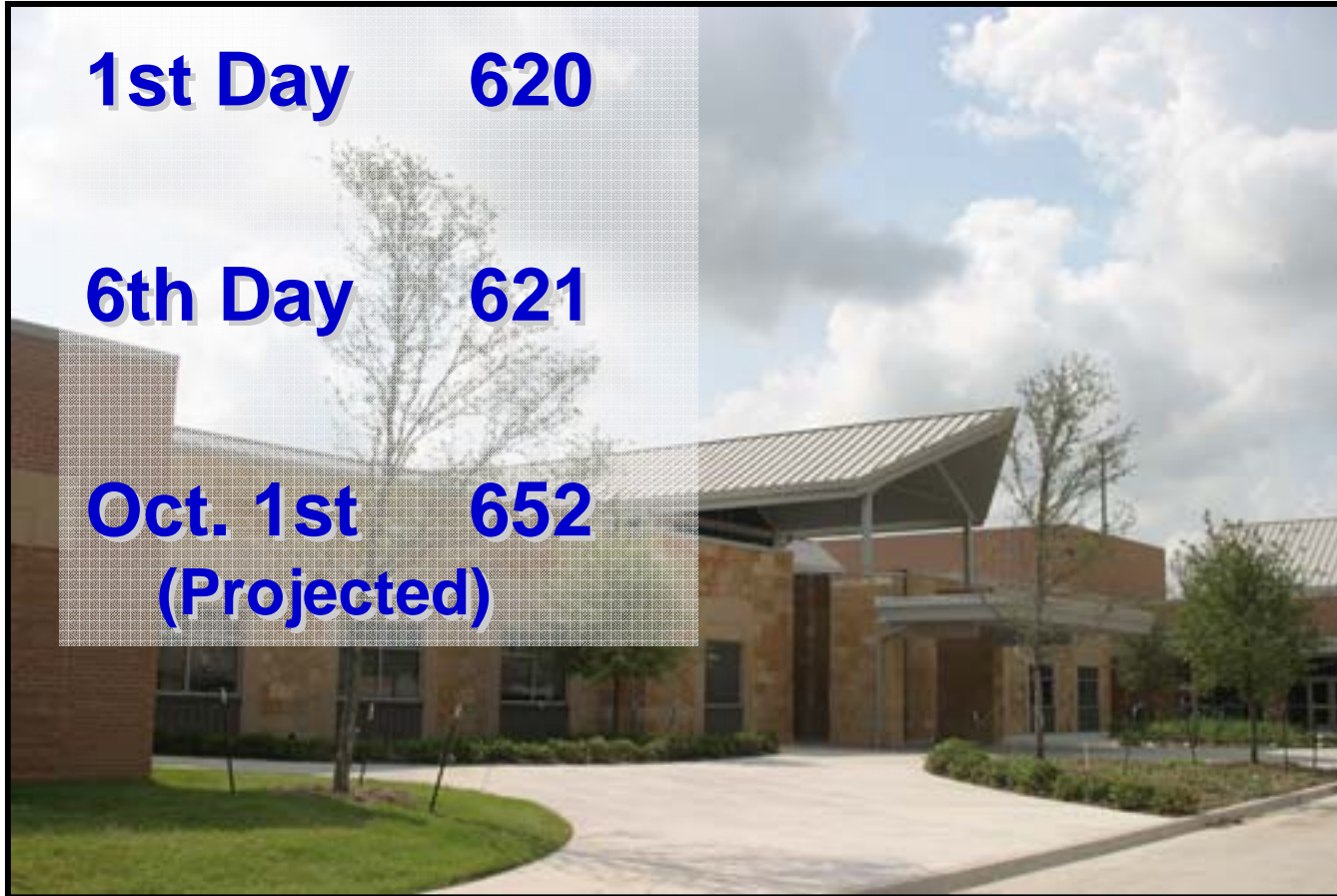


Isbell Elementary

1st Day 620

6th Day 621

Oct. 1st 652
(Projected)

