

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: January 26, 2026

Agenda Item: K.5

Board Goal: Community Relations

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of Waiving the Process Recommendations in Local Policy FC – School Attendance Areas and adopting Attendance Boundary Changes for the 2026-2027 School Year

Administrator Responsible/Position: Tim Savoy, Chief Communication Officer
Cassandra Behr, Director of Transportation

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A
FC – School Attendance Areas

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The goal of this agenda item is to balance efficient use of school facility space.

D. Summary:

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** Various attendance boundary zones have been changed through the year.
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** Continued review and changes to attendance boundary zones will be needed as new schools are added to Hays CISD and to balance growth areas.
- ☒ **Background information:** The primary purpose of this package of boundary adjustments is to pre-zone certain areas in the district that will be developed within the next ten years. However, some areas contain current students, though with the exception of the Turners Crossing subdivision, the numbers of current or projected students is relatively small. Turner's Crossing is projected to have about 49 elementary students and 25 middle school students next school year. This is about half of the total students in this planning unit's 10-year projected growth.

Though not required by policy FC (Local), the recommended process for rezoning for areas containing more than 10 students is to follow a full and formal public forum process. Because of exigent circumstances, including the need for the district to avoid potential future additional portable classroom expenses, and to ease significant over-crowding that is both real and projected; the district recommends waiving the full process and sending general notice of proposed changes directly to the general areas or campuses affected by the recommended boundary adjustment package.

Additionally, to ensure that no student is required to move to a new zone under the plan, the district recommends grandfathering any existing students in this attendance change recommendation package to allow them to individually choose either to attend the newly zoned school or remain at their current campuses. Note that because of costs and limited transportation resources, student who might chose to remain at their current campuses, would need to provide their own transportation.

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☒ Other: Transportation Leadership

- F. Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends waiving policy FC (Local) attendance zone development recommended steps and adopting the attendance boundary changes as presented. The district further recommends grandfathering affected students to allow them to stay at their current campuses should they wish to do so.
- Advantages and benefits of this proposal:** Potential cost savings by more efficiently using district facilities. Easing overcrowding at some campuses.
- Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:** Students should perform better in less crowded campuses, as well as campuses where the student population may be too small to afford programs and offerings based on the economies of scale model.
- Effect of this action on other parts of the system:** This will affect transportation, C&I, operations, and future planning.
- Consequences of not approving this recommendation:** Eventually areas will have to be rezoned. Most of the presented planning unit changes currently have no students or houses, or are not fully developed. It is harder to make the changes as the areas continue to develop.
- G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:** N/A
- H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**
- Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action:** Tim Savoy, Cassandra Behr
- Evaluation method and timeline:** Annual demographics projections reports
- Next report to the Board:** None on this specific package of changes
- I. Suggested Motion:**
- I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees waive the recommended, but not required, portions of Policy FC (Local) and adopt the proposed attendance boundary changes, as presented.