



SLPS Magnet And Choice Schools

2014-15 Application and Placement Update
February 24, 2014
(Rescheduled from 2-5-14)

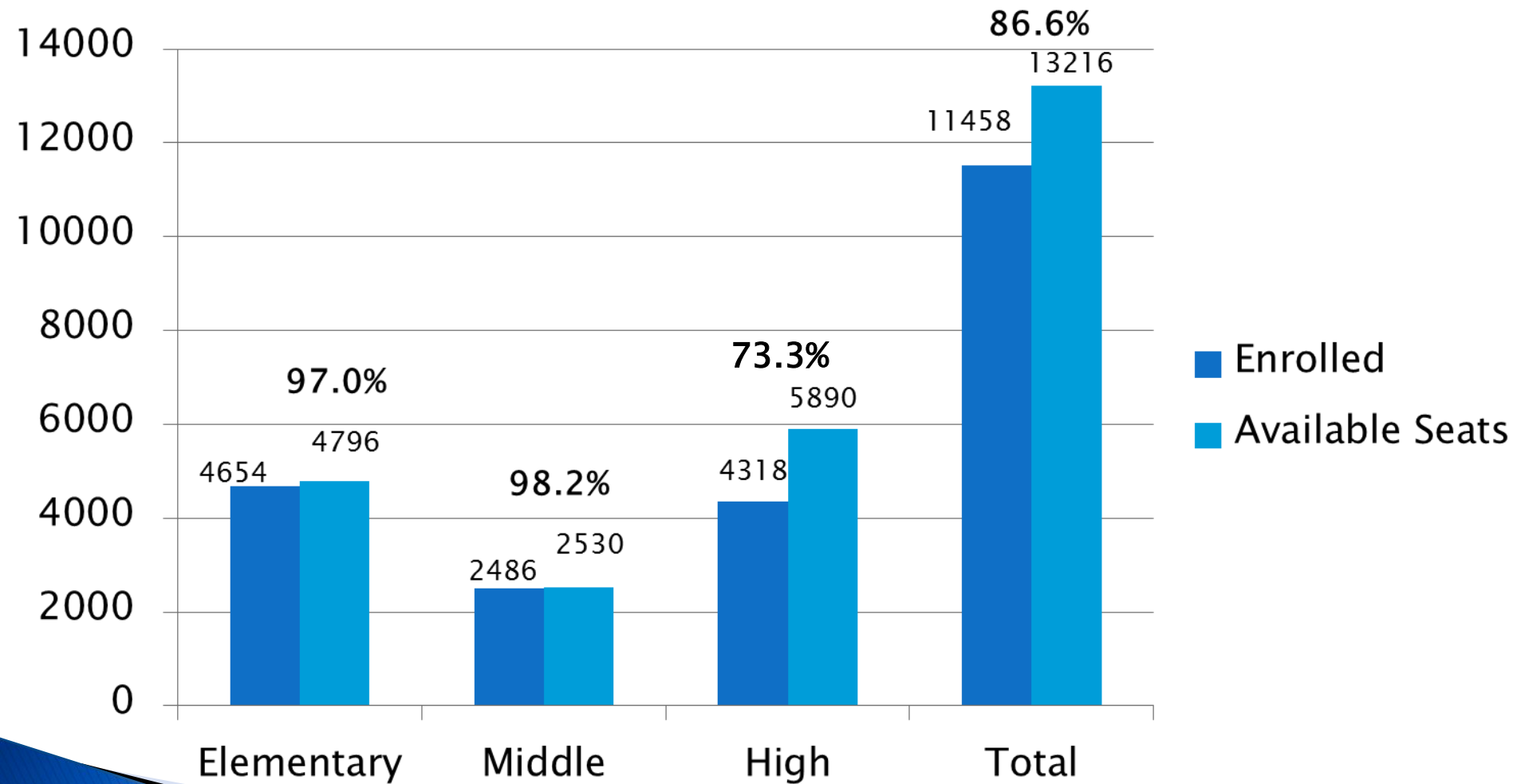


Overview

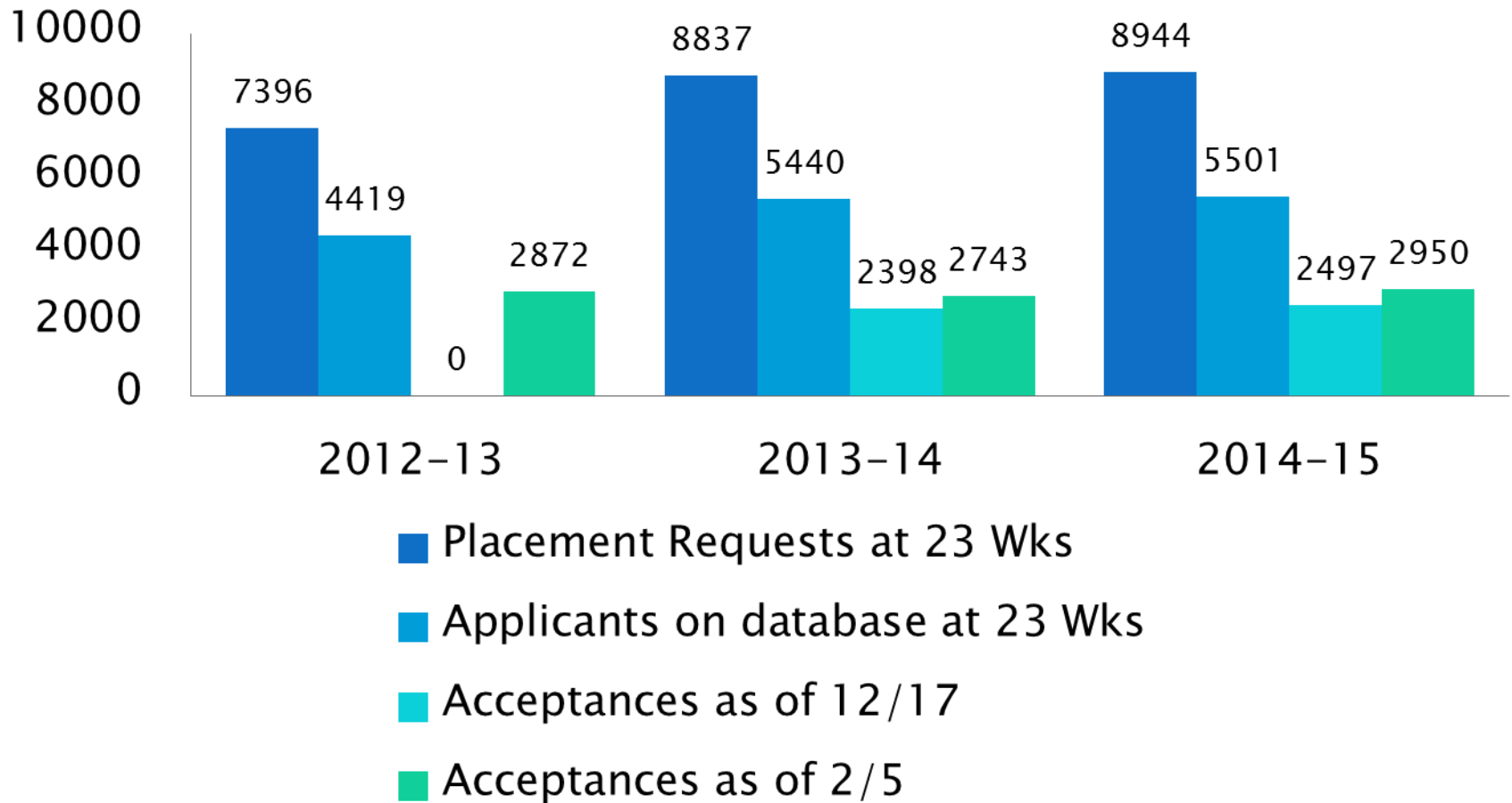
- ▶ Show current enrollment status
- ▶ Compare Placement Requests and Accepted Students over past 3 years
- ▶ Provide information regarding application system and 3 pool process
- ▶ Show status of 2014-15 waiting lists and openings
- ▶ Identify next steps