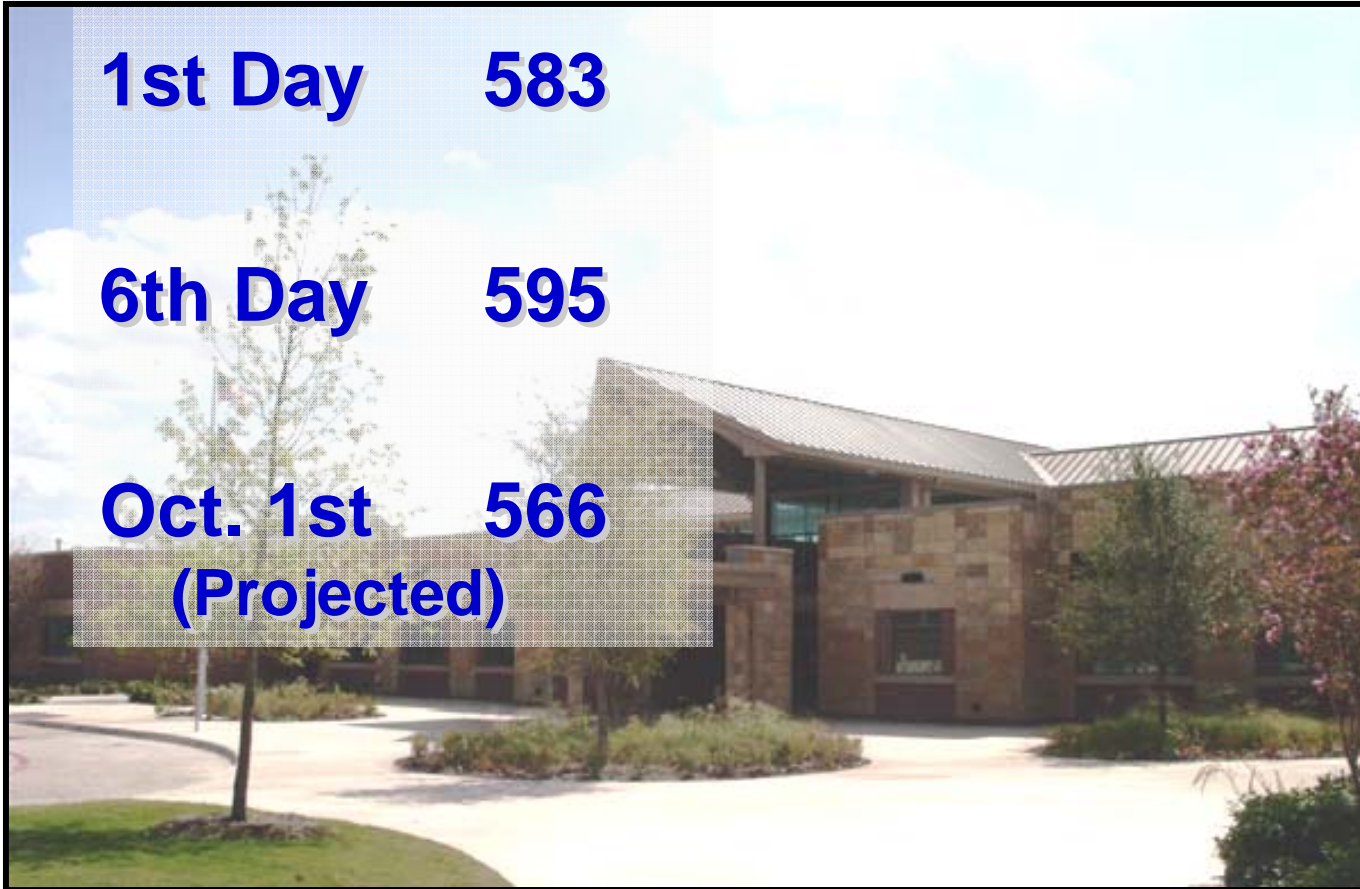


Ogle Elementary

1st Day 583

6th Day 595

**Oct. 1st 566
(Projected)**

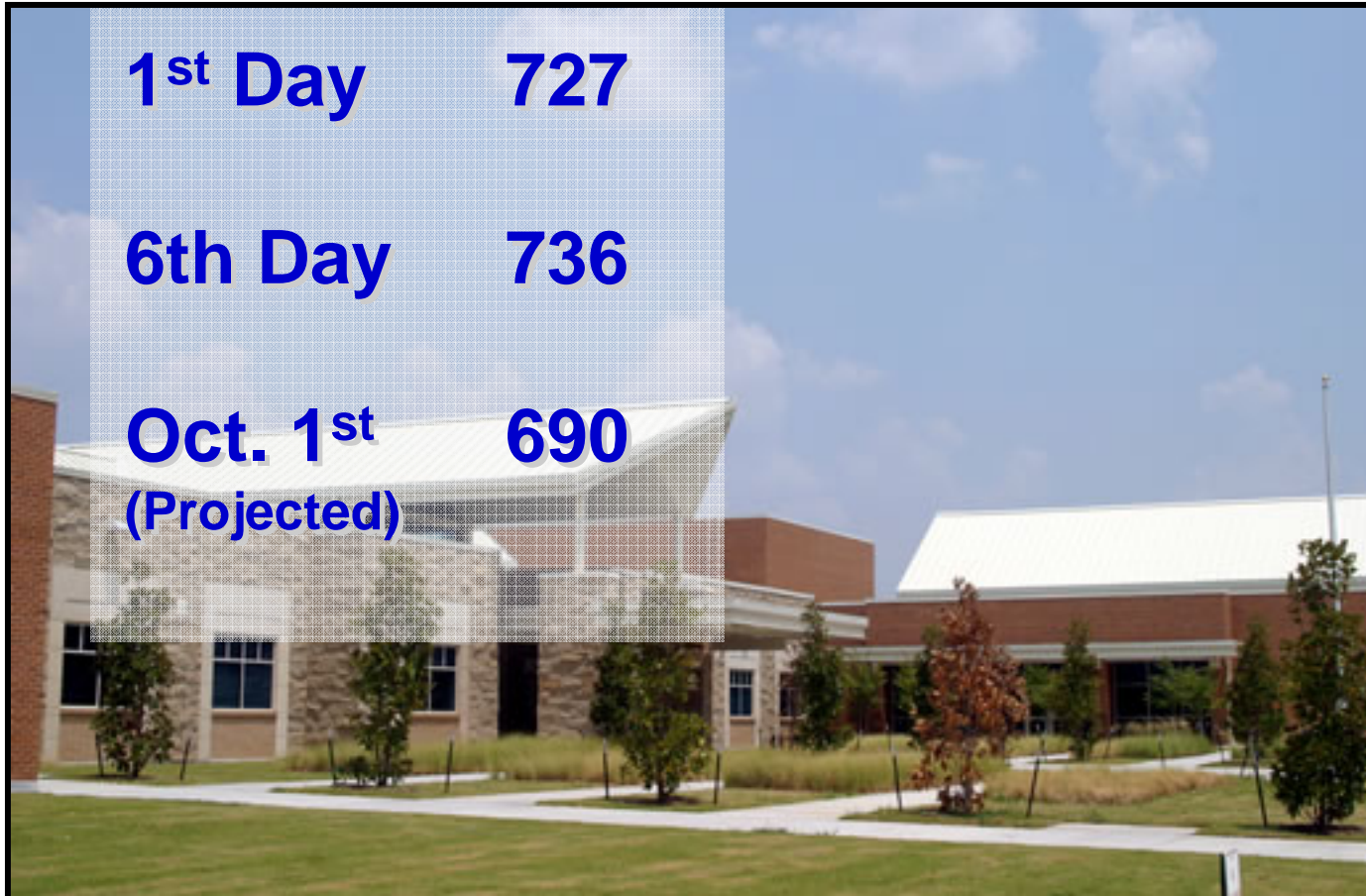


Pink Elementary

1st Day 727

6th Day 736

Oct. 1st 690
(Projected)

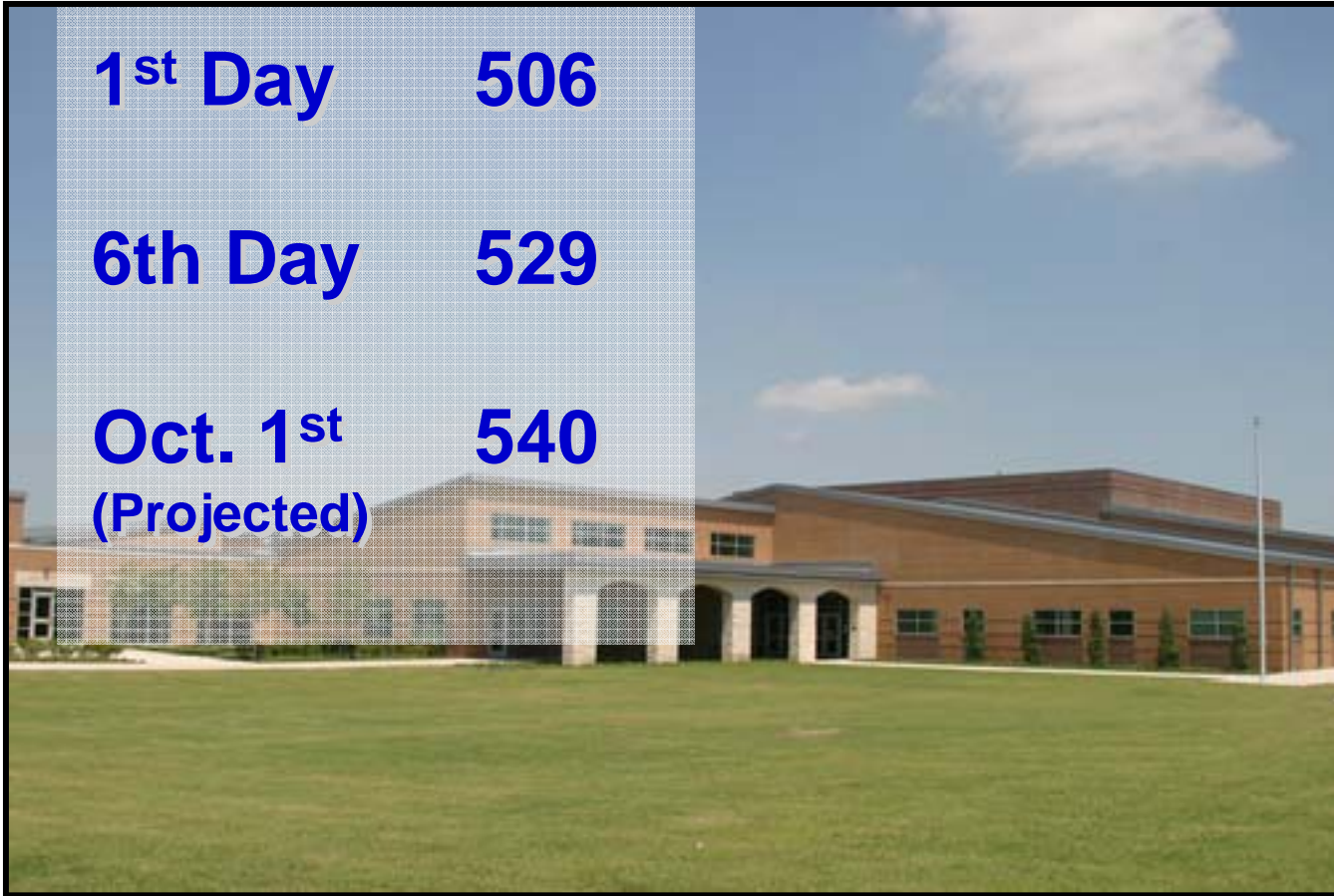


Riddle Elementary

1st Day 506

6th Day 529

Oct. 1st 540
(Projected)

