



NOEEN Coordinated Funding Request Approvals November 28, 2018



Agenda

- I. Coordinated Funding Request Process Overview
- II. Review of Citywide Needs Data
- III. Consider specific Coordinated Funding Request Recommendations

Coordinated Funding Request Approach

The goal of NOEEN's 2018-19 Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) is to ensure that the limited number of publicly-funded early childhood seats are allocated to those programs that are:

Meeting Families' Needs



High Quality



In High Demand By Parents



CFR Process Overview

Operators complete applications

Evaluator Committees conduct site visits/interviews

Evaluator Committees score applications and make draft allocation recommendations

NOEEN Steering Committee reviews & approves allocation recommendations

LDE reviews NOEEN recommendations and determines final allocations

BESE approves final allocations

2018-19 CFR Timeline

Date	Action
Sept. 26	NOEEN Steering Committee considers approval of CFR process
Sept. 28	NOEEN releases CFR application
Oct. 2	NOEEN conducts CFR process webinar for operators
Oct. 26	CFR applications due
Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Evaluators score CFR applications and conduct site visits/interviews
Nov. 12-16	Evaluator Committees deliberate to make draft CFR allocation recommendations
Nov. 28	NOEEN Steering Committee considers approval of Evaluator Committees preliminary CFR allocation recommendations
Dec. 1	Agenda submits NOEEN-approved CFR allocation recommendations to LDE
Jan. 23	BESE considers approval of final LDE CFR allocations

Today's
Action
Item



Scoring & Evaluation

All applications have been scored based on rubrics included in the application materials. How scores will be weighted depends on the type of program.

LA4 & NSECD		
Quality 50%	Parent Demand* 50%	Meeting Families' Needs Bonus Points

**Based on EnrollNOLA data. For applicants that do not have EnrollNOLA data, a site visit was conducted.*

Scoring & site visits will be conducted by Evaluator Committees comprised of staff with expertise in each of the following:

Evaluator Committees		
Public School Applications	Nonpublic School Applications	Center Applications
1 NOEEN/Agenda staff, 1 OPSB staff	NOEEN and Agenda Staff	1 NOEEN/Agenda staff, 1 OPSB Staff

