Moultonborough School District

UNH BR “New Normal” Report
Goals for Friday, September 12th

- To develop a collective understanding of the population and demographic “new normal” and its impact on MSD

- To look at school building usage in a pre-school through 12 educational system
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- Aging population
The Following two Slides are from

They Don’t Live Here Anymore

Housing Implications of NH Demographic Trends
September 2012
Prepared For: NH Housing Finance Authority

Applied Economic Research
Laconia, New Hampshire
Younger Households in Decline

All of the household growth 2000-2010 was in households age 45 or over.

Significant factor in public service requirements now and in the future—fewer schools, more nursing homes.

Dramatic impact on housing markets
- Shifts in demand for rental versus ownership units
- Who will buy, when the boomers decide to downsize?
“From Tailwind to Headwind: NH's Shifting Economic Trends”

- NH Center for Public Policy: Slowing rate of growth; workforce population now moving out of state rather than moving in
- Demographics Task Force Report: Aging population, especially in Lakes Region
Figure 5: Employment growth has declined sharply in New Hampshire

New Hampshire Employment Growth by Decade

- 1970 to 1980: 49.4%
- 1980 to 1990: 34.1%
- 1990 to 2000: 27.3%
- 2000 to 2010: -0.6%
While New Hampshire suffered a less severe drop in employment than the rest of the country during the recession, the recovery has been mixed. As this chart shows, national employment is on a steady rising path, while New Hampshire appears to have stagnated, with the number of jobs holding steady since mid-2012. As of September, the state was below both the rest of New England and the rest of the country in terms of job gains since the recession. What strategies will policymakers adopt to address this?
Figure 1: Migration into New Hampshire has slowed over the past decade.

Net Migration Into and Out of New Hampshire

Year: 1971 to 2011

- Migration into New Hampshire
- Migration out of New Hampshire
Declining student numbers

New Hampshire’s public schools have seen a decline in students over the past decade, from a high of 207,000 students in the 2002-03 school year, to roughly 191,000 in the past school year. This trend is closely tied to demographic shifts and migration patterns, among other things. But what implications will this shrink in student populations have for education policy in the coming year, including school finances, district consolidation, and curriculum offerings?
A Look At our Schools: Enrollments
(NH DOE)

As expected, enrollment continues to decline

Moultonborough Schools Enrollment
2004-05 through 2013-14

[Diagram showing enrollment trends from FY05 to FY14]
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SAU 45 is an active Pre-K through 12 School District.

The schools are fully utilized from the end of August to the end of June.

SAU 45 is a member of NHIAA, and students participate in 9 sports that use inside gym space during the school year.

Both schools put on numerous concerts and performances and hold awards ceremonies throughout the school year.

July through August, the schools are thoroughly cleaned, floors refinished, and building maintenance projects scheduled, etc.

Other organizations request the use of the facilities during the school year—Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

School spaces that are available for use and when they are available for use is another conversation—not the purpose of this presentation.