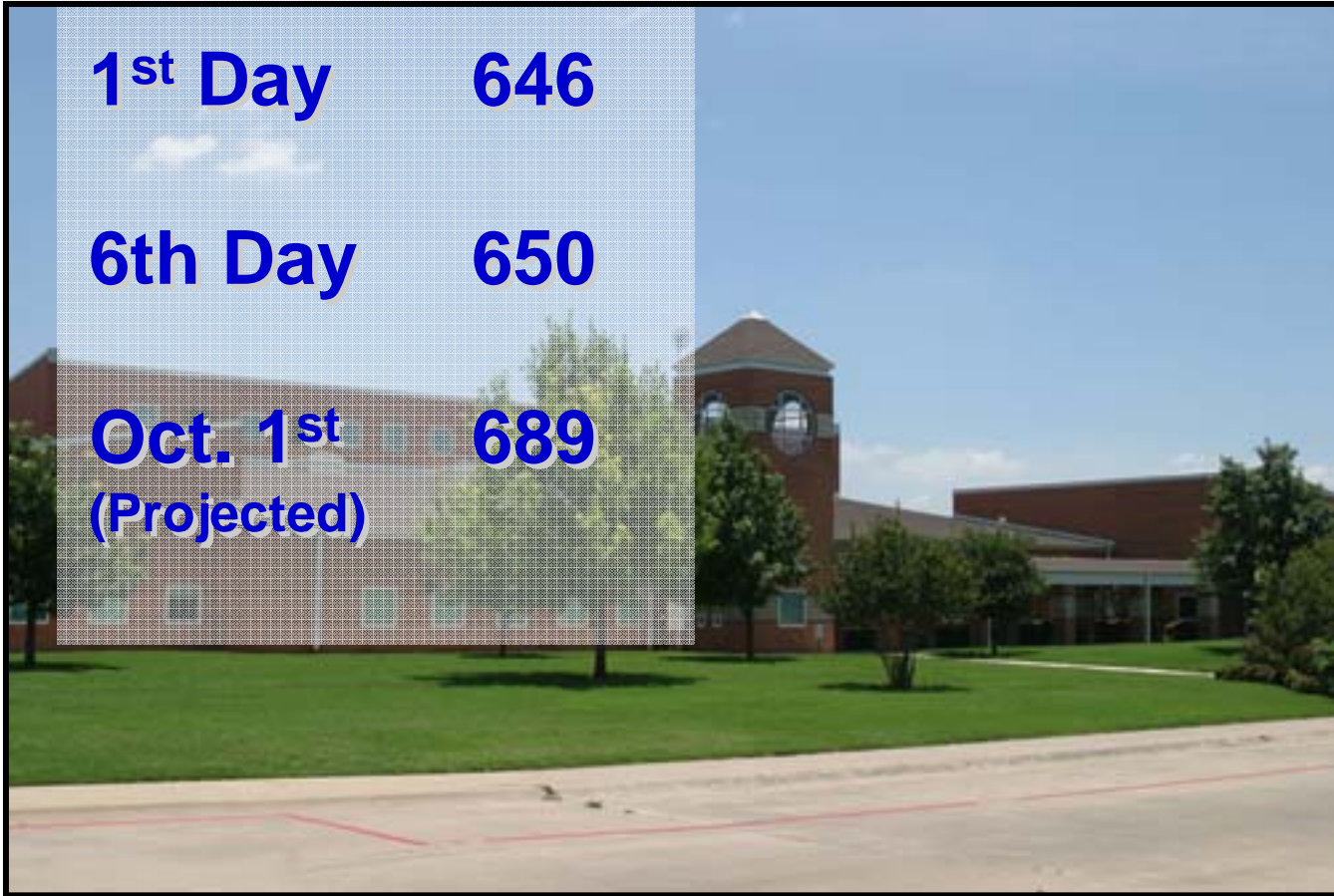


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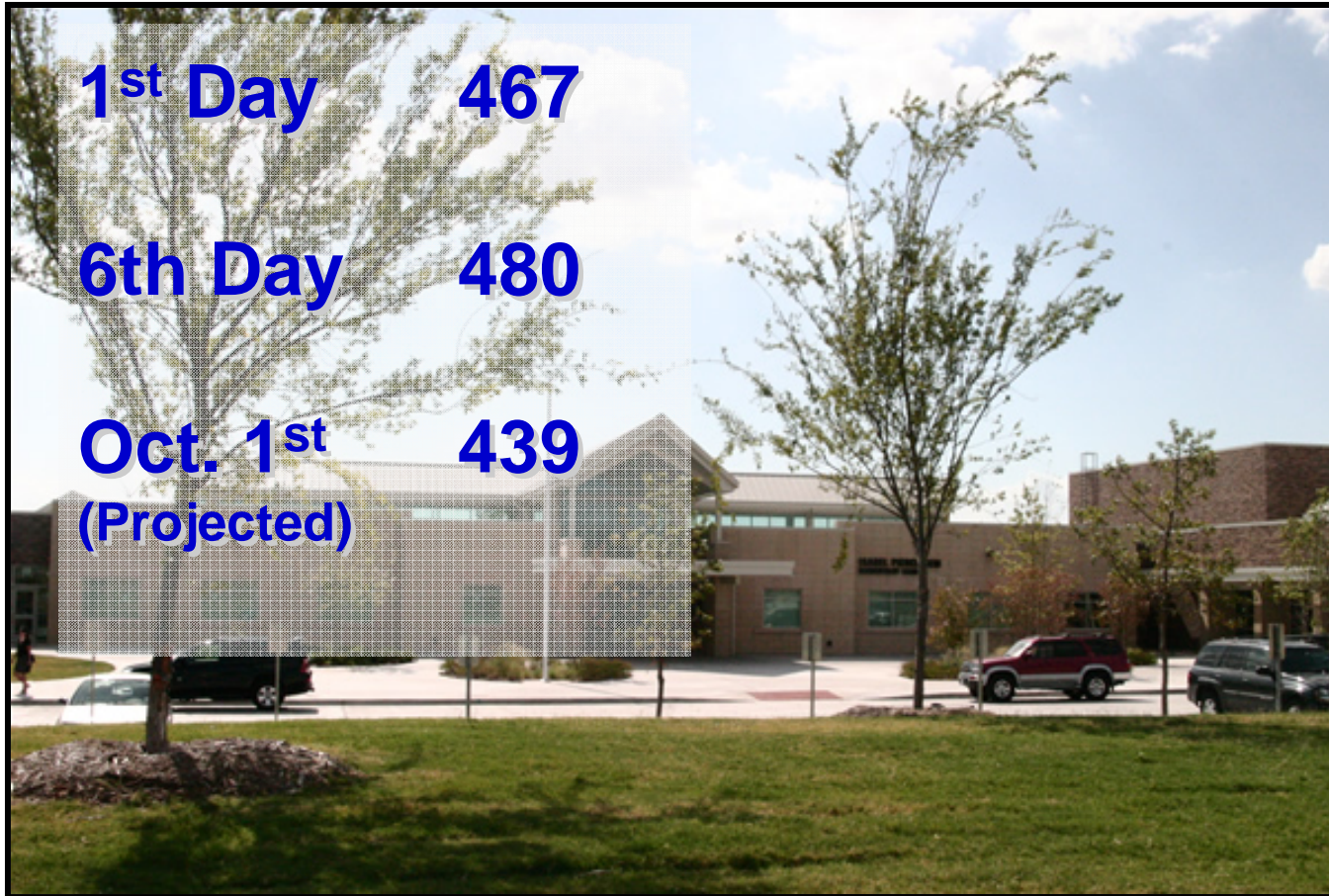
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6th Day 650

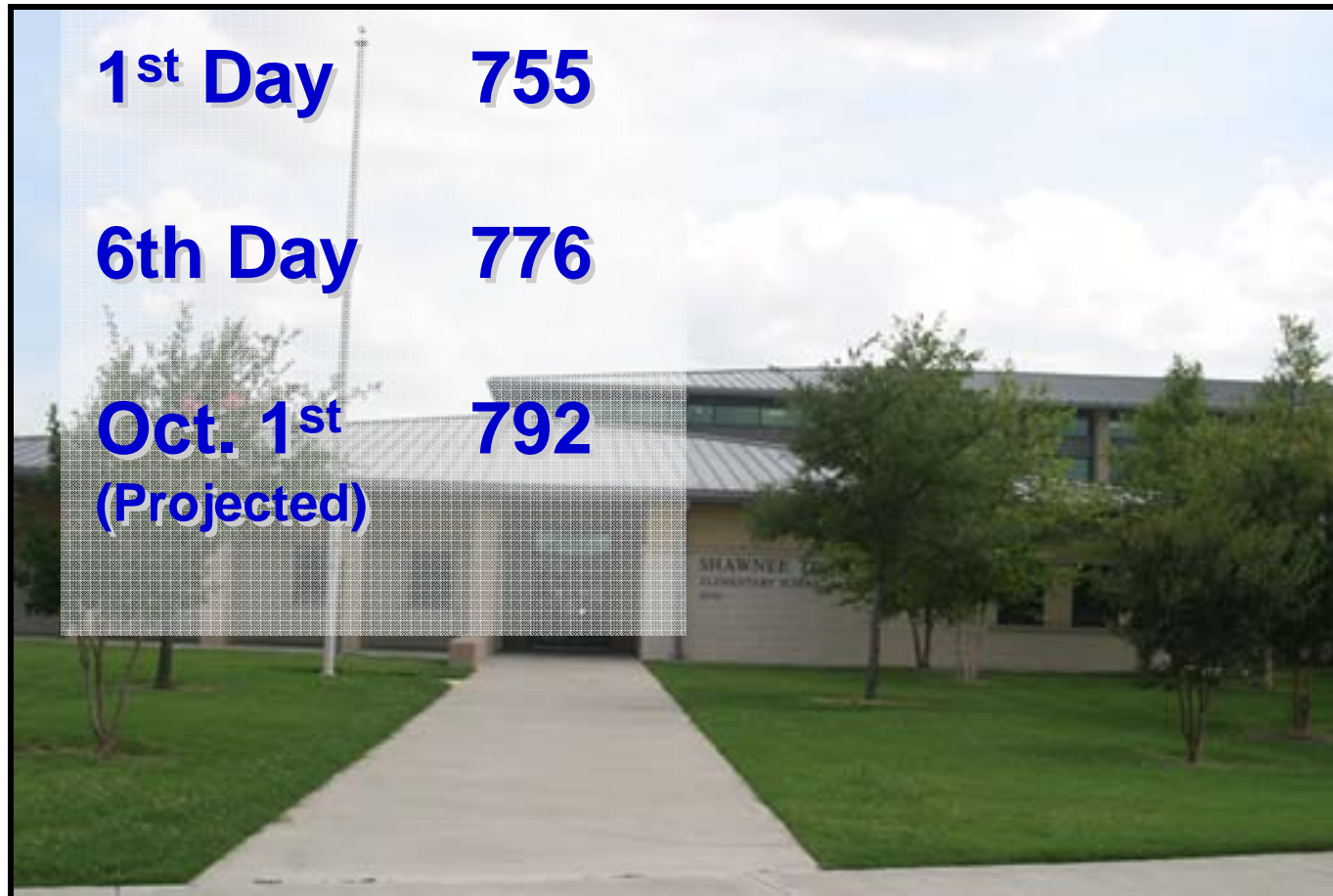
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(Projected)