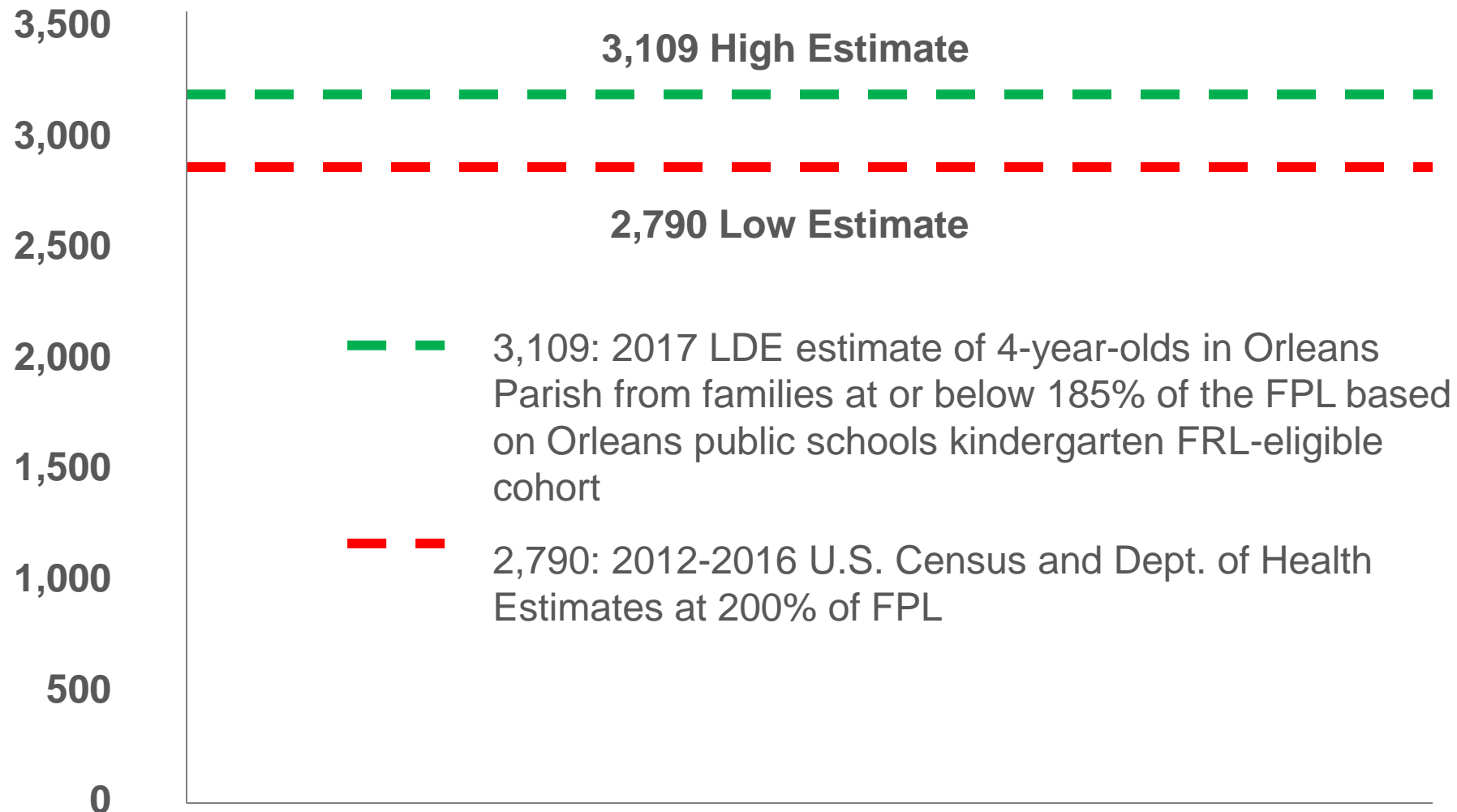
Overview of LDE's CFR Requests

Funding Source	2018-19 Seats Available	2018-19 Seats Filled	2019-20 # Seats Requested	Distribution of Sites
LA 4	1583	1552	1,680 (increase of 97)	40 public schools (includes 3 center partnerships)
NSECD	490	468	641 (increase of 151)	12 nonpublic schools 7 centers
PEG	140	96	100 (decrease of 40)	5 centers
TOTALS	2,213	2,116	2,421 <i>(increase of 208)</i>	

