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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,
As you may be aware, the Arlington Public Schools has begun the process of developing new elementary school districts that will be effective in September 2013 when the new Thompson Elementary School opens.

There has been a long-standing recognition that the elementary school districts in Arlington need to be redrawn to better align the number of students in each building with the capacity of the building. The building of the new Thompson Elementary School provides the ideal opportunity to develop a new district map.

The new district map **draft** was developed last spring in response to a requirement by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to have a school district map that would ensure that the new Thompson Elementary School have a student enrollment of 380 students, which is the design capacity of the building. The map was received by MSBA with the understanding that it was only a draft map and that a representative committee would use the draft map as a starting point for the development of a new district map, which would be approved by the School Committee before the opening of Thompson in September 2013.
The draft map was developed by Arlington's GIS Coordinator, using three criteria with an additional directive to eliminate the need for the Bishop bus, if possible. The three criteria were:

- 380 students enrolled in Thompson Elementary School
- School enrollments close to capacity of the buildings
- District lines reflect geography and safety considerations

A Redistricting Committee has been formed and each elementary School Council has appointed one representative to the Committee, which I chair. The goal of the Committee is to recommend a new district map to the School Committee by June 2012. The Committee will meet monthly, are open to the public, and notices will be posted on the Town Meeting Calendar at arlingtonma.gov. There will be opportunities during the development of the new map for parental input. If parents have any questions, they may contact their school representative or call my office (781-316-3501).

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Proposed School Districts: Scenario B - DRAFT

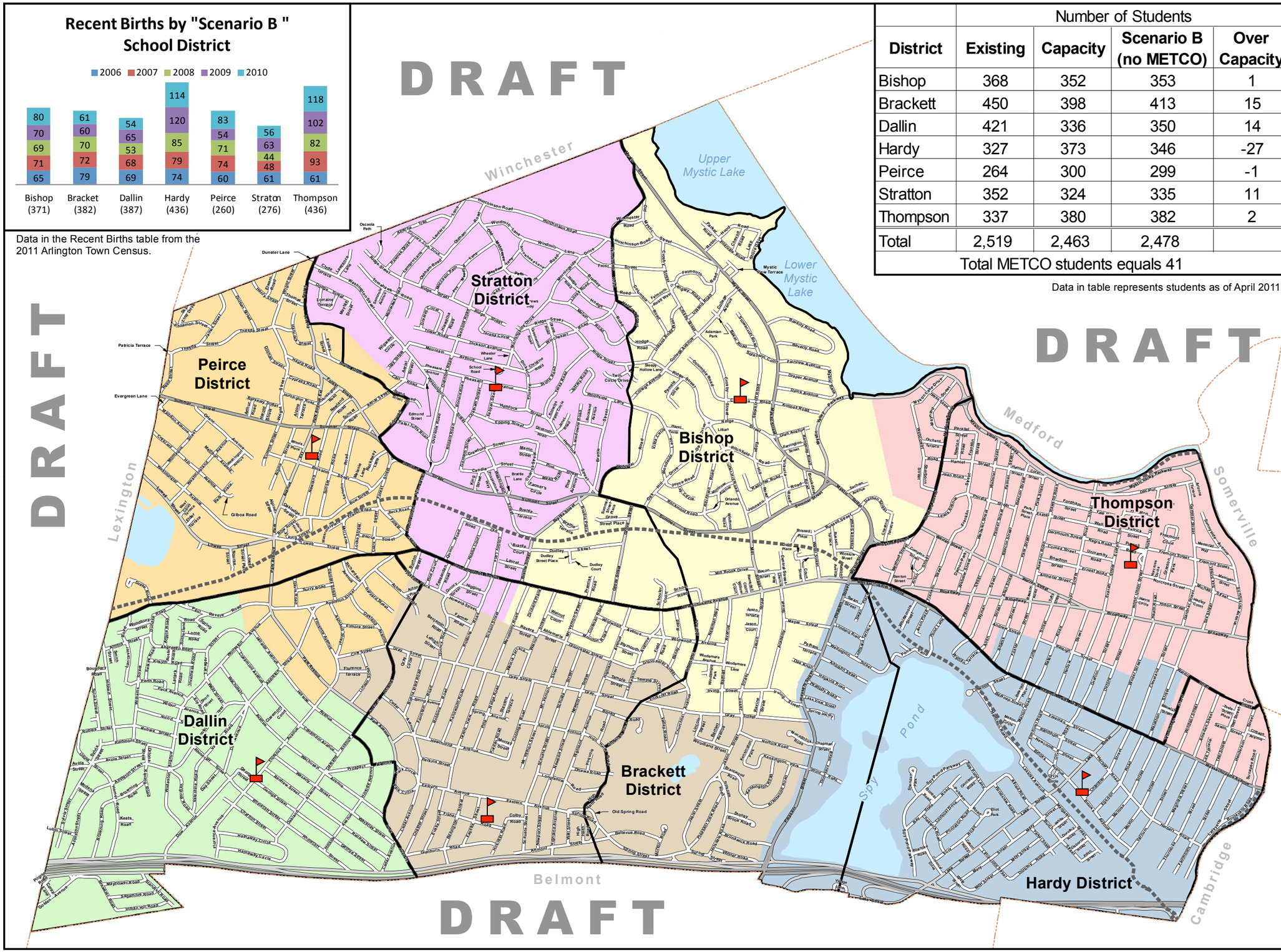
Town of Arlington, MA

Recent Births by "Scenario B " School District

Data in the Recent Births table from the 2011 Arlington Town Census.

District	Number of Students			
	Existing	Capacity	Scenario B (no METCO)	Over Capacity
Bishop	368	352	353	1
Brackett	450	398	413	15
Dallin	421	336	350	14
Hardy	327	373	346	-27
Peirce	264	300	299	-1
Stratton	352	324	335	11
Thompson	337	380	382	2
Total	2,519	2,463	2,478	
Total METCO students equals 41				

Data in table represents students as of April 2011



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- Existing District
- Proposed School District
  - Bishop
  - Brackett
  - Dallin
  - Hardy
  - Peirce
  - Stratton
  - Thompson
- Elementary School
- Minuteman Bikeway

Note map orientation

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Student population totals from April 2011. School district boundaries created by Arlington GIS Office. Map for planning purposes only and created by Arlington GIS Office, 11/14/2011.