Sem Elementary



Shawnee Trail Elementary

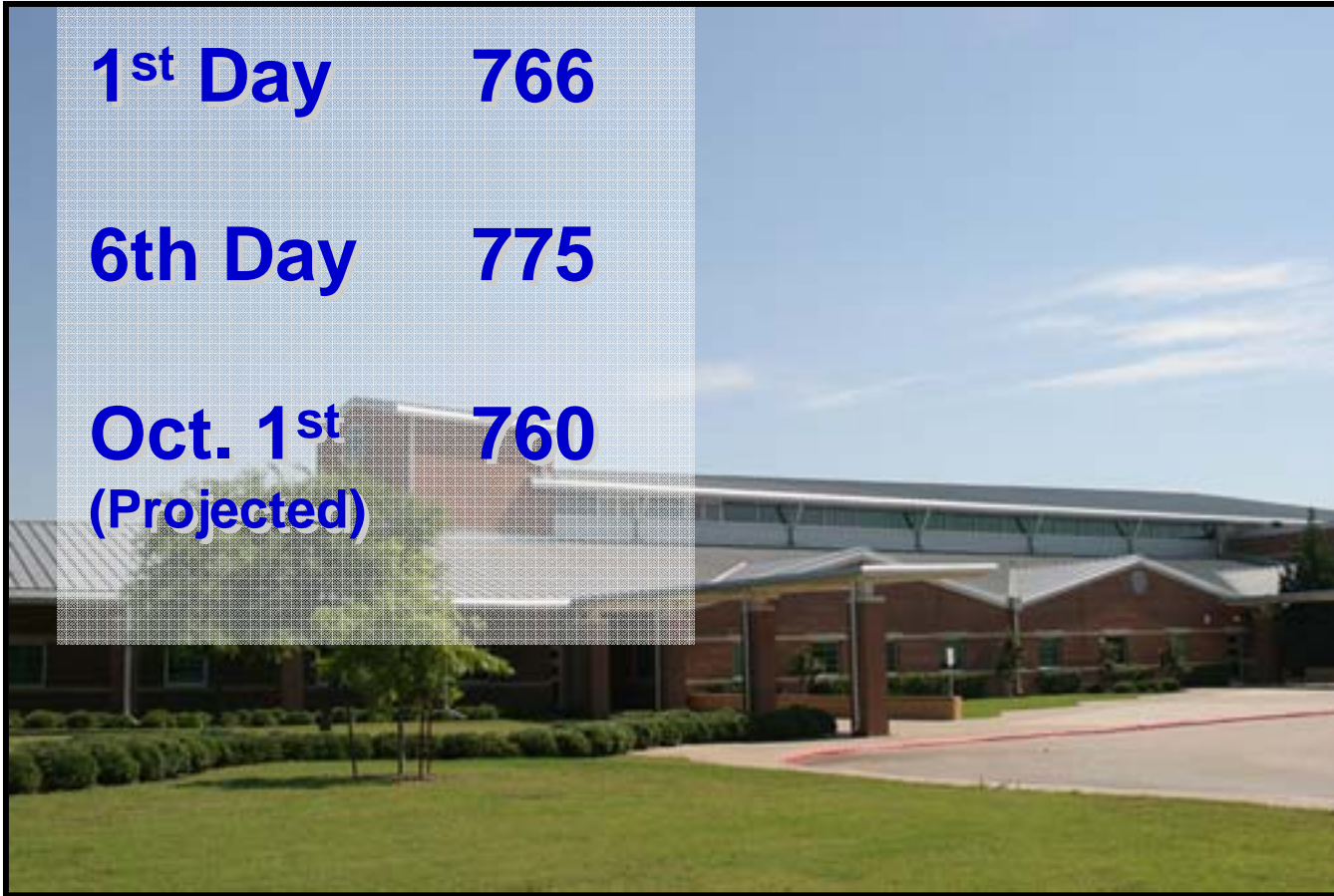


Smith Elementary

1st Day 766

6th Day 775

Oct. 1st 760
(Projected)

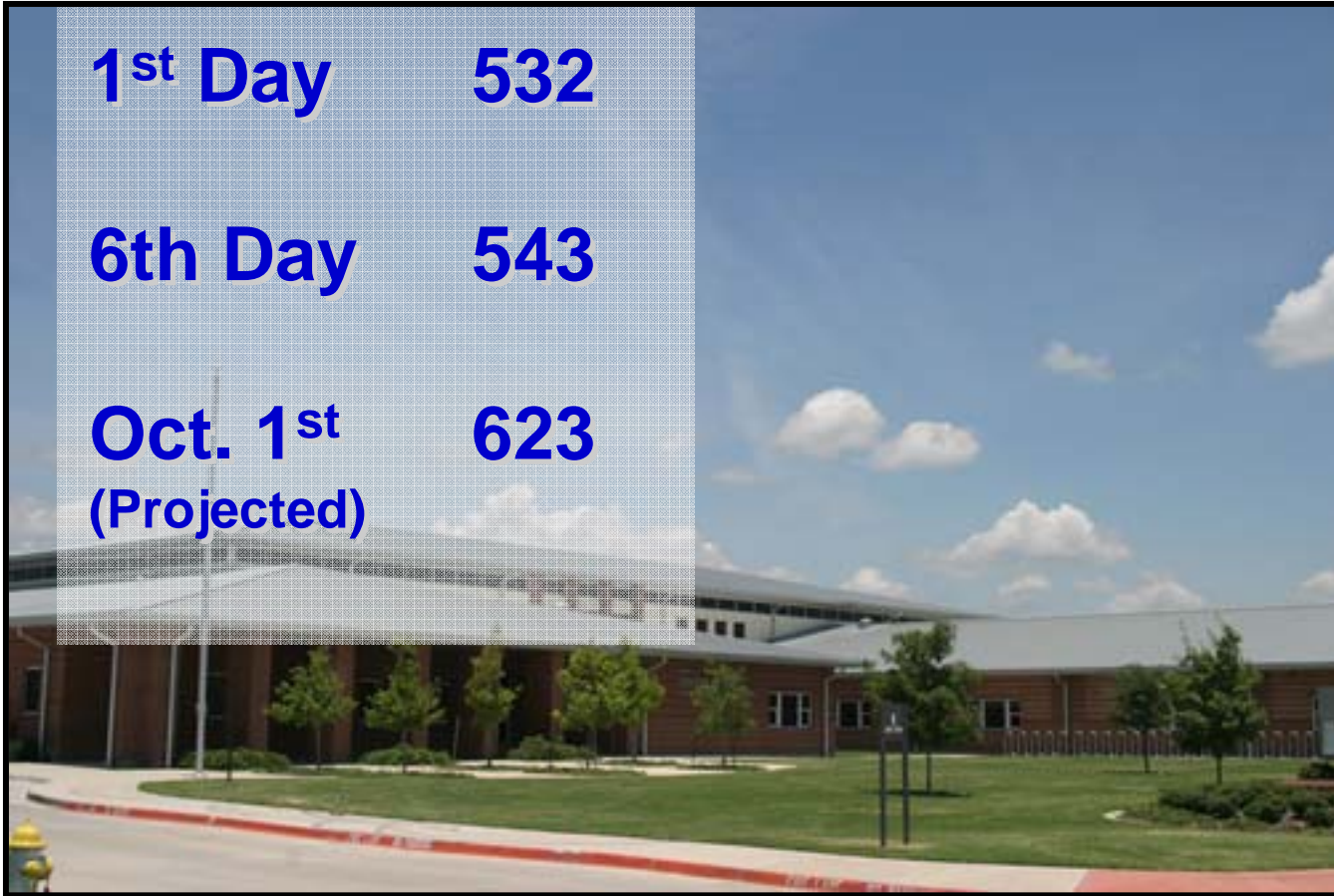


Sparks Elementary

1st Day 532

6th Day 543

Oct. 1st 623
(Projected)

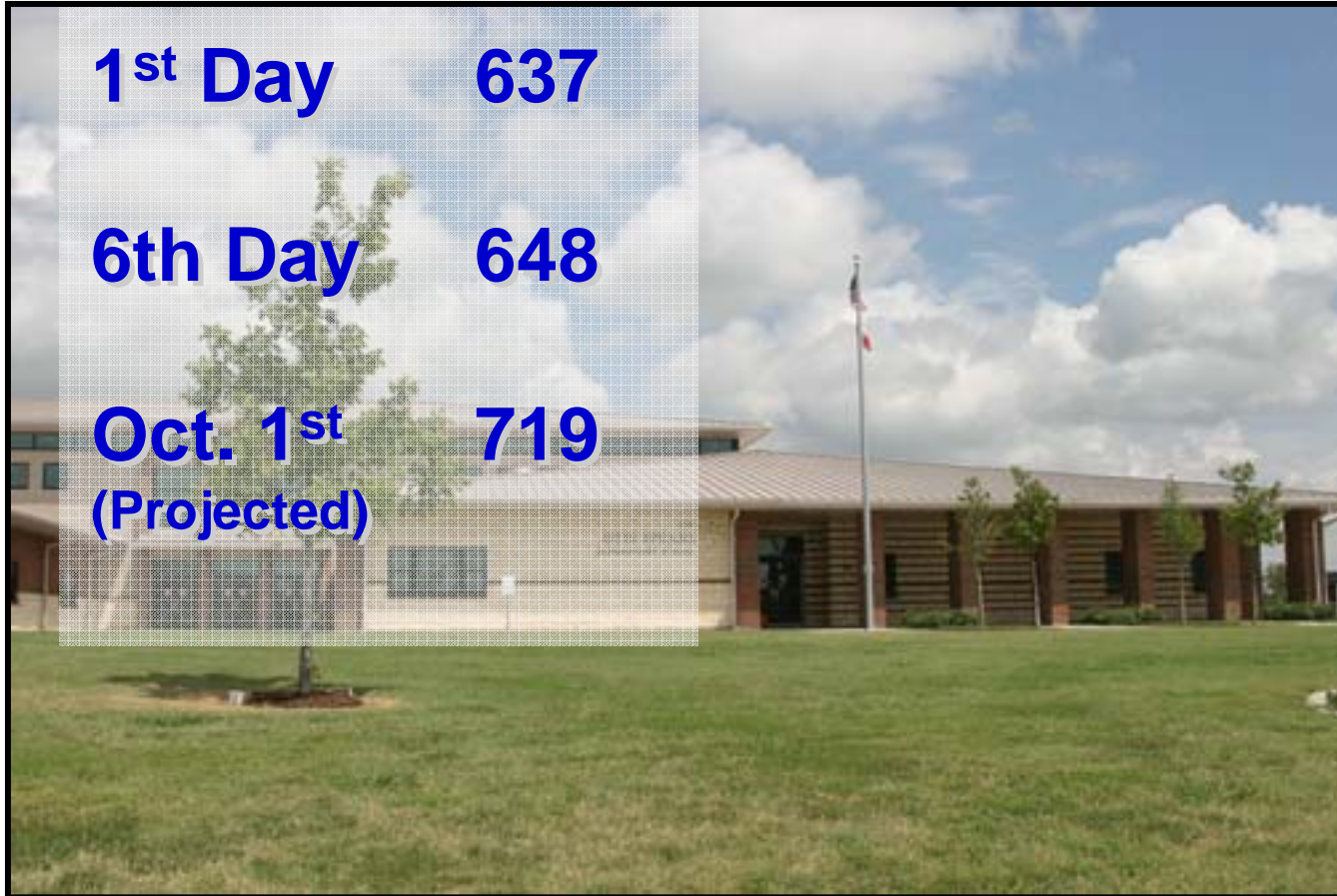


Spears Elementary

1st Day 637

6th Day 648

Oct. 1st 719
(Projected)