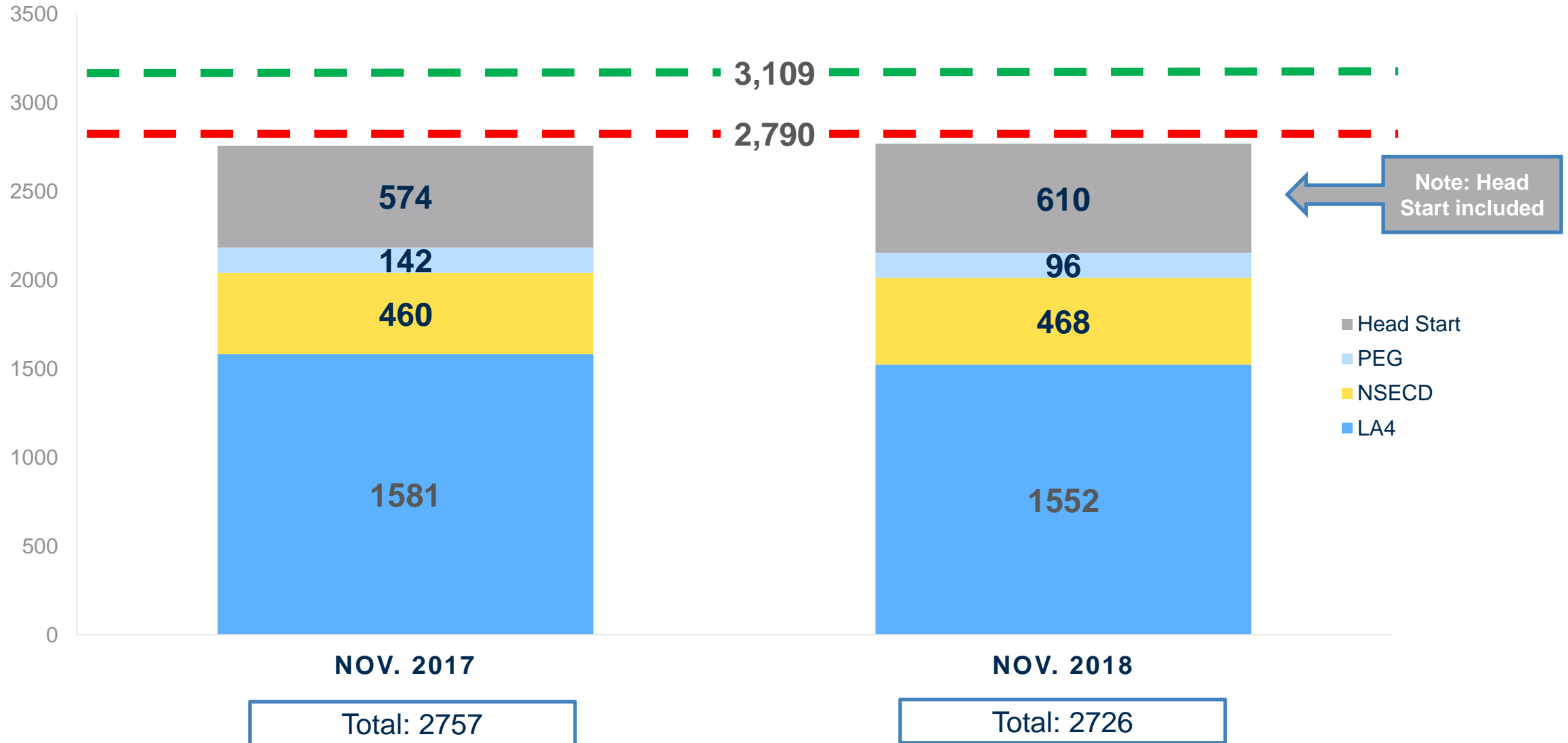
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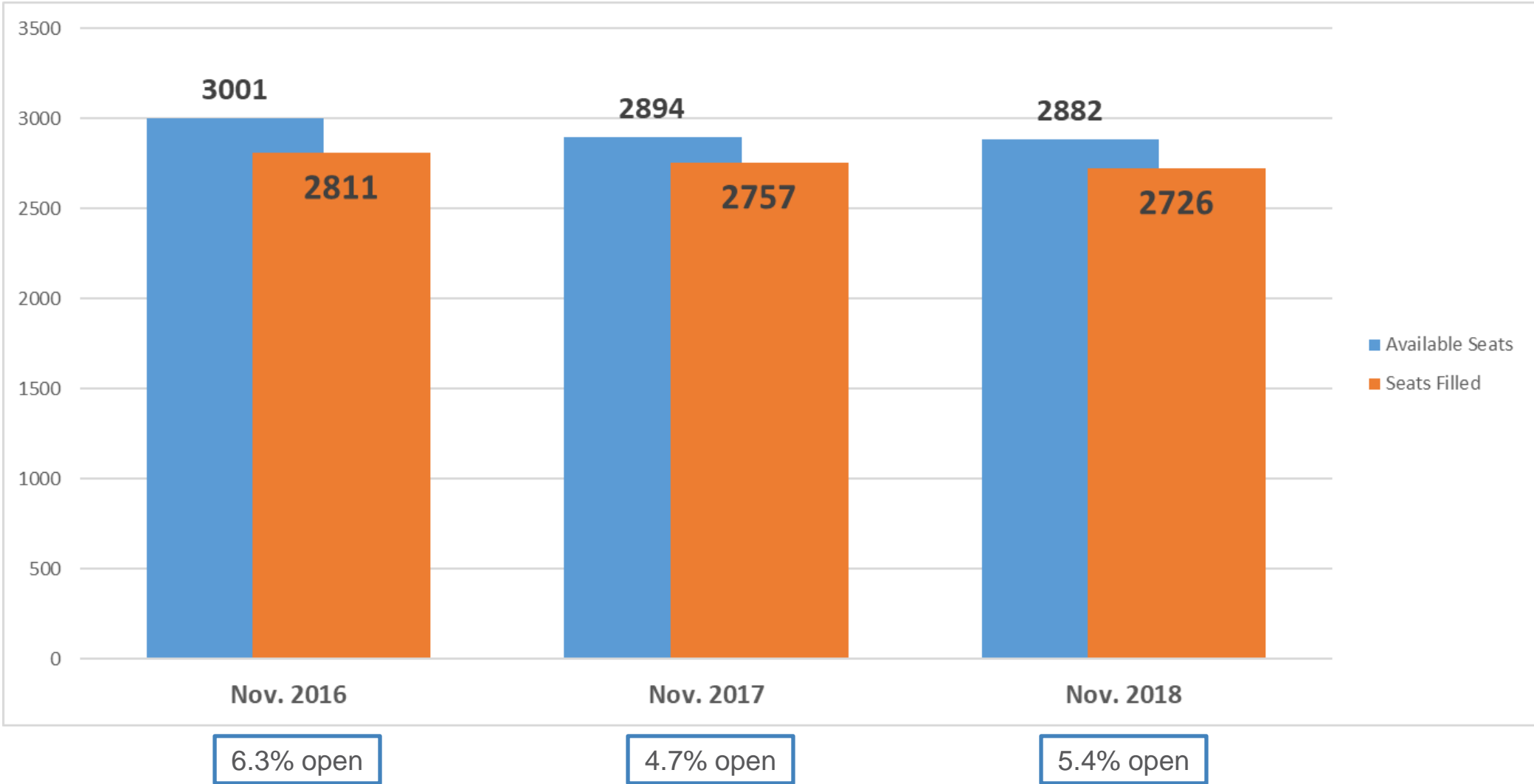
How Many Children are Eligible for Free PK4 Seats in New Orleans?



