

Q: How will the workforce housing project in Edgcomb, known as the Townhouses at Davis Island, impact the school budget?

A: Very little. (Note that the School Superintendent and the Chairman of the Budget Committee concur with this conclusion.)

The following projections are based on the number and ages of children living at Stevens Green, a 26-unit workforce housing project very similar to the Townhouses at Davis Island (i.e. same number of units, same mix of units sizes, new construction, similar demographics). Thirty (30) children live at Stevens Green, 16 of whom are under the age of four (4). This is not surprising, as the target population is young, working families. Because there is a cap on the amount of money residents can earn and still be eligible to live there, many of these families will have moved on before the children reach school age. Typically, young families can be expected to save enough for a downpayment and buy a home because the rent at Stevens Green and the Townhouses at Davis Island will be below market rate.

The following table shows the distribution of the school age children in Edgcomb by class, and by year. The figures were taken from the Annual Town Reports from 2001 through 2005. The figures in red at the bottom of the table show the projected number and class distribution of the children who will live at the Townhouses at Davis Island (based upon the population at Stevens Green).

The figures in blue at the top of the table show the projected number and class distribution for the next school year, assuming that the existing classes remain unchanged, but simply progress to the next grade, in combination with the projected number and class distribution of the children who will live at the Townhouses at Davis Island.

	Eddy School						Middle School		High School				
	Kinder- garten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Projected 2006 - 2007 w/ Davis Island	?	13	13	18	8	7	17	15	11	18	16	14	13
2005 - 2006	10	10	16	7	7	17	14	11	18	15	14	10	18
2004 - 2005	12	15	8	8	15	16	10	15	16	17	11	0	18
2003 - 2004	13	7	10	14	16	12	16	17	17	14	19	23	20
2002 - 2003													
2001 - 2002	6	15	16	10	14	17	17	7	19	22	19	13	13
Davis Island Projection	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3

Plus 16 children under age four:
 Age Four 4
 Age Three 5
 Age Two 2
 Age 1 & Under 5

Total = 30 kids

17 - 22 optimum class size
 according to School Superintendent