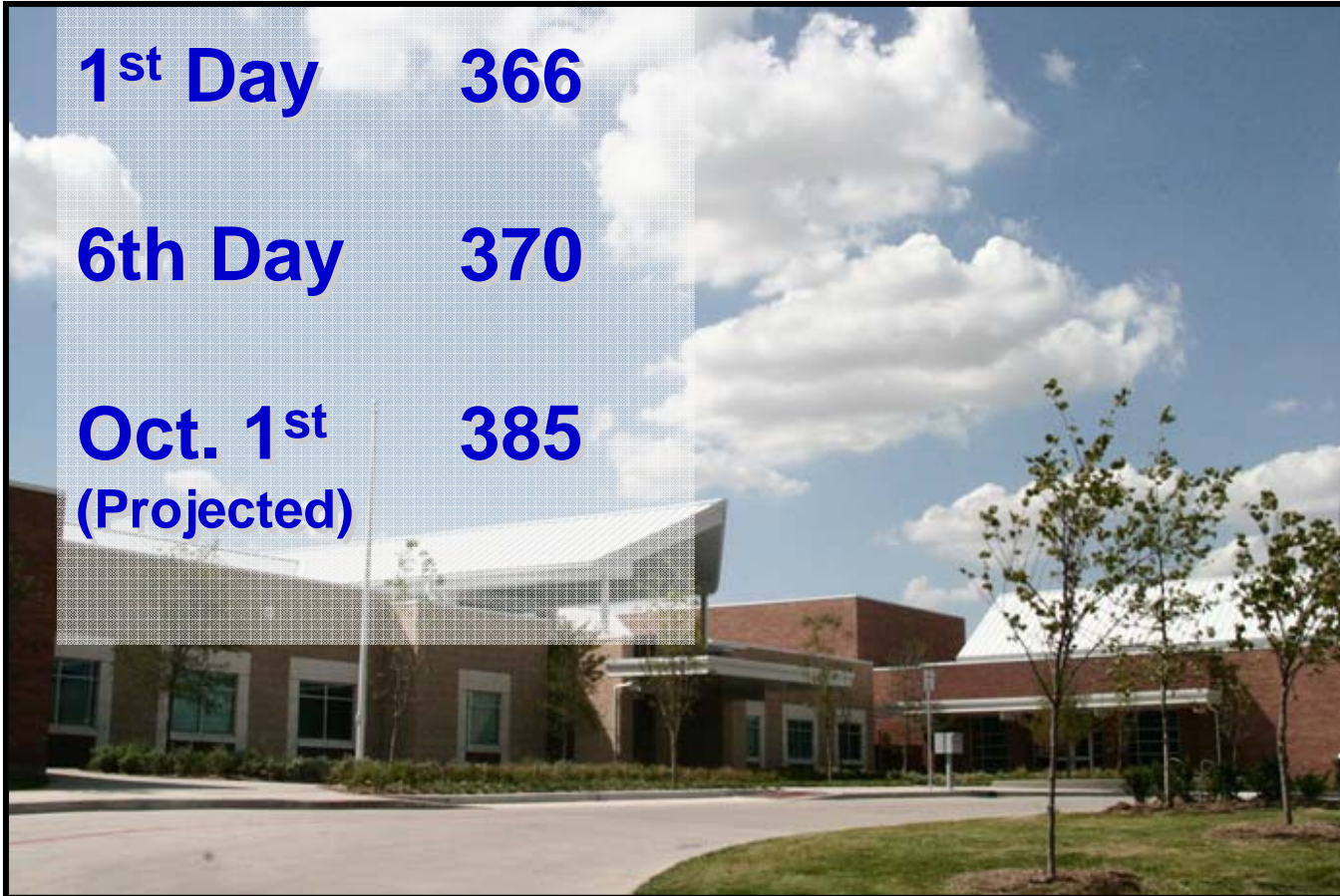


Taylor Elementary

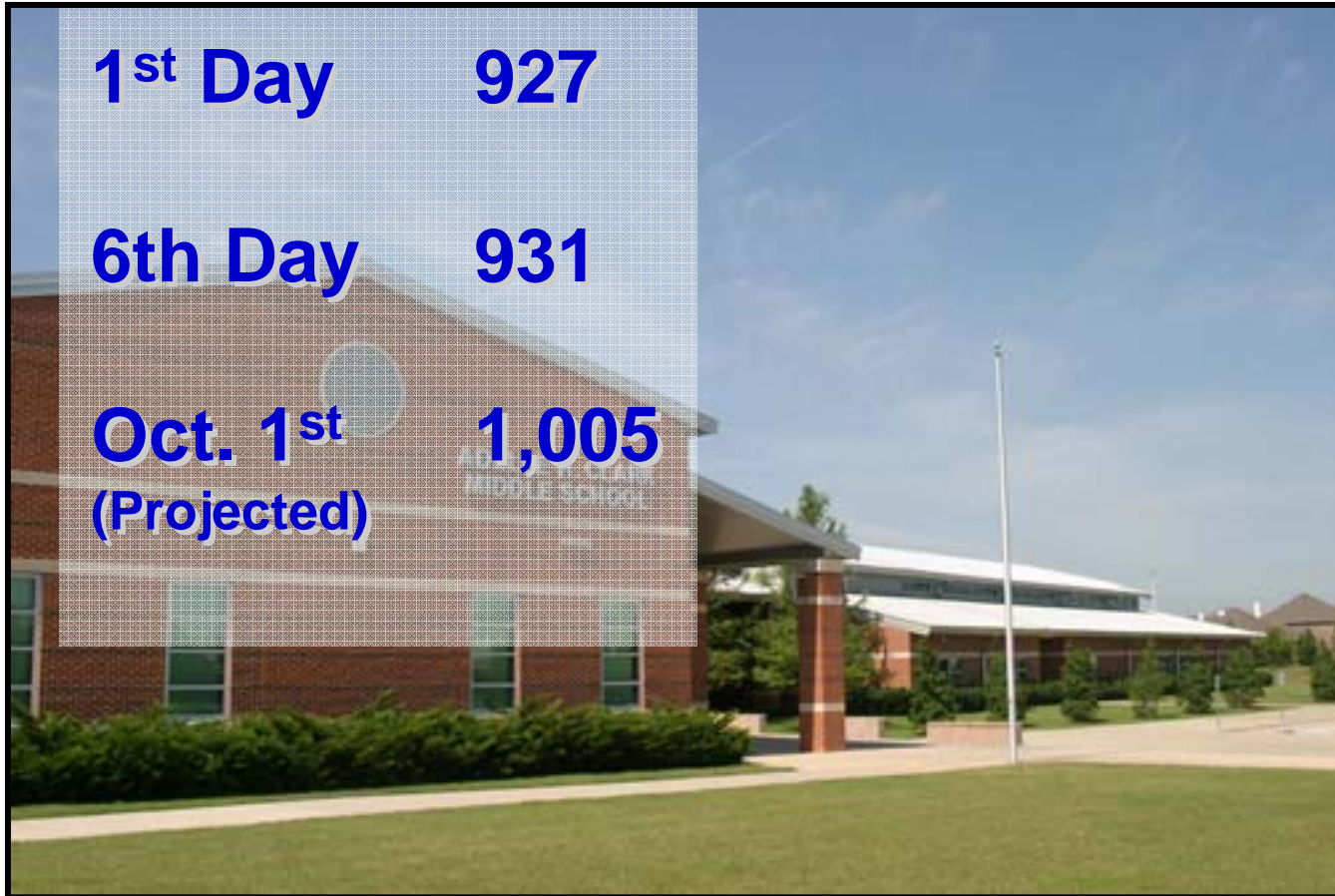
1st Day 366

6th Day 370

Oct. 1st 385
(Projected)