SLPS Magnet and Choice Schools Enrollment Status as of 1/31/14



Comparison: Similar points in Time



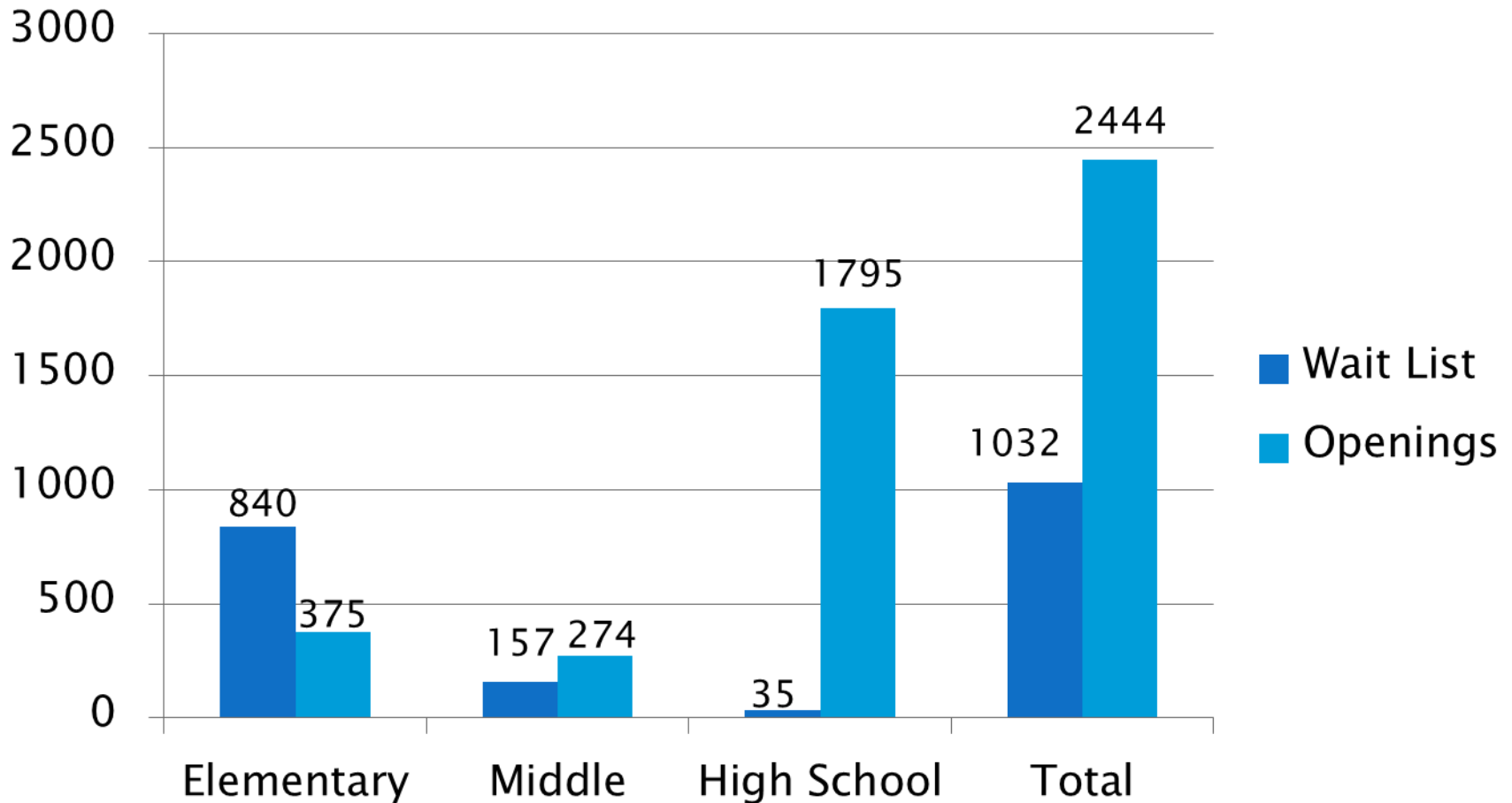


Online Application and 3 Pool System: Year 2

- ▶ Online application system allows for faster data entry and better response time
- ▶ Parents have ability to view application status online
- ▶ Letter generator component saves time/effort and has allowed for quicker communications
- ▶ Interface with District SIS system being developed
- ▶ High Schools using the system to identify and track applicants has been challenging
- ▶ 3 Pool application and lottery process identifies earlier the schools/grades with openings or short wait lists
- ▶ Early info helps to inform parents and target them to apply for these specific schools



2014-15 Waiting Lists and Openings as of 2/5/14: Pools A & B Results



Next Steps

- ▶ Assist high schools with applicant eligibility determinations and placements
- ▶ Advertising of schools/grades with openings
 - Currently on SLPS and Magnet/Choice website
 - Radio/print ads running 3 weeks to Feb. 14.
- ▶ Pool C lottery on Feb. 7, 2014
- ▶ 3rd round of acceptance notifications out Feb. 14, 2014
- ▶ Non-placement notices sent Feb. 14, 2014
- ▶ **Propose** later start date for 2015-16 application period: Oct. 1 vs. Sept. 1 and implement 2 pool system.



Shenandoah Community Efforts

- ▶ The Office of Institutional Advancement is collaborating with Shenandoah staff on a Community Engagement Strategy
- ▶ First meeting held Jan. 22 at 5:00 P.M.
- ▶ Approximately 21 persons from the community attended along with 3 parents, 7 Shenandoah staff and 2 District staff
- ▶ Questions asked:
 - How can Shenandoah have a more vital role to Community?
 - What would make an ideal school?



Shenandoah Community Efforts

- ▶ Many different responses to be reviewed for potential:
 - Making school a choice program
 - Community hosting events
 - Community garden
 - Mentoring/Tutoring/Counseling
 - New playground
 - Facebook postings/communications to community
 - Many others...
- ▶ Review with Shenandoah teachers to share outcome was held Jan. 27



Shenandoah Community Efforts

NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Next meeting tentatively set for Feb. 10
- ▶ “Task Force” support initiative in place at Peabody School being reviewed for potential implementation at Shenandoah