How Many Eligible Children Are Enrolling in Free PK4 Seats?



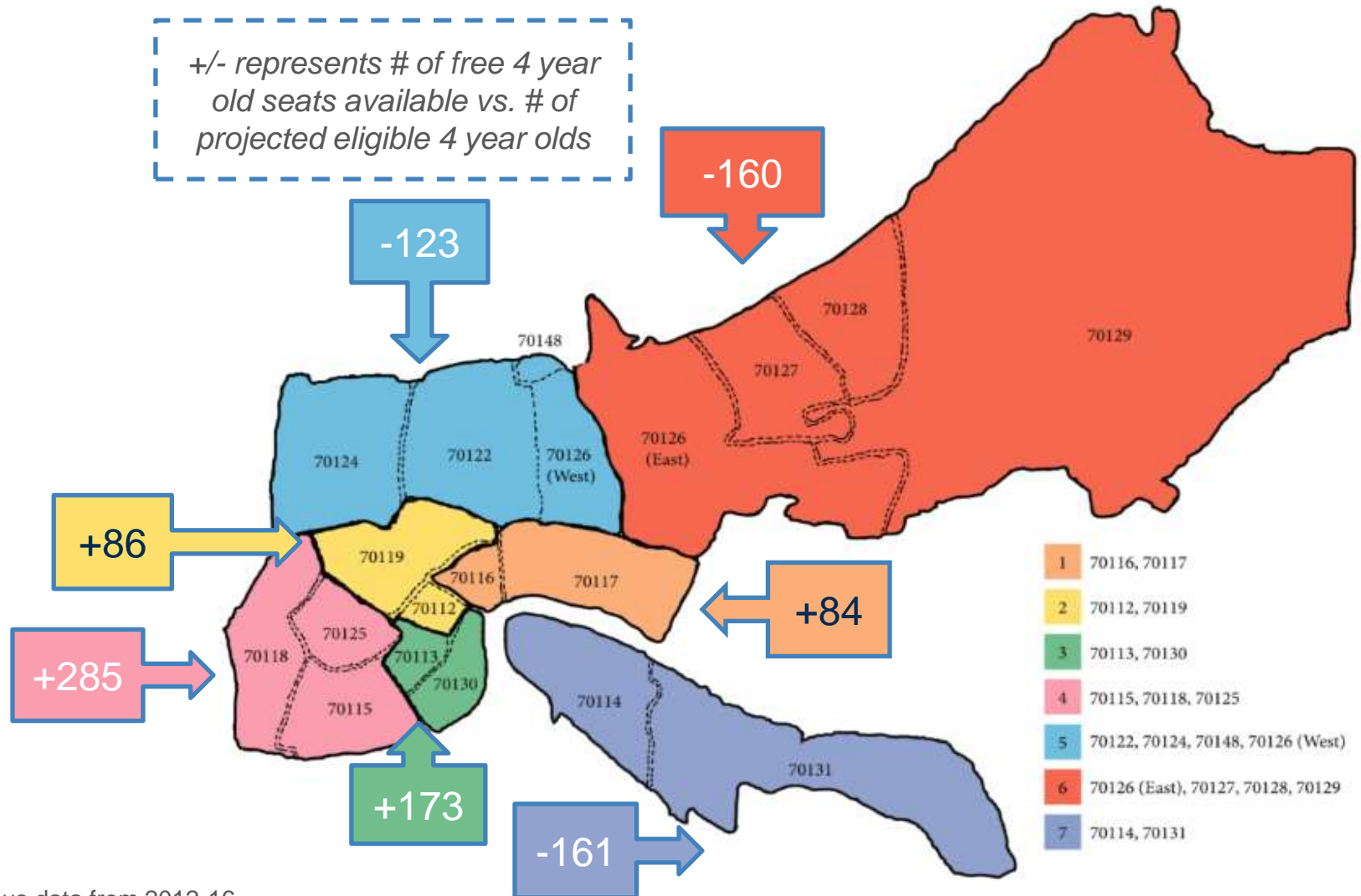
Children Enrolled vs. Available Seats



Preliminary Geographic Analysis: Seats Available