Clark Middle School

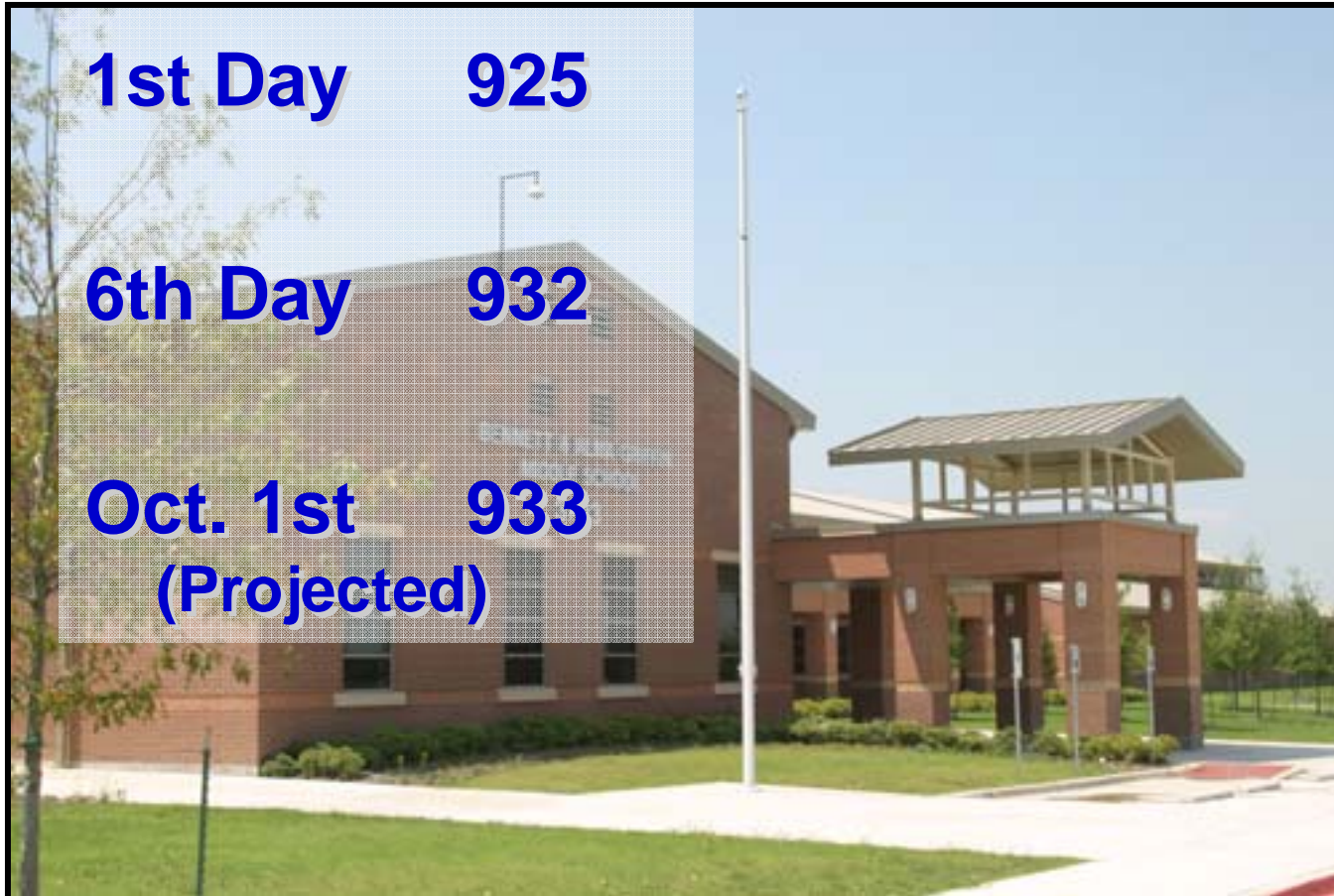


1st Day 927

6th Day 931

Oct. 1st 1,005
(Projected)

