

2016 UPDATE ON CLASS SIZE, OVERCROWDING, AND CAPITAL PLAN DISTRICT 6 AND CITYWIDE

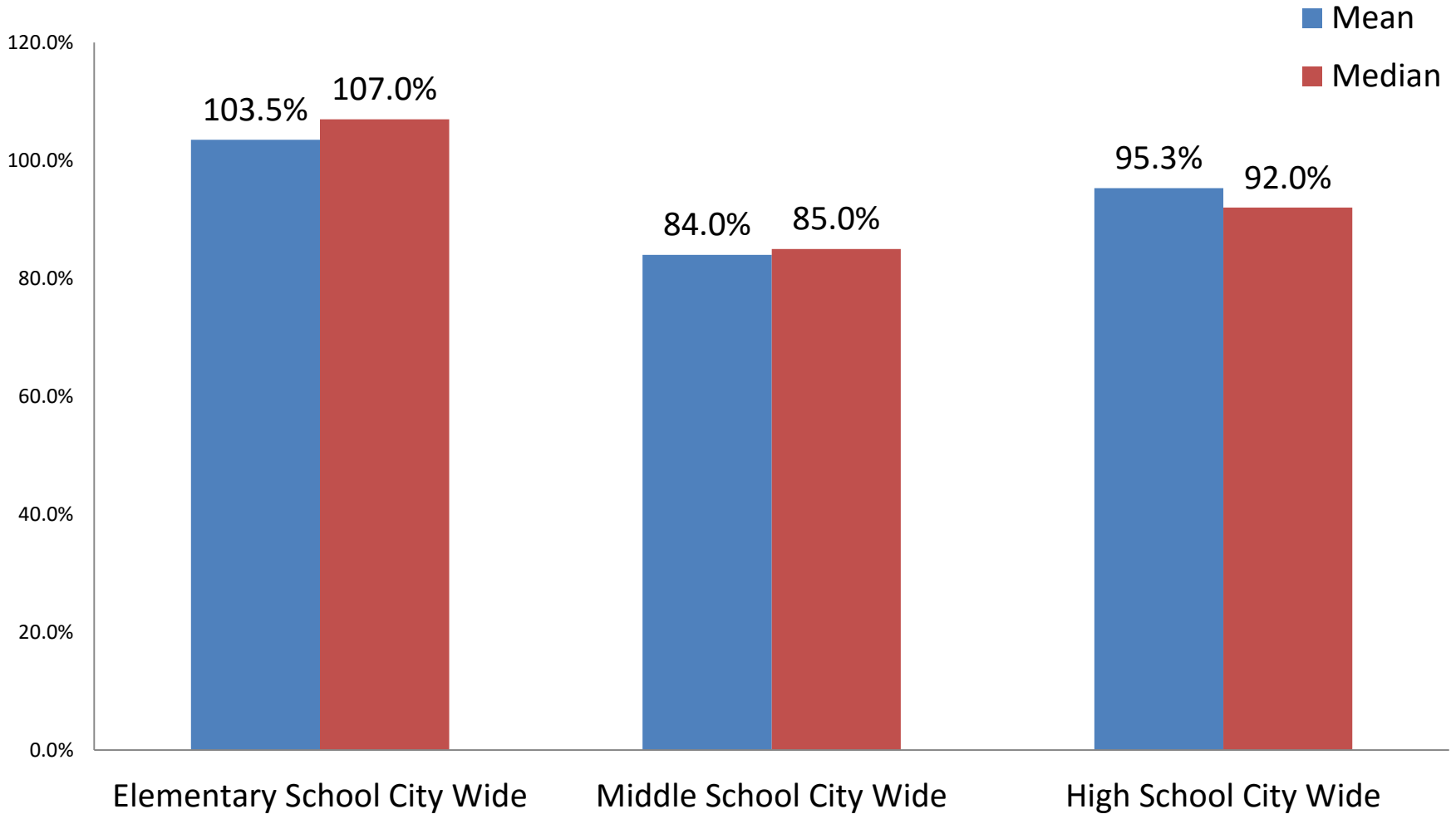
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School Utilization Rates and Class Sizes at critical levels

- Citywide, schools have become more overcrowded over last six years. More than 556,000 students citywide (53% of NYC's student population) are in overcrowded buildings.
- Elementary schools city wide average building utilization rate is 103.5%
- Large classes continue to increase, with number of K-3 students in classes of 30 or more doubling in the past five years
- More than 350,000 NYC school kids are in classes of 30 or more
- Class size averages have increased sharply citywide since 2007, far above Contracts for Excellence goals of no more than 20 pupils in grades K-3, 23 in grades 4-8, and 25 in grades 9-12.

