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**RE: Public Comment for the Hays/Russell Water Transfer Application,**  
**OAH No. 23AG0023 AG**

Please consider this letter of support for the Hays/Russell Water Transfer. As the Superintendent of Schools for the Hays School District we recently approved a 143.5 million capital improvement bond based on the growth that we are seeing in our schools. Over the course of the last fifteen years, we have seen consistent gains in our district’s enrollment that show tremendous growth for our schools and community.

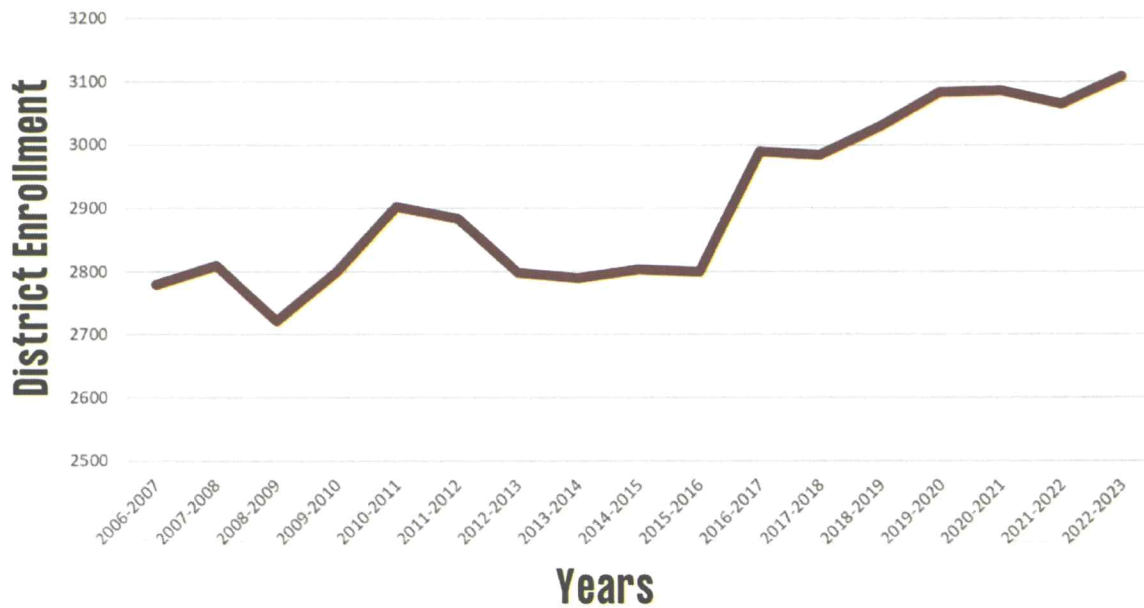


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# Enrollment Increase



The need for a sustainable, reliable water supply for the community of Hays long term progress is so important to the consistent expansion of our schools and community that we promoted for our successful school bond. We expect our new schools to be the catalyst for continued growth in the Hays community and feel the upgraded enhancements we will be bringing to our schools and community will no doubt be a reflection of the great place Hays is to live and educate their kids.

Hays USD 489 Schools strongly supports the Hays/ Russell Water Transfer.

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