Griffin Middle School

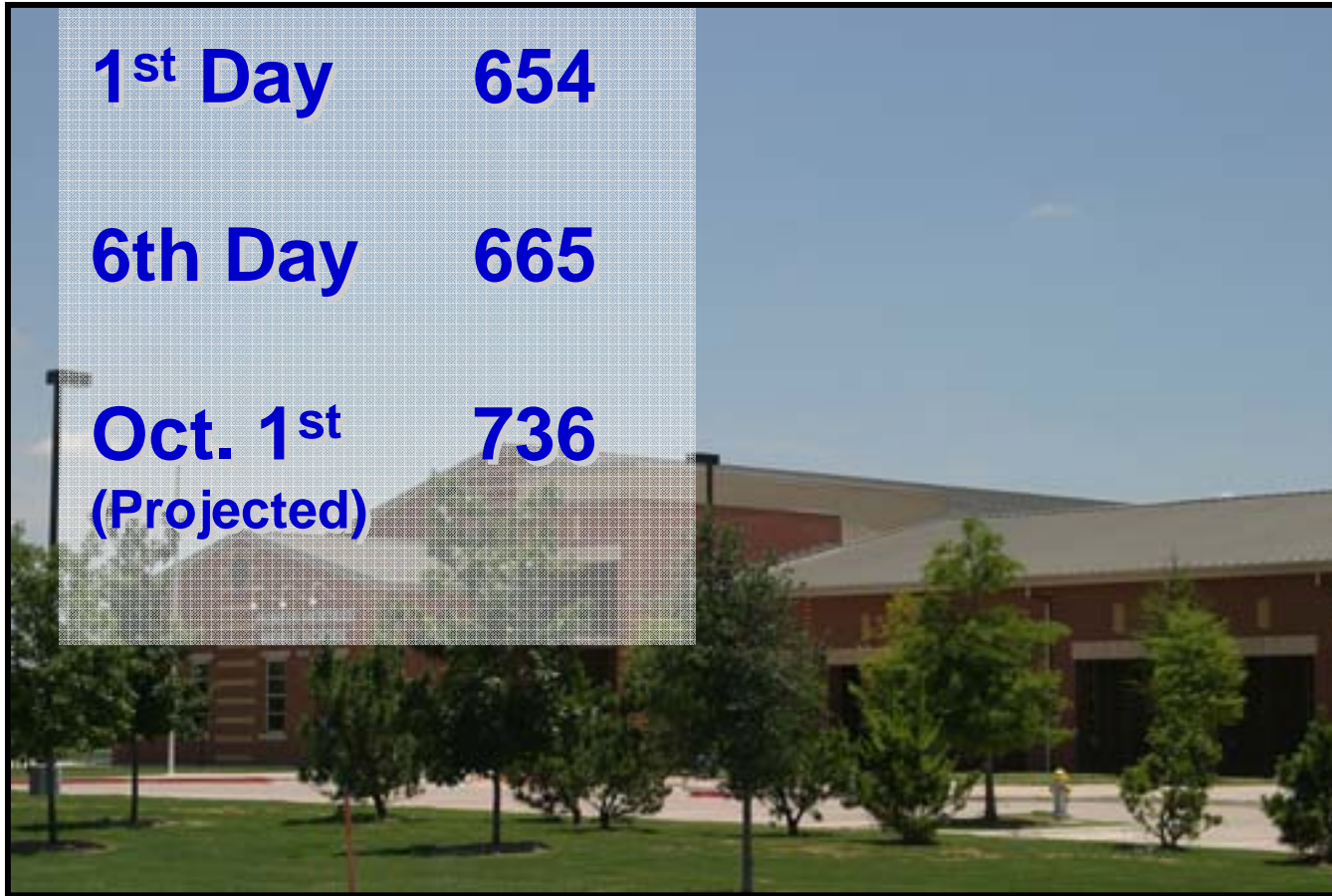


Pioneer Heritage Middle School

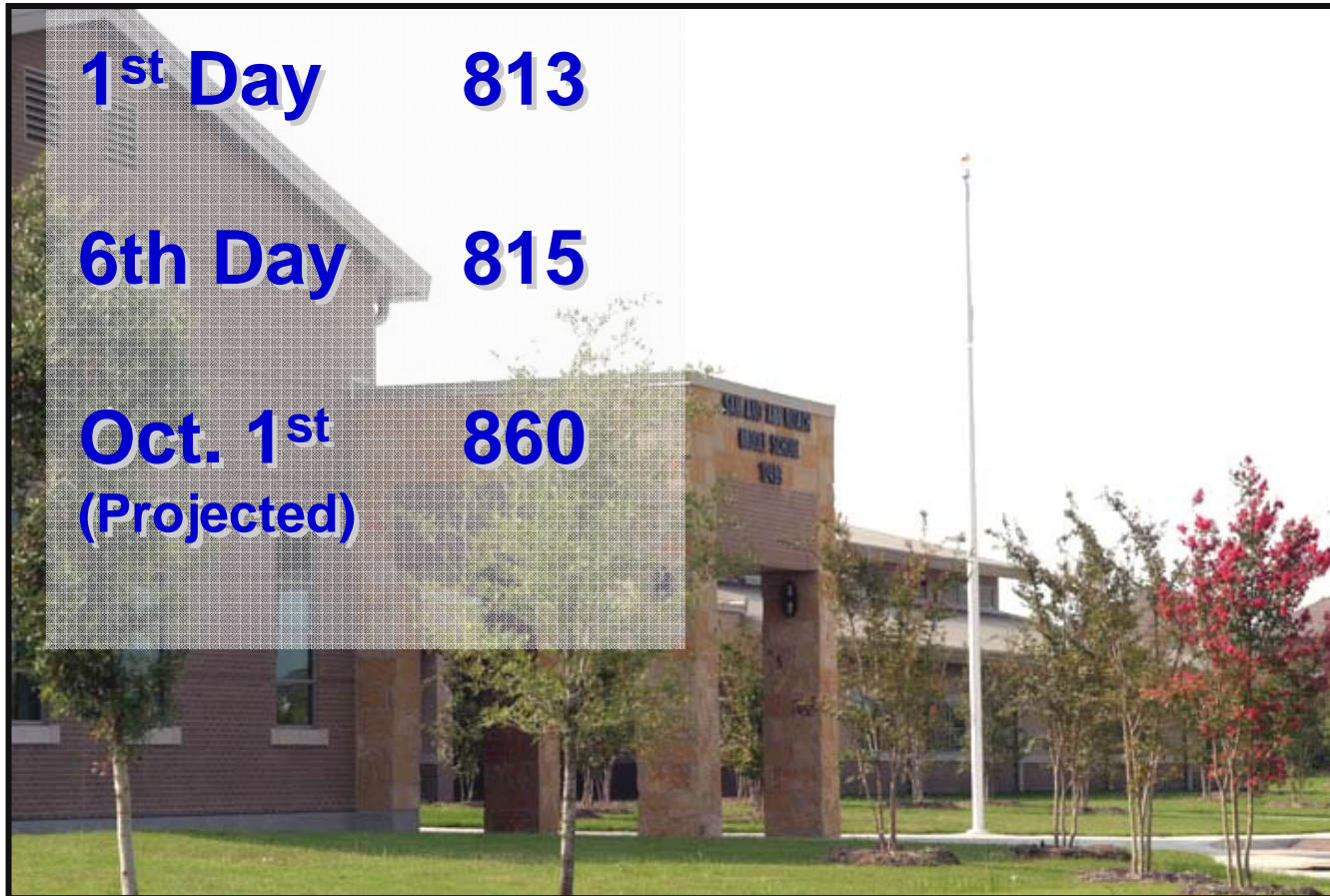
1st Day 654

6th Day 665

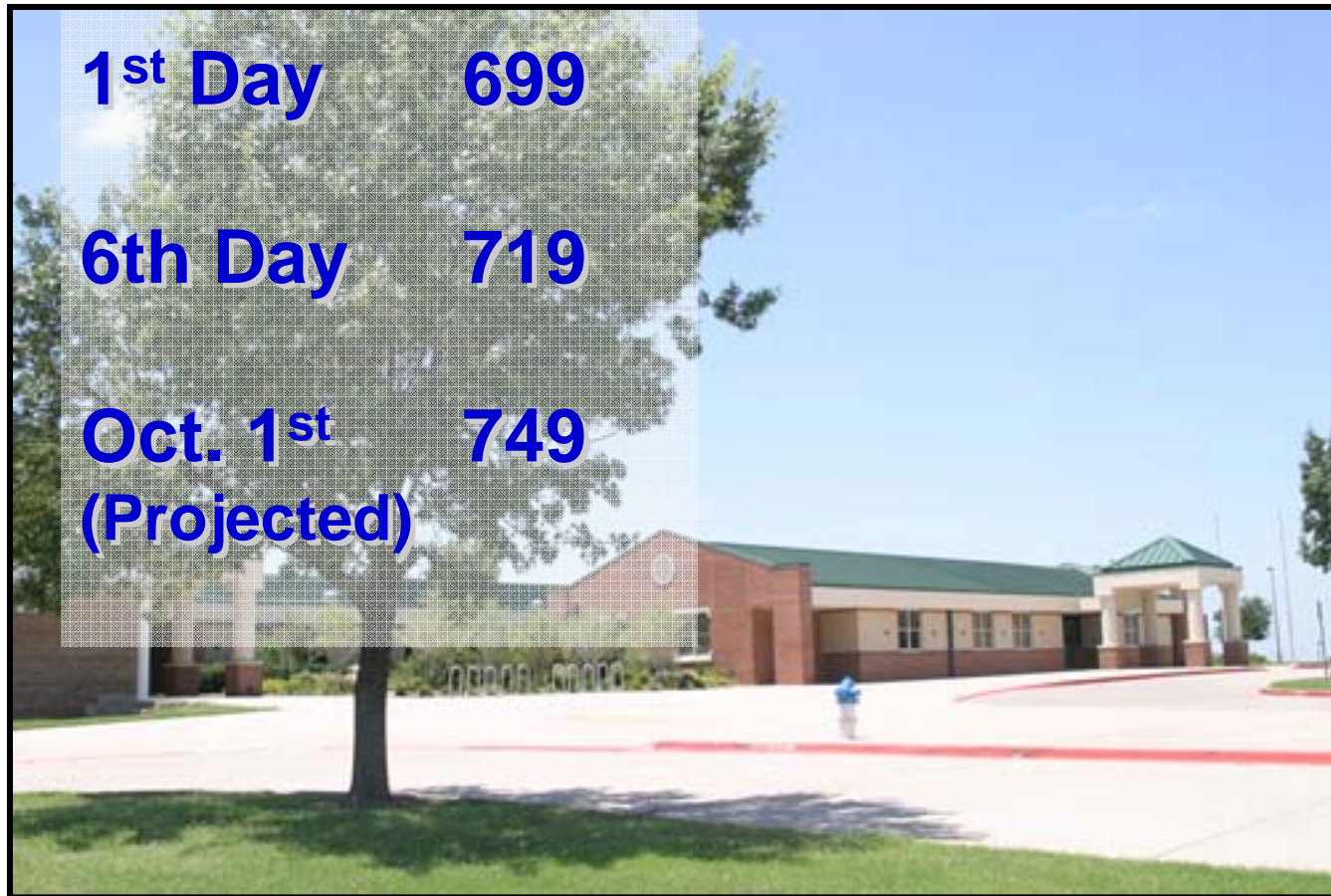
Oct. 1st 736
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Roach Middle School



Staley Middle School

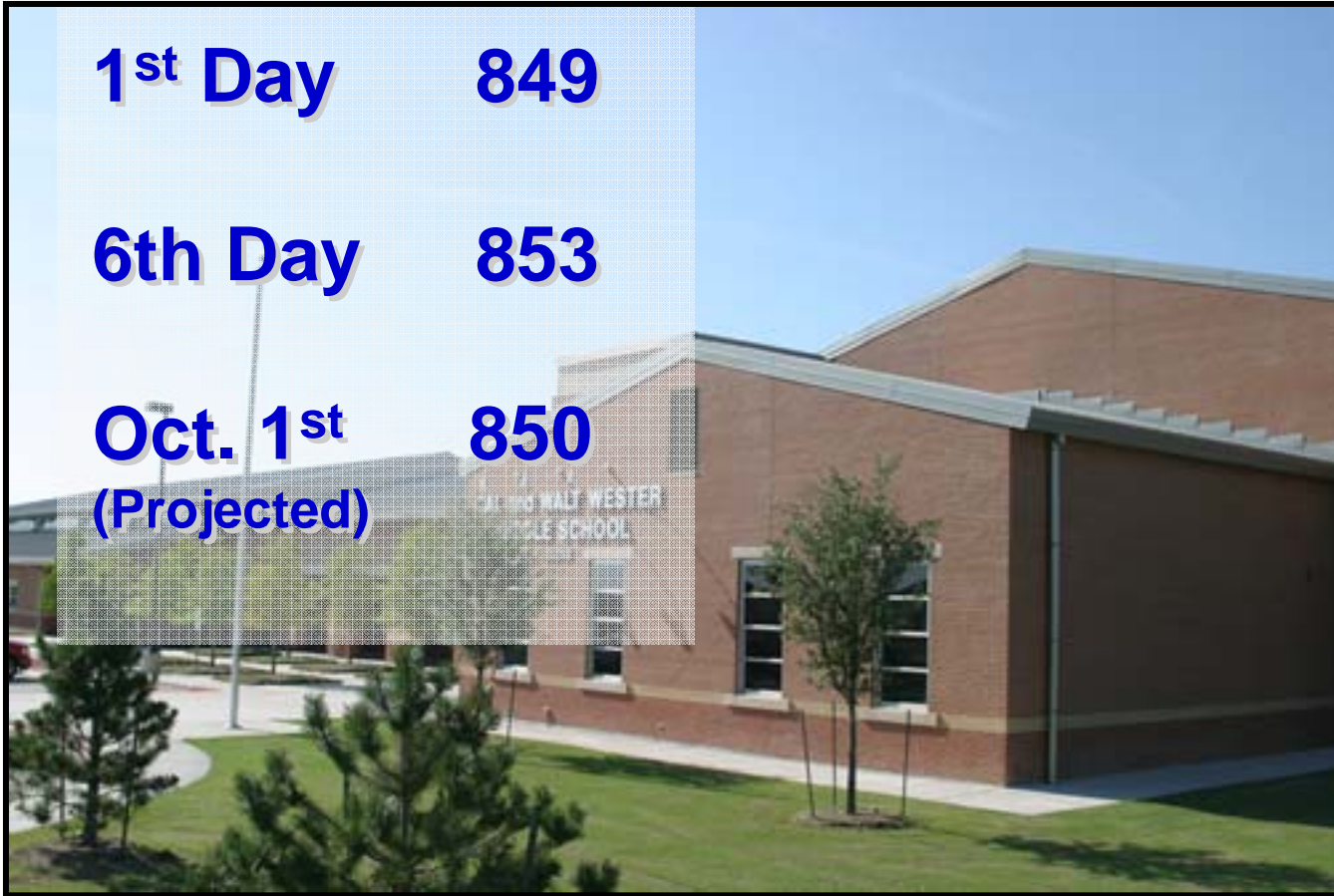


Wester Middle School

1st Day 849

6th Day 853

Oct. 1st 850
(Projected)



Centennial High School

1st Day 1,696

6th Day 1736

Oct. 1st 1,783
(Projected)