Citywide School Utilization Averages

Over 556,000 NYC Students are in overcrowded classes and about 53% are in overcrowded buildings

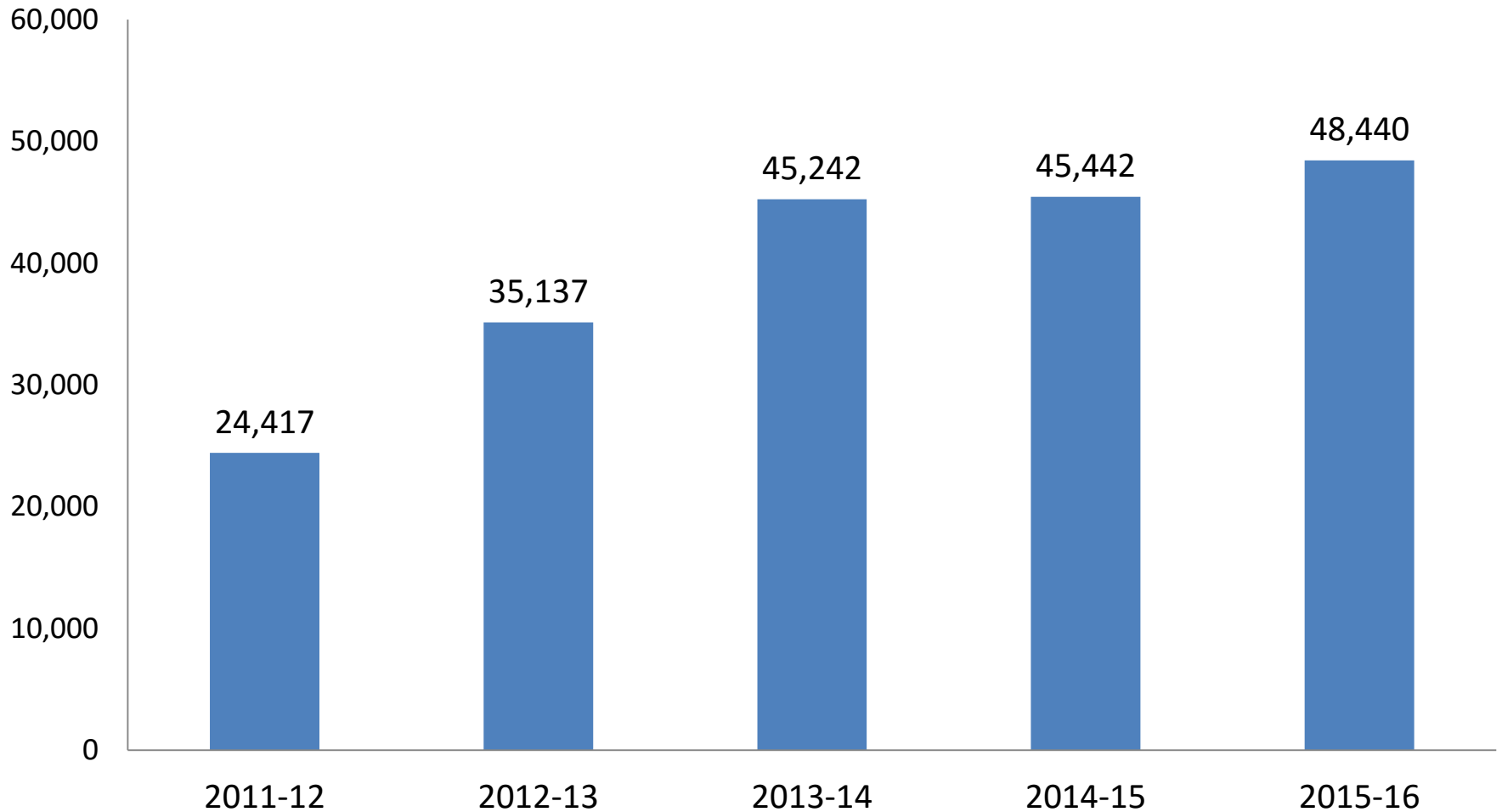


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Source: 2014-2015 DOE Blue Book

Trend of K-3 Students in classes of 30 or more

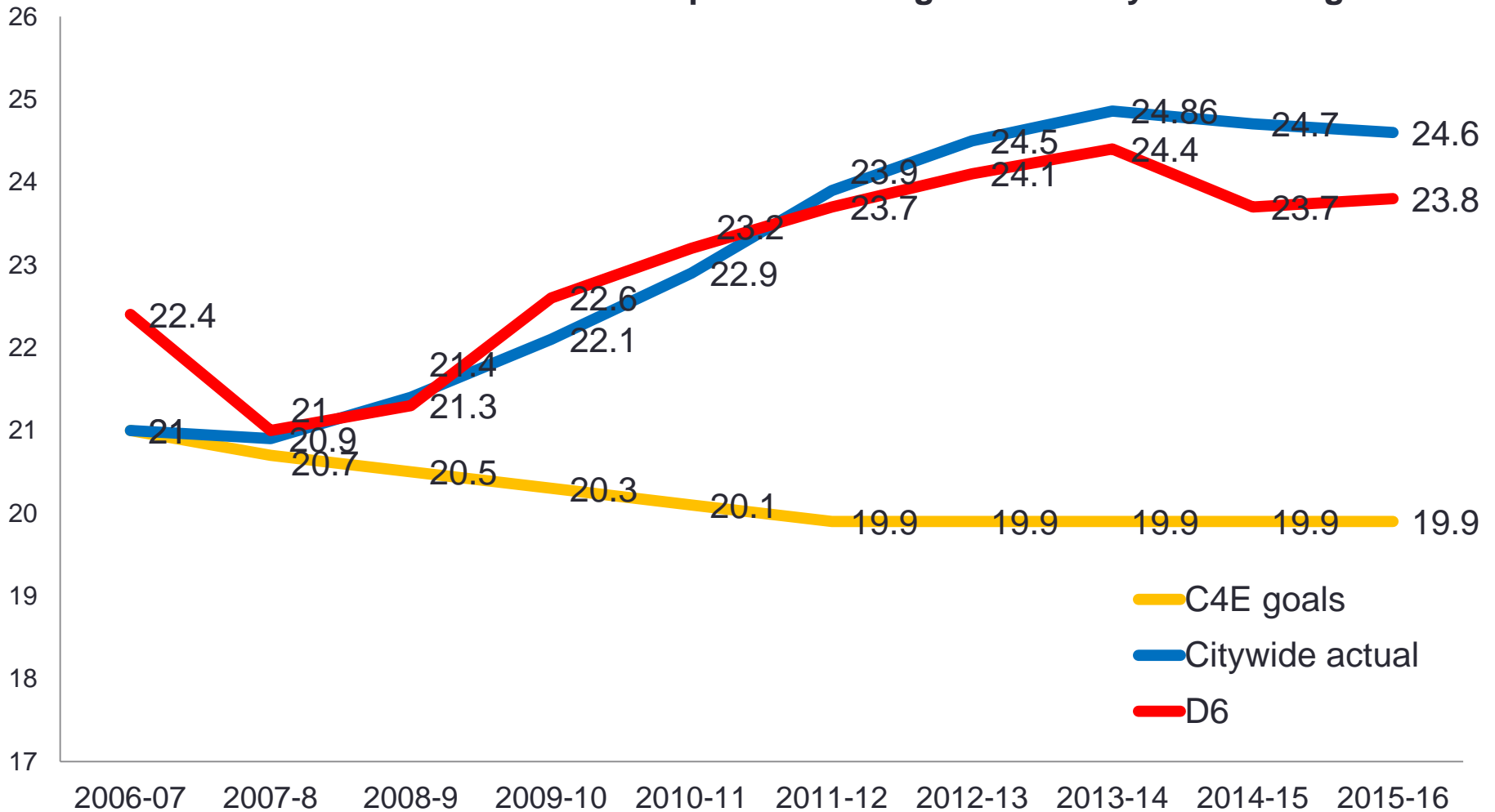
The number has nearly doubled in the past five years