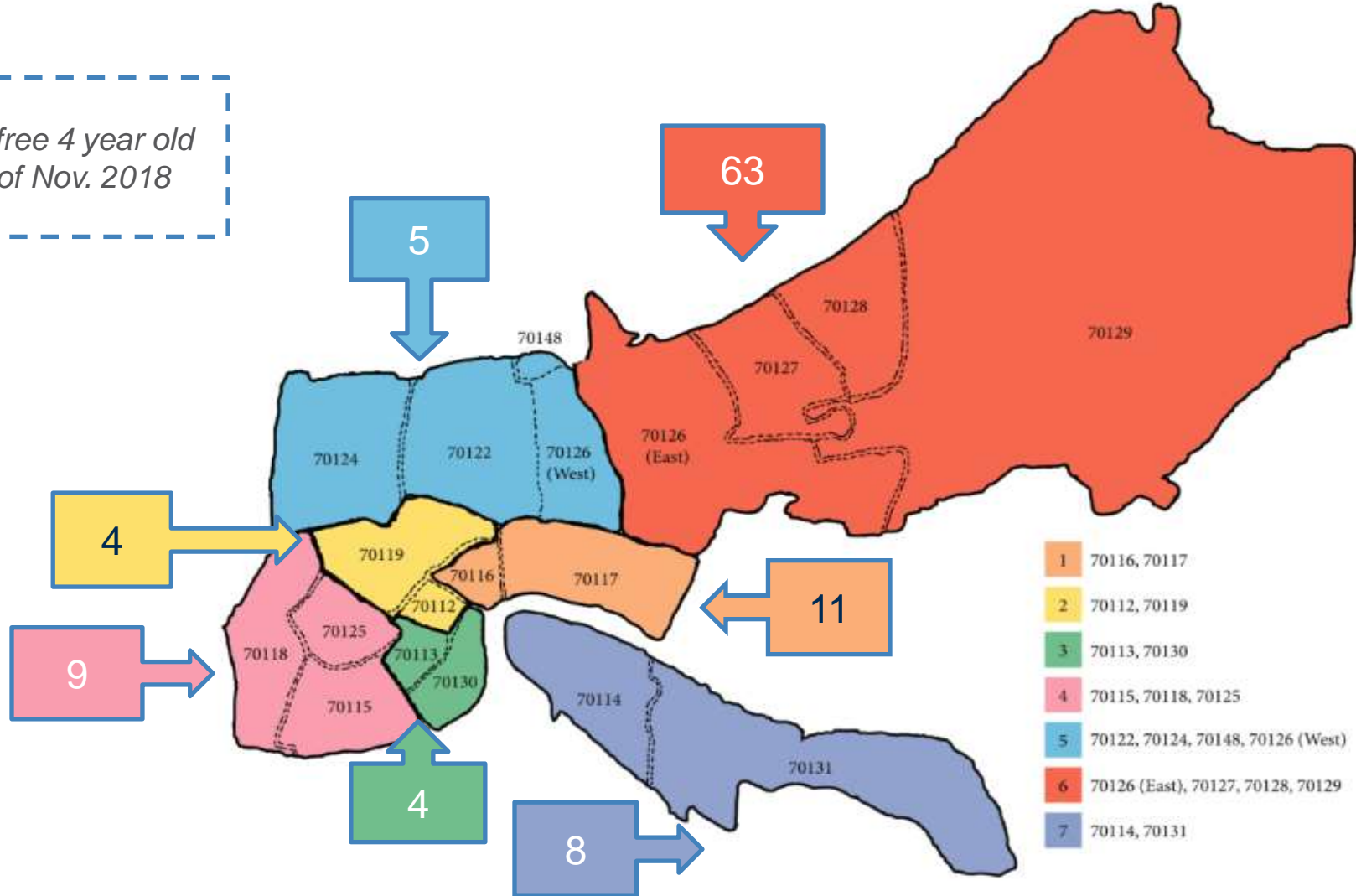
Using U.S. Census data and information from Child Count and the U.S. Dept. of Health, we have an initial analysis of enrollment zones where seats are needed, for qualifying 4 year-olds