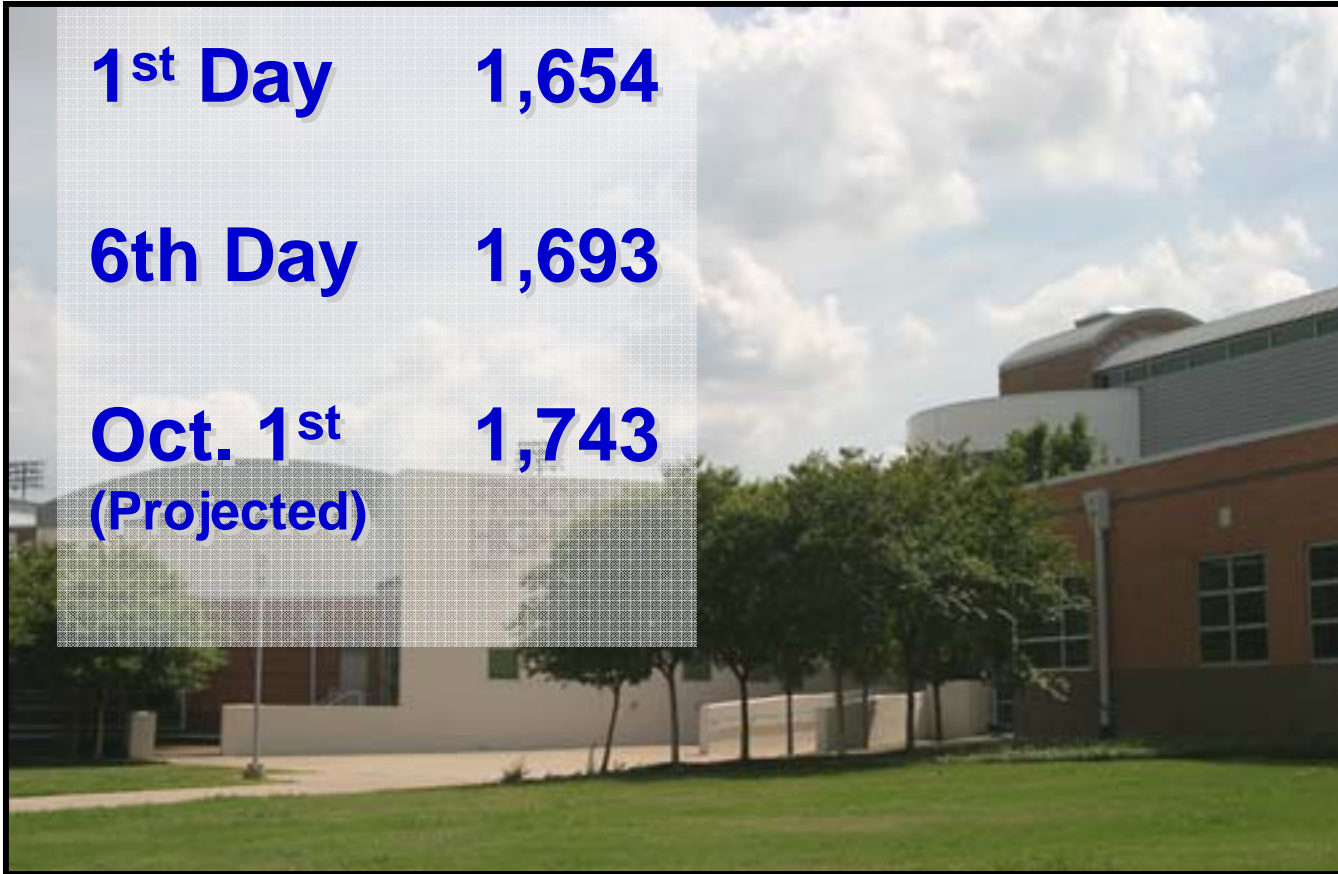


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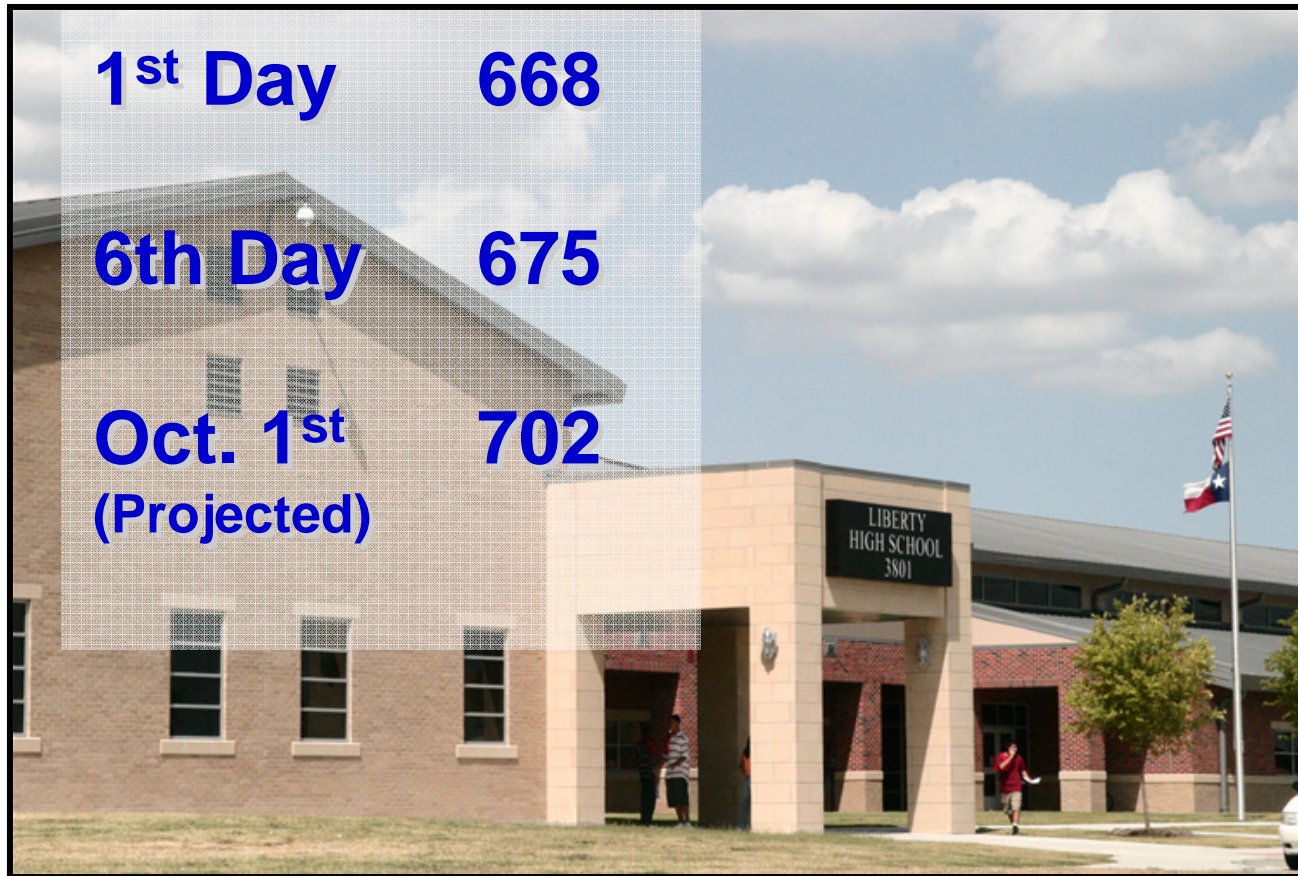
1st Day 1,654

6th Day 1,693

Oct. 1st 1,743
(Projected)



Liberty High School

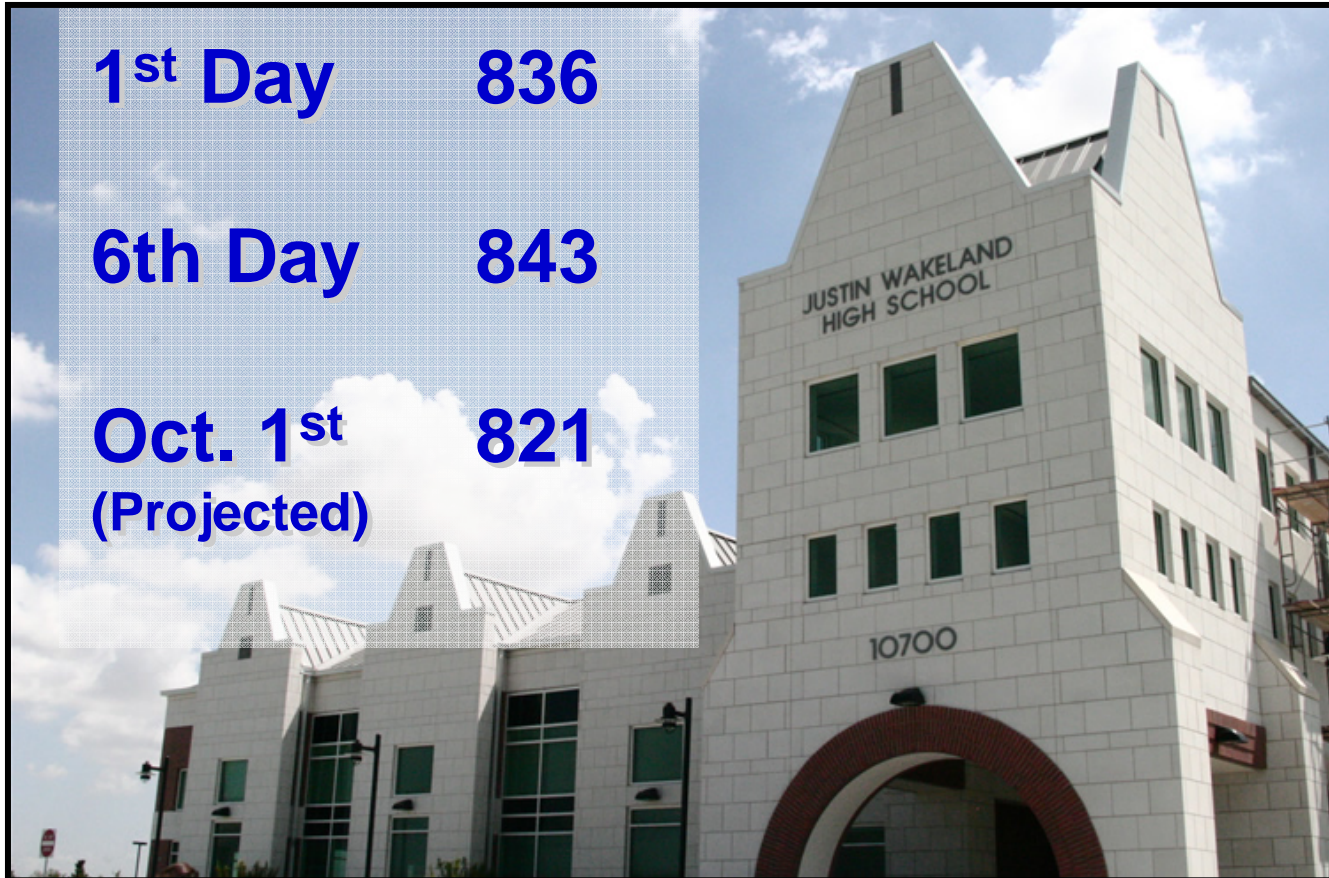


Wakeland High School

1st Day 836

6th Day 843

Oct. 1st 821
(Projected)



Start of School Student Totals

- 1st day – 23,108; last year - 19,074 +4,034
- 6th day – 23,484; last year – 19,331 +4,153
- 6th day kindergarten- 2,596
last year - 2,123
- 6th day first grade – 2,382
- 6th day seniors – 947
- Oct. 1 – 24,067 projected; last year, 19,881

About 21 percent growth