Data Source: DOE Citywide Class Size Distribution data, 2011-15

***Class sizes in D6 have increased in grades K-3
by 13.3% since 2007 far above C4E goals***

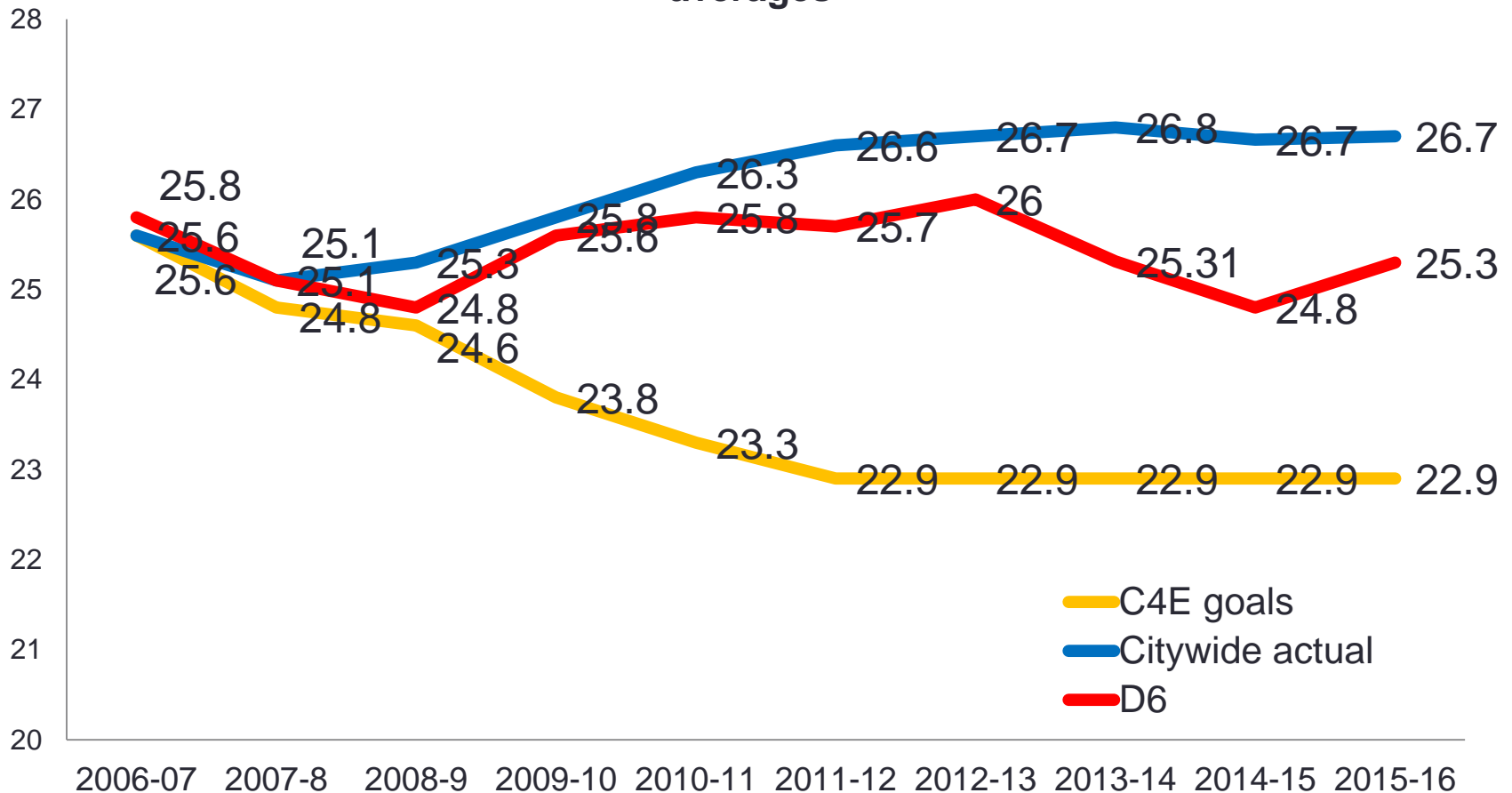
D6 K-3 class size trend compared to C4E goals and citywide averages



