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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PROCESS

POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:

Pursuant to the scheduled opening of a new K-5 elementary school on Kaiser Road (North Bethany) in the Fall of 2017, the District needs to review and revise the existing elementary school attendance boundaries through a process defined in School Board Policy JC, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District is currently building a new K-5 school (capacity 750 students) at the Kaiser Road site in North Bethany. This new school is one of four elementary school capacity expansion projects included in the 2014 Bond Program. The Kaiser Road K-5 (as yet unnamed) is in a rapidly growing portion of the District, and is needed to 1) relieve overcrowding in the area and 2) accommodate current and future residential development. The new K-5 is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2017, and the District will need to establish an attendance boundary for the new school. Policy JC sets forth the attendance boundary criteria that the District will apply in the boundary adjustment process. In addition, the Superintendent proposes the following objectives:

- Target an opening enrollment of approximately 500 students at Kaiser Road K-5 in 2017 (leaving additional capacity of 250 students for future growth)
- Relieve, to the degree feasible, overcrowding at Springville and Jacob Wismer elementary schools.

The District will establish an advisory committee to engage in an inclusive, comprehensive process to study and recommend attendance boundary changes for Springville and Jacob Wismer elementary schools. The committee will include representative community members from each impacted school. The principals of each school will be ex officio members of the committee. The process will commence in October 2016 and conclude in December 2016. The advisory committee meetings will be open to the public and take place at an appropriate location in the Bethany area of the District. Prior to presenting his recommendation to the Board for approval, the Superintendent will verify the committee adhered to the adopted criteria and achieved the stated objectives.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board discuss and approve the upcoming elementary school attendance boundary adjustment process and the above stated objectives.

District Goal: WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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Proposed Elementary School Boundary Adjustment Process October – December, 2016

Committee

The Elementary Boundary Adjustment Committee will consist of three parents from both the Springville and Jacob Wismer school communities. The committee will have six voting members. The principals of each school will be ex officio members of the committee. The planning principal for the Kaiser Road K-5 will not be on the committee but will be invited to observe the committee's work.

- BSD will make available an application for parents interested in serving on the committee
- Principals may encourage parents to apply
- The Committee members will be chosen by the BSD staff and the principals after a review of all applicants.

Meetings

The District will schedule 4-6 meetings for the Committee to work through the adjustment considerations and developing recommendations. Four meetings have been scheduled; more may be added should they be needed.

Proposed Meeting Schedule:

1. Thursday, October 6th
2. Thursday, October Oct. 20
3. Thursday, November 3
4. Thursday, November 17

The meetings will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and will take place at a school in the north end of the District (location TBD). The committee will be facilitated by Steven Sparks, Executive Administrator for Long Range Planning and David Williams, Administrator for Government Relations. A BSD Technical Team will develop materials and support the Committee at each meeting.

Meetings of the Elementary Boundary Committee will be open to the public and publicized widely. There will be public comment at each meeting. There will be boundary activities for the public while the committee is working. The Committee will report out at each meeting. School Board Members are welcome to attend the meetings to follow the progress.

Information

- A BSD website will be developed for the Elementary Boundary Process and schools will also post information on their websites.
- Public input will be accepted online and posted for public transparency
- There will be open houses at the affected schools.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2016