This analysis is not exact (e.g., it does not include IDEA eligible children), but does allow us to consider regions where seats are needed, most notably in enrollment zones 5, 6, and 7



Preliminary Geographic Analysis: Seats Unfilled

+/- represents # of free 4 year old seats unfilled, as of Nov. 2018



Note: All data is estimated based on unverified Oct. 1, 2018 counts

Additional Considerations

- There are schools and centers within a few streets of neighboring enrollment zone(s), which can account for seat distribution inequities.
- School/Center quality and student mobility are considerations still being analyzed for future analysis.
- Parents and Guardians may still elect to not fill a seat if it is not what they prefer.
- Verification and awareness campaigns continue to be improved.

How Should this Data Inform the Coordinated Funding Request?

This data highlights an important tension that NOEEN needs to keep in mind when planning for the coordinated funding request:

Offering enough seats to serve all estimated eligible four-year-olds



2,800-3,100 seats



May result in some empty seats



Under-enrolled classrooms

Offering the number of seats we know we can fill



~2,800 seats



Would mean giving up existing publicly-funded seats



Risk of having to turn away additional eligible four-year-olds; not allowing any room for choice/transfers mid-year

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CFR Recommendation – LA 4

- This year, LDE requested that all additional seat requests be rank-ordered by priority of the Lead Agency.
- This year, 3 schools are either being recommended for non-renewal by OPSB, or are electing to relinquish their seats.
- 7 schools have requested 10 or more seats; 1 school (Tubman) is requesting new PK4 at its future location.
- All current LA 4 providers were granted the increases or decreases in seats they requested.
- Priority is being given to those sites that are meeting parents needs, are in high demand, and are quality operators.
- If any additional sites/operators that are recommended for LA 4 seats closes or changes operators, NOEEN and OPSB will work with LDOE to reassign these seats to different school sites, as appropriate, with the goal of not losing any LA 4 seats citywide.
- The recommendation includes 20 seats that are currently unassigned. NOEEN and OPSB are currently working with charter operators to assign these seats in the coming months to new school sites, again, with the goal of not losing any LA 4 seats citywide.

CFR Recommendation – NSECD

- All current NSECD providers are recommended to keep NSECD seats.
- For the past three years, the legislature has cut the funding source LDOE uses to fund NSECD seats, resulting in LDOE cutting seats to our providers at the beginning of the school year. Because of this, even though we received many requests from providers for an increase in NSECD seats, we have not requested any additional NSECD seats.
- Four sites (1 private school, 3 centers) have requested new NSECD seats, but are not being recommended for approval.

CFR Recommendation – PEG

- LDOE is allowing for Lead Agencies to recommend only currently existing PEG operators to retain seats. The NOEEN CFR did not open up the PEG grant for new sites.
- Two centers are being recommended to reduce its allocation from 40 to 20 seats, resulting in a net decrease of 40 seats.

Achieving the Right Balance

Given this information, we recommend that NOEEN attempt to strike a balance by requesting from LDE a modest increase in publicly funded seats for 2019-20. These increases encompass the addition of 1 new site, with the possibility for more new sites with the Special Consideration Process in February.

Funding Source	2018-19 Available Seats	2019-20 NOEEN Recommendation	Change (17-18 to 18-19)
LA 4	1,583	1,506 (1 st Priority)	-77
		1,556 (2 nd Priority)	-27
		1,616 (3 rd Priority)	+33
		1,680 (4 th Priority)	+97
NSECD	490	488	-2
PEG	140	100	-40
TOTALS	2,213	2,268	+55

Note: we anticipate 610 4 year-old Head Start seats to be retained.

Late Recommended Changes

- McDonogh #32 needs to be added to the CFR sheet (reduction of 20 seats)
- NSECD approve increase of seats at:
 - St. Peter Claver (+3)
 - Good Shepherd (+2)
- LA4 Priorities:
 - Revise all Tier 1, 2, and 3 to Priority 1
 - Make Priority 4 as the new Priority 2

Revised Recommendations

Based on the revisions since publicly posting the recommendations, we recommend revising the request to LDOE to be:

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NSECD	490	493	+3
PEG	140	100	-40
TOTALS	2,213	2,273	+60

Questions and Comments

Action Items (Voting)

Questions/Comments?

1. Vote to approve the recommendation for LA4 seats
2. Vote to approve the recommendation for NSECD seats
3. Vote to approve the recommendation for PEG seats