Data sources: DOE Class Size Reports 2006-Fall 2015, 2008 DOE Contracts for Excellence Approved Plan

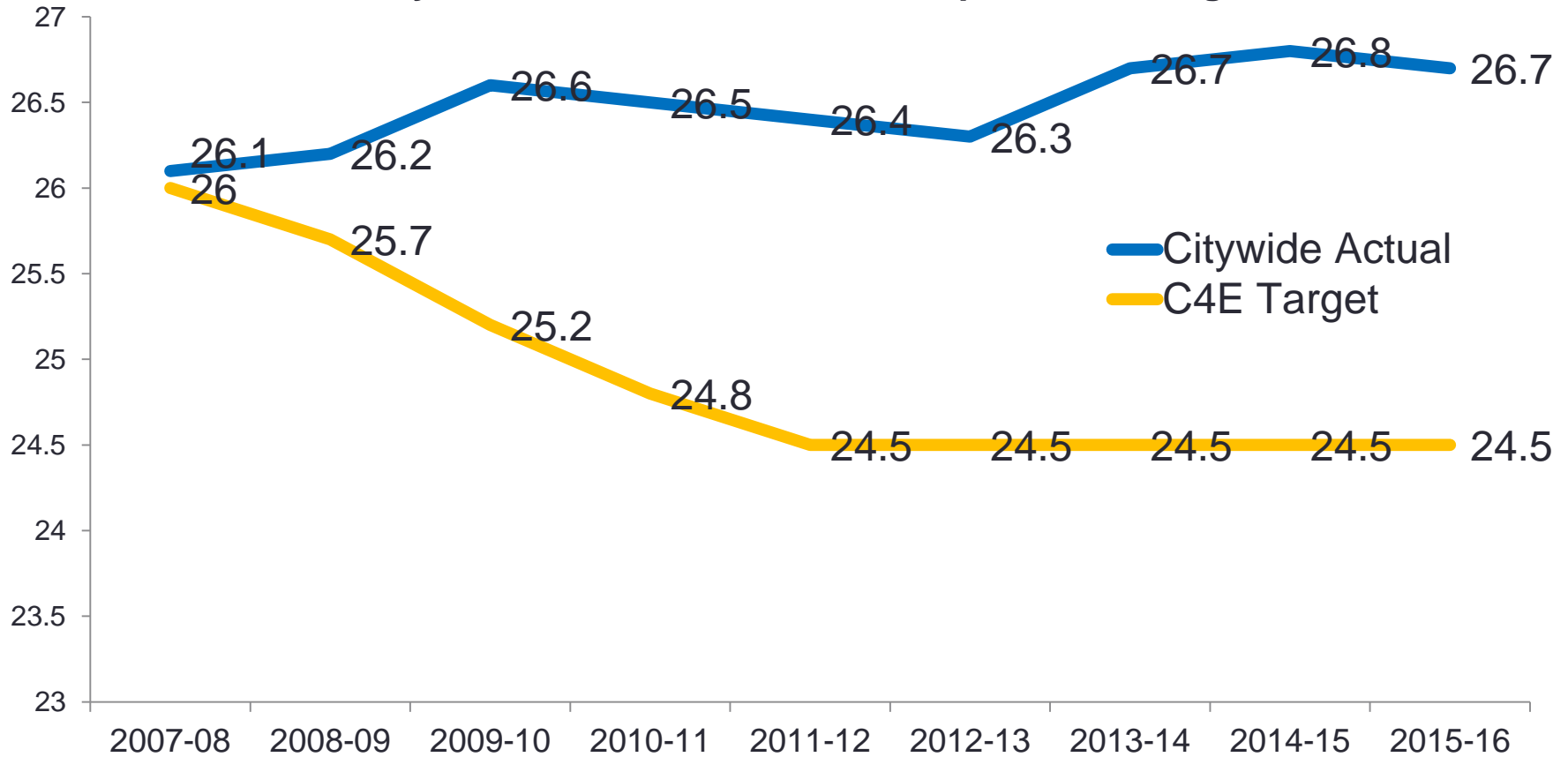
D6's class sizes in grades 4-8 have increased by 2% since 2007 above C4E goals

D6 4-8 class size trend compared to C4E goals and citywide averages



Class sizes citywide have increased in High School since 2007 and are now far above C4E goals

