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Upper Merion Area School District Contracts with Montco for Professional Planning Services

Norristown, PA (July 7, 2015) – The Upper Merion Area School District has contracted with the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) for a ten-year enrollment projections study. The study will be provided under MCPC’s School District Enrollment Planning Services, which were initiated in 2012.

MCPC will analyze population characteristics, birth patterns, housing activity, migration, private school trends, household compositions, and other impacts on enrollment to identify recent trends and determine what the district can expect to happen with future enrollments. The study will focus on district-wide trends as well as individual school building attendance areas.

Quality enrollment projections are a critical tool for school districts to help them plan for the future in terms of facilities and how to meet the needs of their students in the long term. MCPC’s expertise with demographic analysis and data resources provides a cost-effective opportunity for districts to better understand what is happening with school-age children in their communities.

“We are glad to be using our experience and hands-on expertise with demographic information to help school districts prepare for changes in their communities and plan for the future. This relatively new MCPC service has become popular, with the Upper Merion Area School District representing the seventh school district to contract for this service,” said Jody L. Holton, AICP, MCPC Executive Director.

In addition to the Upper Merion Area School District, other school districts that have participated include the Perkiomen Valley School District, School District of Springfield Township, School District

of Upper Dublin, Hatboro-Horsham School District, Lower Merion School District, and the Upper Perkiomen School District.

Visit www.montcopa.org/planningservices to learn more the school district enrollment projection services or contact Scott France at 610-278-3747 or via email at sfrance@montcopa.org.