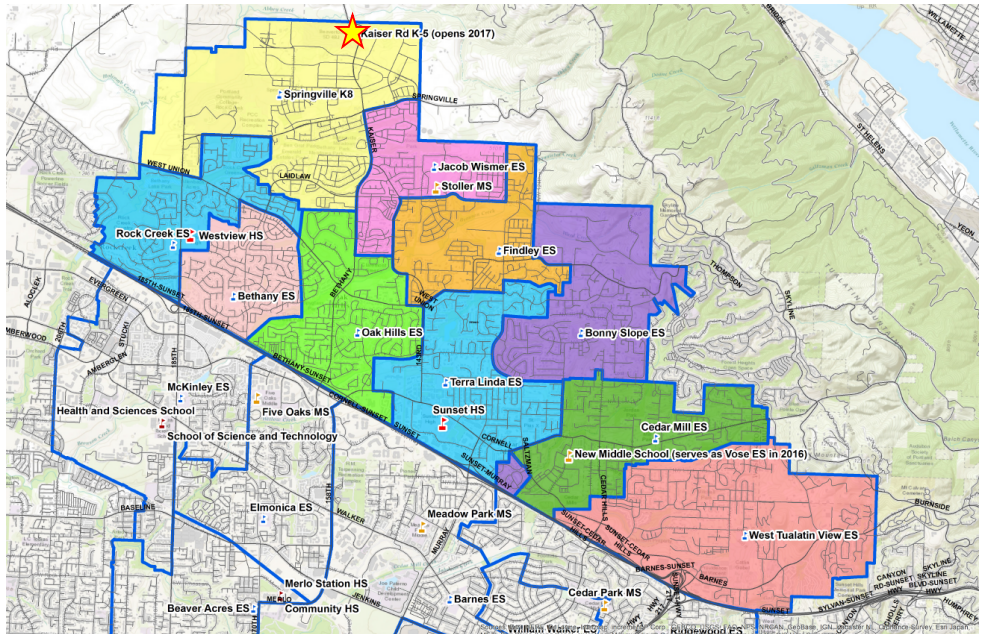
FROM: Steven A. Sparks, AICP, Executive Administrator for Long Range Planning

TO: School Board

SUBJ: Fall 2016 Elementary School Boundary Adjustment Process

Kaiser Road K-5 School

As part of the 2014 Bond Program, the District is currently building a 34th K-5 elementary school, located in the North Bethany community plan area (starred, below). The new school, provisionally referred to as the Kaiser Road K-5, will provide capacity for 750 K-5 students, and is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2017.



QuickFacts: Kaiser Road K-5

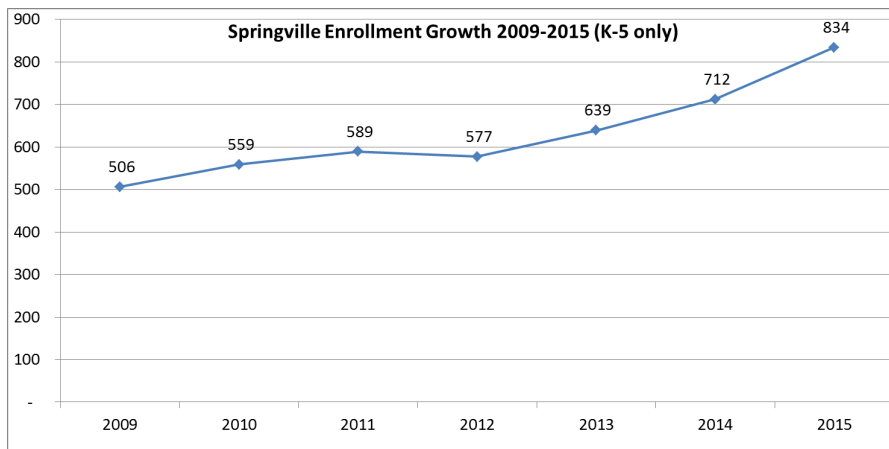
- 87,200 square feet
- No proposed Portables
- 32 classrooms, plus 9 additional teaching spaces, including 5 flex commons, stage,
- teaching area in the library, and dividable gym supporting 2 simultaneous PE classes
- Gym 6,717 square feet
- Cafeteria 3,705 square feet
- 109 parking stalls, plus 41 additional event parking spaces along curbs
- 10,000 square foot covered play area
- Running track around field and playground
- Trail connection to THPRD regional trail