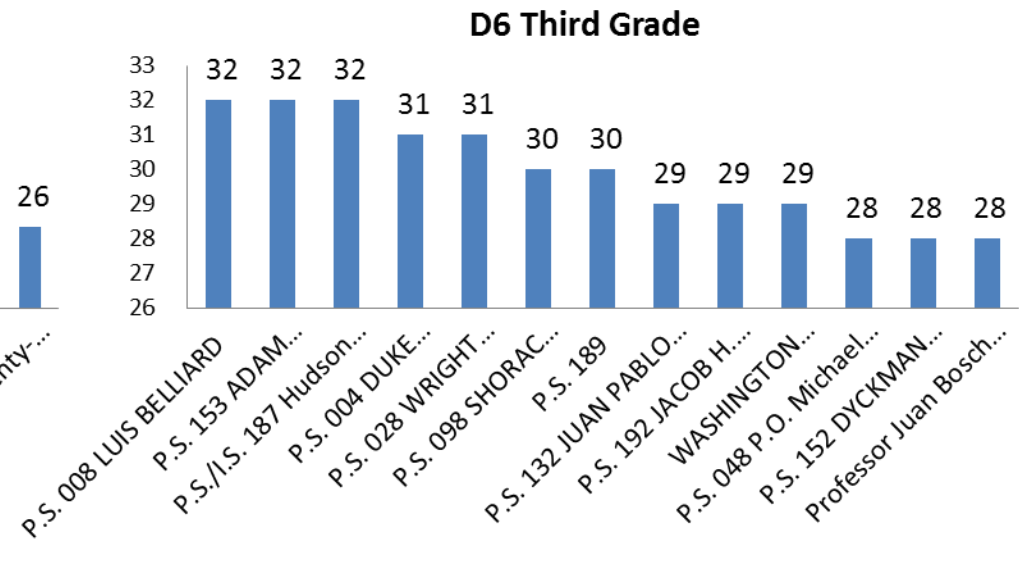
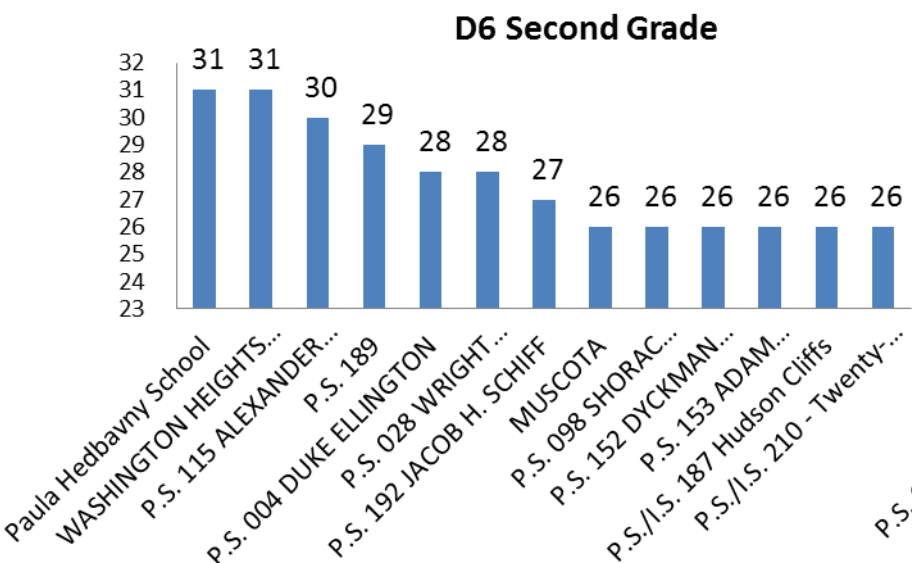
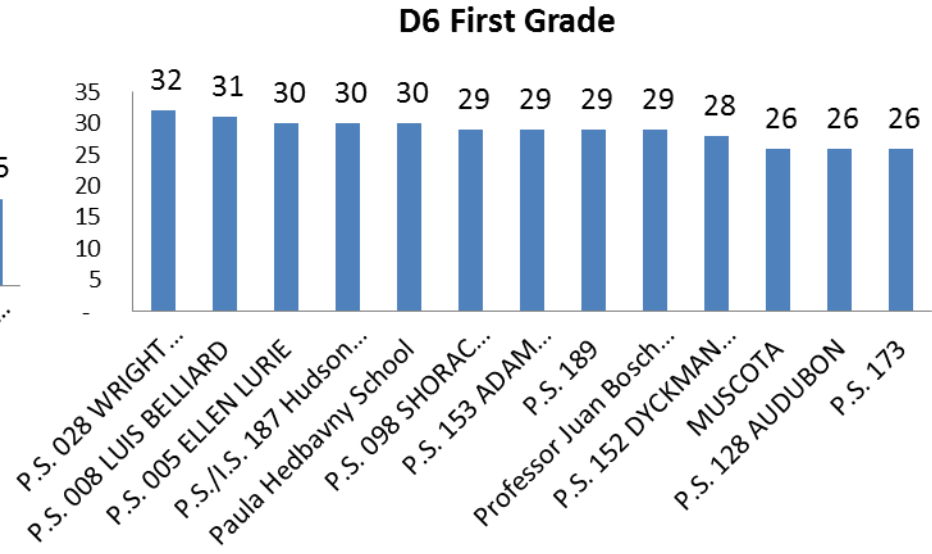
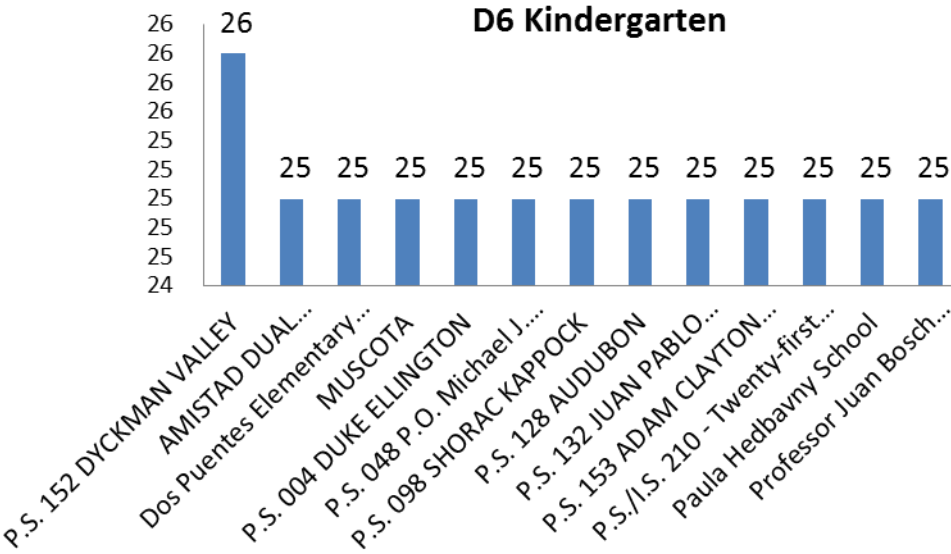
Citywide HS class size trend compared to C4E goals



