

I support moving toward area-based school assignments, but programs must be planned before zones are finalized.

Every year, about 4,100 students apply for kindergarten, yet roughly 600 do not enroll in SFUSD. For TK, more than 2,200 applied, but only about 1,500 enrolled in 2025–26. Families are making choices about where to educate their children, and losing them in TK or kindergarten can mean losing years of enrollment and revenue.

Only 28% of kindergarten families list their attendance-area school first and that percentage varies widely by neighborhood. SFUSD itself identifies choice as an important tool for protecting enrollment.

We need excellent, accessible programs—including dual-language pathways and coordinated before- and after-school care—across areas before changing assignment. With meaningful input from parents, teachers, educators, and school staff, the Board must carefully sequence implementation and analyze enrollment, budget, and revenue impacts before finalizing a system.