

News Releases

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Demographer Presentation

Housing, and its role in determining the enrollment of DeKalb schools, will be the topic of a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17. Demographer Hazel Reinhardt and consultant Dick Carlstrom will present information on housing projections. The presentation will be held at both 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center, 901 S. 4th Street in DeKalb. The public is invited to attend.

Using computerized mapping technology, the district is conducting a new study that has examined the types of housing in the district as well as occupancy patterns, home sales, and distribution of school age children. The research team will describe the research methods and will present preliminary results. The implications of the results for future K-12 school enrollment will also be discussed.

Dr. Reinhardt is the president of Hazel Reinhardt Consulting Services and a former demographer for the state of Minnesota. She teaches in the executive education program at the Media Management Center, a joint program of the Kellogg School of Management and the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She has been working on a study of enrollment projections for the DeKalb school district and presented an initial report to the DeKalb School Board on May 2.

Dick Carlstrom is a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant with Technology Information and Education Services (TIES). TIES is a nonprofit consortium created in 1967 to provide technology and information resources to school administrators, educators and students.