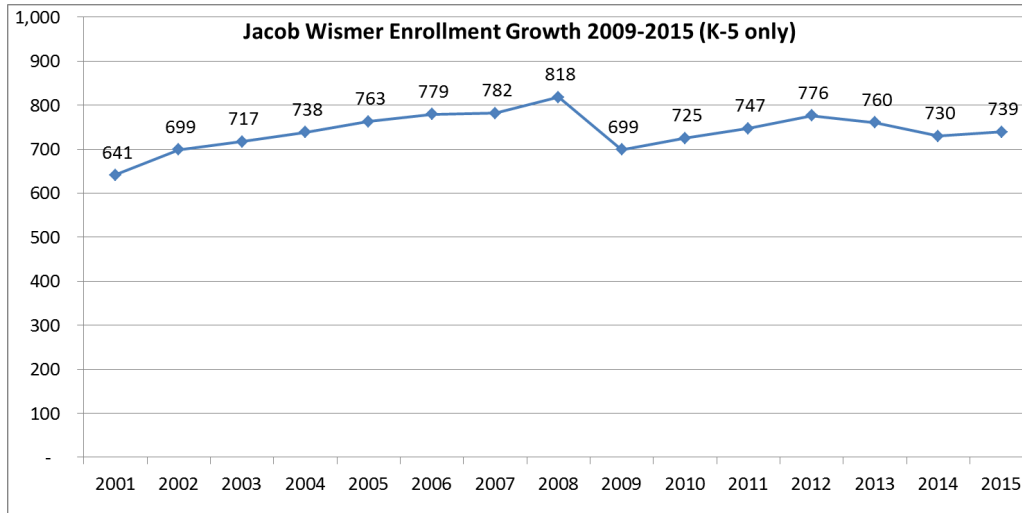
Enrollment & Residential Growth Context

Opening the Kaiser Road K-5 in the Fall of 2017 will necessitate the adjustment of attendance boundaries. The District currently has 10 elementary schools north of Highway 26; Kaiser Road K-5 is located at the very northern end of the District, which has experienced significant growth since the end of the recession.

Springville K-8 school, located approximately ¾ of a mile from the Kaiser Road site, has consistently exceeded its capacity for the last several years. For the 2016 school year the District moved, temporarily, the 6-8th grade Expeditionary Learning program to the new Middle School at Timberland and relocated two special education programs to other schools. Even with these measures, Springville still must accommodate students in six portable classrooms.



The next nearest attendance boundary to the Kaiser Road K-5 is Jacob Wismer ES, which opened in 2001. Jacob Wismer, prior to opening, was the site of the Findley Kindergarten Annex, which housed students from an overcrowded Findley Elementary. Jacob Wismer ES also experienced steady growth since its opening. The boundary adjustment process that resulted in the Springville K-8 attendance boundary drew some students from Jacob Wismer ES. Since then, the student enrollment has increased somewhat, with two years of declines in 2013 and 2014, before a small uptick in 2015.



