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Dear Dr. Record:

During the NESDEC/Cape Elizabeth Public Schools Enrollment Projection Report meeting conducted on Zoom on February 8, 2024, a community member shared that they had updated birth numbers for 2023 (specifically, adding 42 births). It appears that the community member had filed a vital records request with the State of Maine on February 6, 2024 and, after the meeting, the 2023 preliminary provisional birth data was shared with NESDEC. This 2023 preliminary provisional total will most likely increase with the Fall certified/public release of State of Maine birth data.

NESDEC agreed that if we could confirm the revised birth number, we would update the enrollment for Grades K-4. NESDEC contacted the State of Maine to confirm the vital records that we received but did not receive a response. Since the data was part of a vital records request and not part of the publicly released data, NESDEC cannot confirm the data, as it is subject to change. In other words, if NESDEC were to file a vital records request with the State of Maine, the birth number for 2023 could have changed since February 6, 2024 as more births continue to be recorded for 2023.

NOTE: To assure consistency and validity in reporting birth data, NESDEC's enrollment projection reports only use the publicly released Maine certified Fall birth data.


Therefore, NESDEC will not generate a new enrollment projection report based on the preliminary provisional birth data. However, we are able to provide a range of Grade K-4 enrollments for SY '28-'29 to SY '33-'34, which is based on a range of preliminary provisional and estimated 2023-2028 birth data and is subject to change (see below).

Table with 2 columns: Estimated birth range (per year) 2023-2028, Grades K-4 enrollment range SY '28-'29 to SY '33-'34. Values: 42-48 births, 534-558 students

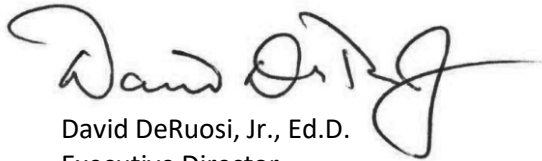
NOTE: 2024-2028 birth data is estimated; these projections are less reliable as they are based on children yet to be born.

Should you have questions regarding our review, or if there are other matters you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact NESDEC at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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