

## **Recommendations from 2001 study**

The Citizens' Advisory Committee began studying the R-7 growth issue in March 2001. The group made recommendations related to an April 2002 bond and levy issue at a November 2001 Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education is scheduled to take action on these recommendations at its Dec. 13 meeting. This most recent study included:

- Enrollment history and projections
- School capacities, including the impact of special education programs on these student capacities
- The 2001 Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan
- A report from the R-7 Secondary Growth Team which recommended the district maintain its current 9-12 grade configuration
- District studies which resulted in proposals for a new middle-level education program and a primary gifted program
- The R-7 Comprehensive School Improvement Plan which includes approximately \$20 million in recommended tasks (this five-year strategic plan was developed by broad-based teams of R-7 staff, parents and patrons working throughout the 2000-01 school year)
- A community survey, conducted in September 2001 and funded by Piper Jaffray, which showed an overall high rate of satisfaction with the R-7 School District, an overall willingness among registered voters to support bond and levy issues and support for specific bond and levy components.

The R-7 School District has grown by a total of 59 percent or 5,396 students since 1990. This is an average of approximately 490 students annually.