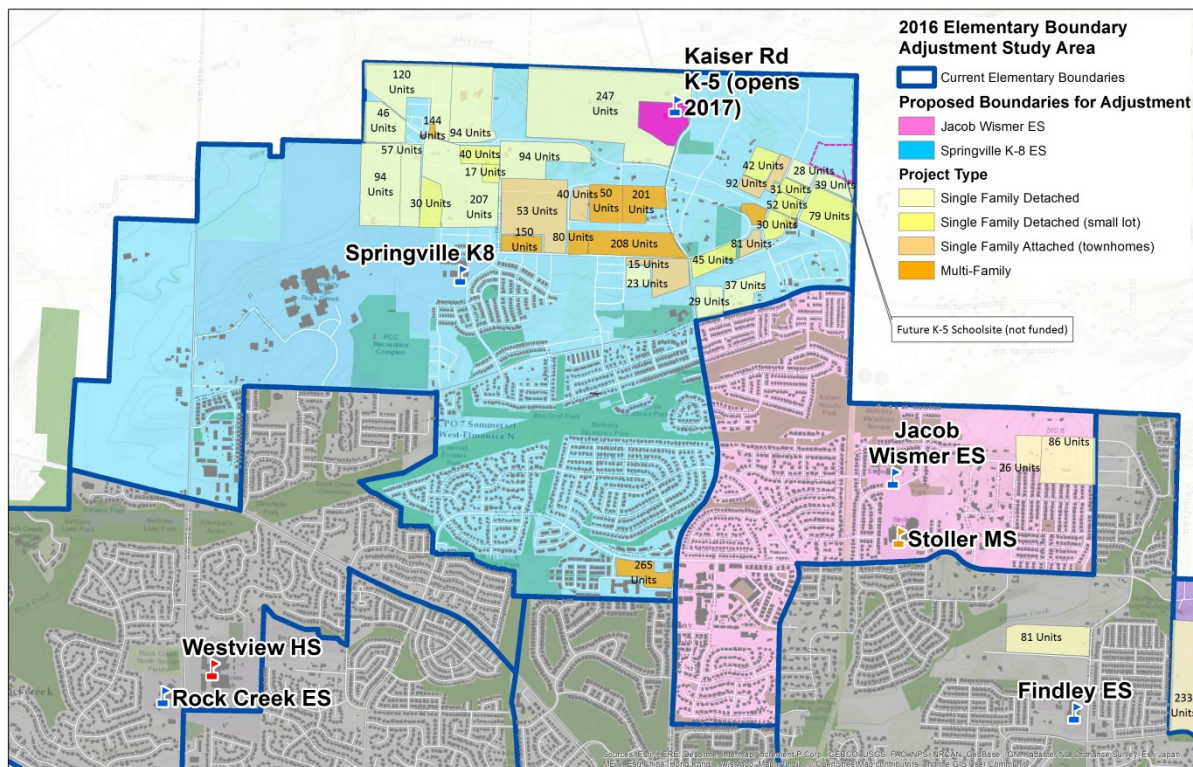
Residential development activity have been significant in the North Bethany area. The North Bethany Community Plan area, which has a development potential of approximately 4,200 dwelling units, comprises much of Springville K-8’s attendance boundary. Residential projects representing approximately 2,760 units are currently active (i.e. have received planning approval, will receive approval soon, or are under construction). These units are estimated to be constructed and occupied over the next few years, subject to market conditions. The few snapshots below, taken in April, 2016, show the extent and scale of development currently underway in the area.



Recommended Boundary Adjustment Area

District staff have reviewed historic and projected enrollment trends for the northern portion of the District, as a whole, with the intent of defining a recommended scope of boundary adjustments (i.e. the number of schools that will be involved) to accommodate the Kaiser Road K-5.

While enrollment trends in a number of the elementary schools north of Highway 26 have trended upward, and a number of schools rely on portable classroom capacity, staff have concluded that a boundary adjustment process should be limited to the Springville and Jacob Wismer attendance areas (shown below).



The reasons for including Springville and Jacob Wismer in the boundary adjustment process are as follows:

- The location of Kaiser Road K-5, within Springville’s current attendance boundary makes it necessary to adjust that school’s boundary, in any case;
- Of all of the schools north of Highway 26, Springville is the most acutely impacted by current overcrowding and future residential development growth;
- Springville is also home to approximately 180 6-8th graders, who for the 2016 school year have been relocated; and
- Jacob Wismer, which is the next closest school, has also been close to or above its capacity; currently that school has two portable classrooms on site.

There are several reasons for not including other schools in the area. While some capacity issues at other schools in the northern portion of the District could be remedied by a boundary adjustment process, it would likely yield more costs than benefits. The “domino effect” needed to adjust 10 attendance boundaries to accommodate a school at the very northern end of the District would be very difficult. Furthermore, most of the boundary shifts will still be in the Springville and Jacob Wismer area; changes to schools further south would be much smaller in scale – but not without significant community disruption.

Proposed Objectives

The Kaiser Road K-5 school opening in 2017 provides two opportunities: the relief of overcrowding at Springville and Jacob Wismer, and the accommodation of anticipated enrollment growth as a result of additional residential development in the area. As per Policy JC (Attendance Boundary Adjustments) staff recommend the Board adopt two Objectives to guide the process:

- *Target an opening enrollment of approximately 500 students at Kaiser Road K-5 in 2017 (leaving additional capacity of 250 students for future growth)*
- *Relieve, to the degree feasible, overcrowding at Springville and Jacob Wismer elementary schools.*