

# VISION Class Project

## Overcrowding in St. Charles Co. Schools



# Overcrowding in Schools

- **What is overcrowding?**
- **Does it exist in St. Charles Co.?**
- **A look at SCC school districts**
- **Offer our solutions**

# Historical Data & Facts

<b>Missouri</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Students to classroom teachers	18	18	19	19	18
Students to administrators	206	204	206	204	203
<b>FT. ZUMWALT R-II</b>					
Students to classroom teachers	22	21	21	21	21
<b>ST. CHARLES R-VI</b>					
Students to classroom teachers	19	19	21	20	19
<b>ORCHARD FARM R-V</b>					
Students to classroom teachers	18	18	18	19	18
<b>FRANCIS HOWELL R-III</b>					
Students to classroom teachers	22	22	21	21	20
<b>WENTZVILLE R-IV</b>					
Students to classroom teachers	22	22	22	22	22

# Fort Zumwalt

- **7 Bond issues totaling \$240 mil**
- **Average class size: 20 - 22**
- **2007 Enrollment: 18,750**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Largest district**



# Fort Zumwalt (cont.)

- **Maturing – working more on the “quality of education”**
- **Age shift, slow growth in housing market**
- **Growth in NW of district area.**

# Wentzville

**WENTZVILLE**  
R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT



NO 2 HB

# City of St. Charles

- **One of oldest districts in Missouri**
  - **Founded in 1846**
  - **Several buildings 100+ years old**
- **2007 Enrollment: 5,580**
  - **Down from 5,879 in 2003**



# City of St. Charles

- **2007 Total Expenditures**  
**\$78,467,549**
- **2003 Total Expenditures**  
**\$69,667,244**

NO 2 HB

# City of St. Charles

- **Graduation Rates**

- 2007: 81.3%

- 2003: 87.0%

- **MAP Test Scores - 8th Grade '07**

- Comm. Arts: 50.5% proficient or above

- Mathematics: 39.5% proficient or above

# City of St. Charles

- **Overcrowding NOT an issue**
  - 19:1 student/classroom teacher ratio
- **Largest issue: How to react to declining enrollment**
  - Closed 2 elementary schools
  - High schools down 20% over 5 years
  - Class consolidation already underway

# City of St. Charles

- **Changing demographics**
  - More minority students
  - More ELL students
  - More low-income students
  - More special education students
- **SCPS is adapting delivery of education to students**

# City of St. Charles

## ■ Future issues

- Addressing and shaping change
- Adapting to changing standards (NCLB)
- Shrinking student population
- Focus on learning, not teaching
- Maintaining older facilities and adapting to modern technology

# Conclusions

- **Not in my county**
- **A BIGGER perspective**
  - **Test scores**
  - **Graduation rates**
- **What lies ahead for our schools**