*DOE's methodology for calculating HS averages has changed year to year

Data sources: DOE Class Size Reports 2006-Fall 2015, 2008 DOE Contracts for Excellence Approved Plan

Examples of schools in D6 with large class sizes, K-3 in 2015-16



Proposed new capital plan vs. needs for seats

- New proposed capital plan has about 49,000 K12 seats (compared to 33,000 in May plan) – at an additional total cost of nearly \$1 billion.
- DOE now admits real need of approximately 83,000 seats (compared to DOE estimate in May of 49,245).
- Thus DOE is only funding 59% of need for seats according to its own projected need.
- Many of those seats remain unsited even as to borough and district.
- CSM estimates real need is over 100,000 seats, based on enrollment projections and existing overcrowding – with about 40,000 seats needed in districts with utilization averages over 100%, plus 60K-70K more for projected enrollment growth.
- DOE should fund at least their own estimated need of 83,000 seats at an additional cost of \$130 million per year in city funds.

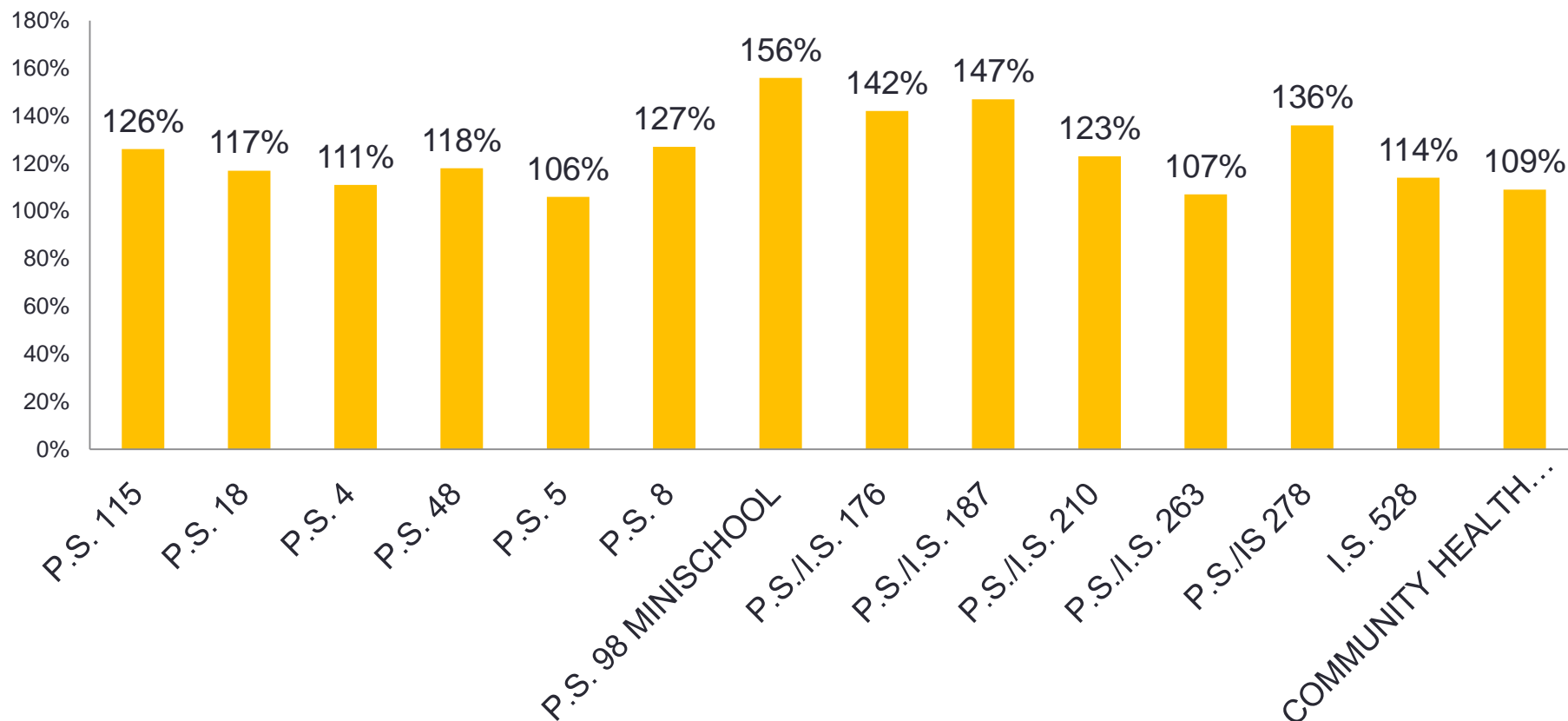
Over-utilization in ES and MS buildings in District 6, and Manhattan HS

