

Board Agenda Item

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

December 13, 2016

Approval of 2017 2018 Attendance Boundary Modifications

SUMMARY:

This item requests the approval for 2017 – 2018 attendance boundaries adjustments proposed for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School in anticipation of the opening of Rodriguez Middle School for the 2017 – 2018 school year. This item is also a request for approval of the proposed adjustment to the attendance boundaries for 2017 – 2018 for McMath Middle School and Myers Middle School to address the growth in the Pecan Creek area and the projected impact to the middle school campuses.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None taken during the 2016 – 2017 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Notification of community forums were mailed on October 24, 2016:

- Navo and Rodriguez rezoning notifications included:
 - All 6th and 7th grade students enrolled at Navo Middle School
 - All 5th grade students enrolled at Cross Oaks Elementary, Providence Elementary, Paloma Creek Elementary, Bell Elementary, and Savannah Elementary campuses
- McMath and Myers rezoning notifications were mailed only to those students impacted by the change. This includes any housing development between the areas of McKinney Street, South Woodrow Lane, San Jacinto Boulevard, Dallas Street and Duncan Street.

Notice of the community forums was also posted on the District website:

- Posted October 26, 2016, for Navo/Rodriguez community forums
- Posted November 1, 2016, for McMath/Myers community forums

School messenger reminders were also provided:

- Sent on October 30th and November 2nd, 2016, for Navo/Rodriguez
- Sent on November 6th and November 10th, 2016, for McMath/Myers

Community forums were hosted:

- November 1, 2016, at Navo Middle School
- November 2, 2016, at Cross Oaks Elementary School
- November 10, 2016, McMath Middle School

A combined total of approximately 140 attendees participated in the community forums.

The Board of Trustees was provided an overview of the McMath/Myers proposed attendance boundary adjustment, as well as three options for proposed changes to the Navo/Rodriguez attendance boundaries. The third option presented for consideration for Navo/Rodriguez

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attendance boundaries was a result of feedback submitted by those families to be impacted by the rezoning.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

With the fast growth in the 380 corridor, Rodriguez Middle School will open in the fall of 2017 – 2018. The opening of the District’s eighth middle school will provide much needed relief to the current overcrowding at Navo Middle School, which is currently serving 1,375 students. This fast growth is an important consideration of boundary changes for Navo and Rodriguez middle schools to ensure we carefully weigh the future projections of enrollment in relation to student safety and learning.

Fast growth is also occurring in the Pecan Creek area, which impacts enrollment and future projected enrollment for McMath and Myers middle schools. Adjustment to the attendance boundaries of these two campuses will allow the District to accommodate the growth within the Myers attendance zone, but will also allow the District to align our middle school feeder patterns to the high schools. During the 2015 – 2016 school year, the Board of Trustees approved an adjustment to the Denton and Ryan high school zones, which is the same area proposed for change for McMath and Myers middle schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Operational impact of rezoning for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School is aligned with previous campus openings in the District, and has been budgeted as such. Proposals allow for examination and modification to middle school attendance boundaries in the 380 corridor (Braswell zone) to address fast growth and future growth in this area. Collaboration between all District divisions has been essential and will be ongoing.

Operational impact of rezoning for McMath Middle School and Myers Middle Schools is anticipated to be minimal, but beneficial in addressing the growth and future growth within the Pecan Creek area. Proposals allow for examination and modification to middle school attendance boundaries to relieve anticipated crowding at Myers Middle School.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Modifications to the Navo Middle School attendance boundary addresses the fast growth of the 380 corridor with the opening of Rodriguez Middle School in the fall of 2017. The proposals also address the need for a middle school #9 in the future. Careful consideration of attendance boundary modifications for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School should create enough flexibility in capacity at each of the two campuses to postpone an additional middle school in the 380 area and the need to rezone attendance boundaries in the very near future.

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Modifications to the McMath Middle School and Myers Middle School attendance boundaries address the fast growth of the Pecan Creek area and the impact to enrollment capacity anticipated. Consideration of rezoning proposals for McMath and Myers will also allow for alignment with Denton High School and Ryan High School attendance zones, creating a more stable feeder pattern between the middle schools and the high schools in these two zones.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

Public comment was received during the community forums held on November 1st, November 2nd, and November 10th, 2016. Participants/Attendees were encouraged to complete and submit feedback forms. Community members were also provided an opportunity to ask additional questions and/or provide feedback from November 1st – present by contacting the Communications department of the District. On November 15, 2016, a workshop overview of the proposed attendance boundary changes was shared during a regularly scheduled Denton ISD Board Meeting. Community members were afforded an opportunity to make public comment to the District during open forum.

ALTERNATIVES:

With the opening of Rodriguez Middle School in the fall of 2017 – 2018, attendance boundaries for Navo and Rodriguez must be addressed; however, the District may consider other boundary options in lieu of those proposed.

The District could leave the attendance boundaries for McMath and Myers as is currently aligned, but may need to address rezoning again in the near future to accommodate to anticipated/projected growth at Myers Middle School.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the attendance boundaries as proposed for McMath and Myers, and the Proposal 3 for Navo and Rodriguez, which incorporates feedback from the communities to be served by these two campuses. However, all three proposals for Navo and Rodriguez have been included for consideration of the Board of Trustees.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs
Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

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1. Proposed attendance boundary adjustment for McMath and Myers middle schools with projections and all three proposed attendance boundary adjustments for Navo Middle School in anticipation of the opening of Rodriguez Middle School in the fall of 2017 – 2018.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Daniel Lopez

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____