

# Omaha Pupils Will Increase 10,000 During Next 5 Years

School Superintendent Harry A. Burke said Monday night newly-compiled birth records show that by 1958 Omaha Public Schools will have an enrollment of about 45 thousand.

That's 19 thousand more than now, and greater by two thousand than earlier predictions.

Births in 1953—an all-time high—are responsible for the revised estimate, Dr. Burke said.

The increase will be at the rate of two thousand additional students a year for the next five years, he added.

In a report to the School Board, he listed 21 elementary schools that will be particularly hard-pressed next school year, despite completion of several construction projects.

Crowding already exists at nearly all of the 21 schools mentioned, Dr. Burke said.

His recommendations for

next year included a variety of expedients. At some schools, basements, auditoriums, libraries or office space will be converted to classroom use. Some temporary buildings will be erected. At other schools, half-day sessions are planned.

Worst example of overcrowding, Dr. Burke said, will be at Howard Kennedy School.

The school was built for a capacity of 525 students. Actual attendance this year is 750. Estimated membership next fall is 810.

The other schools where special measures will be needed to meet high enrollments are:

Belvedere, Beals, Central Park, Clifton Hill, Fairfax, Corrigan, Druid Hill, Florence, Franklin, Harrison, Highland, Long, Lothrop, Miller Park, Minne Lusa, Monroe, Rosehill, Saratoga, Walnut Hill and Washington.

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