- D6's Elementary School building utilization average is 94.8%- lower than the citywide utilization average of 103.5%
- **HOWEVER**, 14 ES and MS school buildings in CSD 6 are over-utilized. About 1,405 seats are needed for these buildings to reach 100% utilization.
- In Manhattan, 19 high school buildings are at or over 100% building utilization – with 3,539 additional seats needed.
- ***But NO seats in the capital plan for D6 or Manhattan HS.***

14 ES and MS Buildings in D6 are over-utilized

*about 1,405 seats needed to reduce all over utilized buildings to 100% -
but D6 is not included in the capital plan*

D6 Over utilized MS and ES buildings

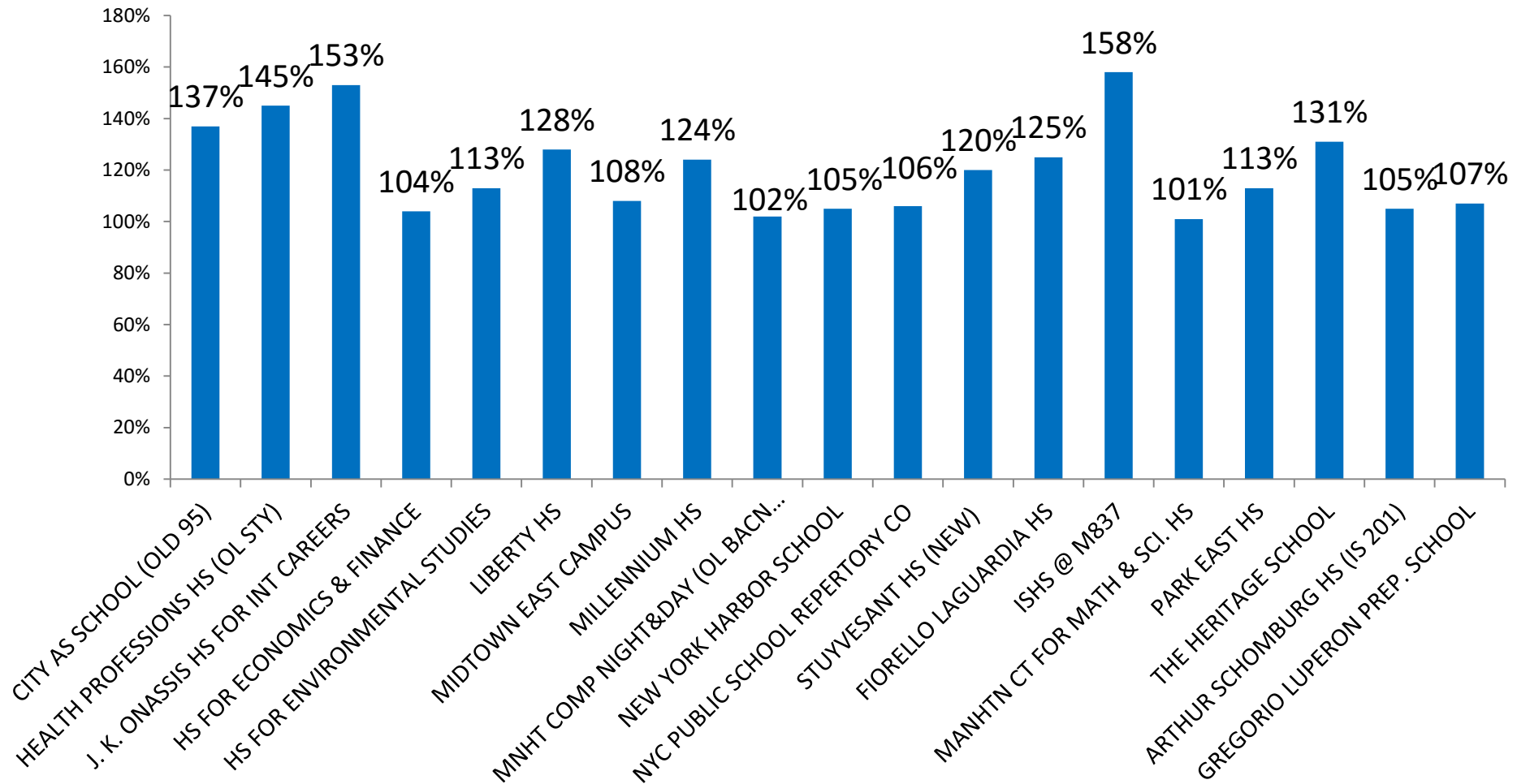


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19 Manhattan HS buildings above 100% utilization

*3,539 seats needed but NO HS for Manhattan in cap plan

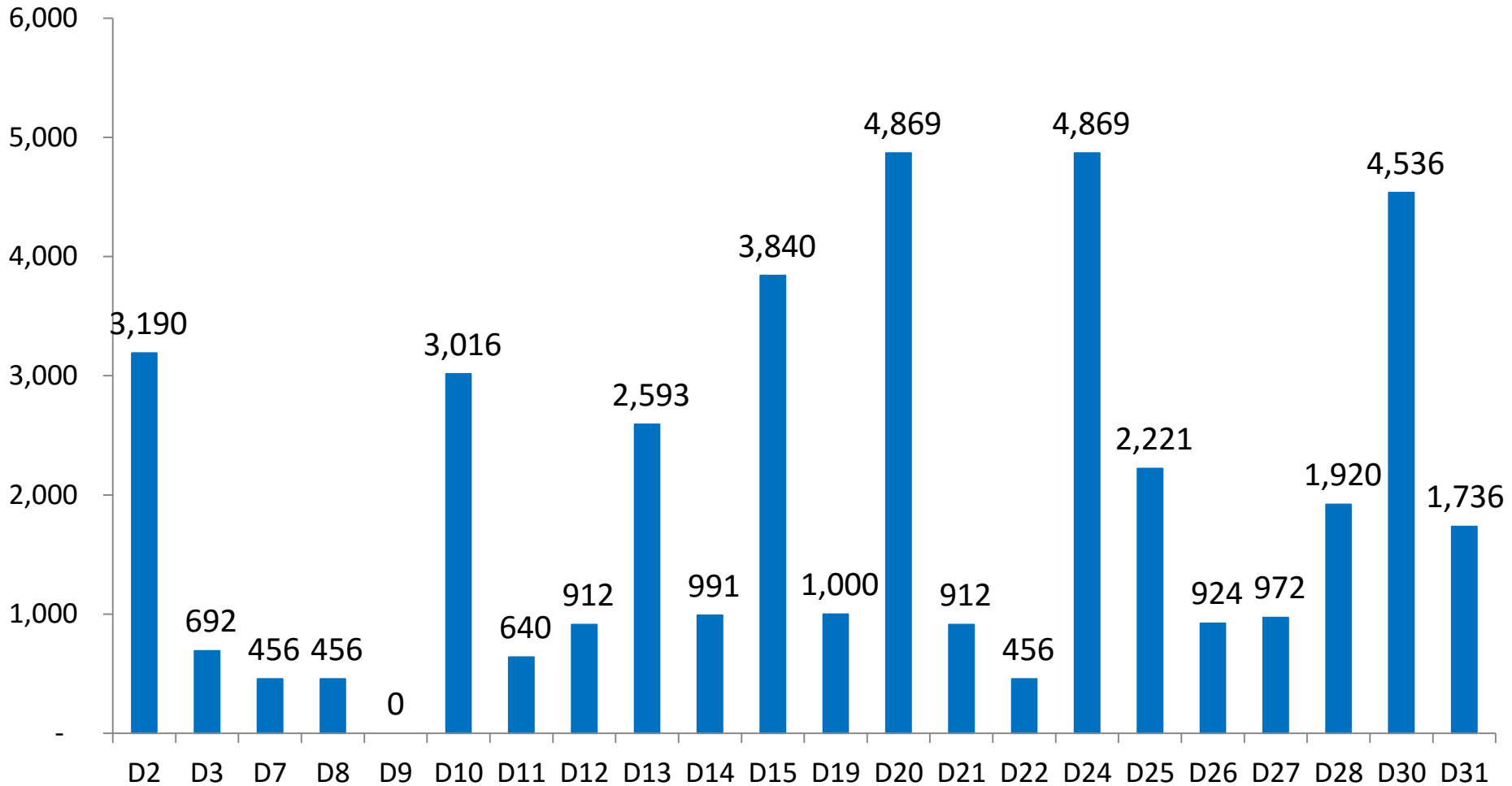


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Total Funded K-8 Seats In January 2016 Capital Plan by District

D6 is not included in capital plan



Problems with DOE & SCA capacity to site and build schools

- Even though D6 had overcrowded school buildings, it's not included in the capital plan
- After 2 years DOE still has not determined in which borough or district most of 4900 seats in “class size reduction” category will be built.
- Several overcrowded neighborhoods have had schools funded in the capital plan for over a decade without DOE siting or building a single school

Problems with DOE & SCA capacity to site and build schools

- SCA/DOE has real capacity problems in terms of efficient and accurate school siting and planning
- ***Overcrowding will grow worse if Mayor's rezoning plan to accelerate residential development is adopted***
- NYC needs to come up with a better process to ensure schools are built along with new housing – instead of always playing catch up.

NYC Council should create a Commission to improve efficiency and accuracy of school planning and siting

- Do we need reforms to the zoning process?
- Right now rezoning must increase overcrowding by 5% to trigger even consideration of new school to be built.
- Whether the formula used to estimate impact of new housing on schools should be updated?
- Should the city require impact fees from developers and/or use eminent domain to site schools more frequently?

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- Should needs estimates be required including counting thousands of seats lost due to co-locations, charter expansion, grade truncation, school closings, lost leases and more?
- Example: Brooklyn HS slated to lose over 8000 seats in future years due to these changes alone; leading to average 108% utilization rate yet no Brooklyn HS to be built in plan
- Without reforms to the planning process, overcrowding is likely to worsen, with school construction lagging years behind other development

How you can help

- Sign our petition at www.classsizematters.org urging Mayor & City Council to expand the capital plan & form a Commission to improve school planning
- Pass a resolution about need for same
- Come to the capital plan hearings at City Hall on Tuesday March 8, at 1 PM to testify about overcrowding in your district; public testimony starts at 3 PM.
- Sign up for our newsletter for updates on this and other issues.