



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**10A. Preview**

**Date: February 26, 2007**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE ZONES FOR 2007-2008**

**BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence**

**All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of the district's mission.**

**FISCAL NOTES: None**

**ANTICIPATED  
DATE FOR ACTION: March 5, 2007**

**Background Information:**

The process to establish new elementary attendance zone boundaries for the 2007-2008 school year began in November 2006. The new elementary attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's new elementary school that will open in Fall 2007.

- Two valuable resources the district has used to help create new attendance zone boundaries and to help provide an improved communication link between the district and our constituents regarding attendance modifications are the following:
  - 1) A newly formed committee called the Internal Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (IBARC). This primary purpose of the IBARC was for the following reasons:
    - A. Review proposed boundary scenarios and provide feedback and discussion to help ensure that the best boundary scenario is brought before the public and the KISD Board of Trustees.

- B. Allow for better communication to our district regarding the proposed attendance zone adjustments. The IBARC allows the district to better communicate with parents and staff in a much more effective manner regarding the proposed attendance zone changes.

2) Creation of new KISD boundary web-site which can be located at <http://oldwww.kellerisd.net/boundarychanges.asp>. This web-site displays information regarding the following items:

- A. Site locations where new facilities are being constructed
- B. KISD boundary guidelines and principles for creating new attendance zones
- C. Meeting dates and times regarding public hearings for new attendance zones
- D. Timeline for attendance zone process as well as school board timeline for approval
- E. An email account was set up to allow for KISD residents to provide feedback, ask questions, and give suggestions and comments regarding the boundary change process.

- The district held two public hearings regarding the new attendance zones. These two meetings allowed the public to hear and view the proposed new attendance zones. This proposal will be the KISD administrations recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. The following were the dates, times, and locations of the two public hearings regarding the proposed new attendance zones:

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Bette Perot Elementary Cafetorium

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Independence Elementary Cafetorium

Public input was taken from KISD residents at these meetings.

#### **Administrative Considerations:**

- A presentation will be given regarding the administrative proposal for establishing the new 2007-2008 KISD attendance zones.
- Attached are copies of the proposed 2007-2008 KISD attendance zones.
- Action is required to approve the 2007-2008 KISD attendance zones.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baker  
KISD Demographics Department



## **KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NEW KISD BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT TIMELINE AND PROCEDURES**

#### **September:**

1. Create and input student enrollment data into KISD demographic software.  
(Completion Date: September 7<sup>th</sup>)
2. Geo-code students and get demographic software into presentation shape and format (Estimated Time: 2-3 Weeks)

#### **November:**

1. Form Internal Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (IBARC) consisting of the following KISD personnel:
  - A. Superintendent
  - B. Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
  - C. KISD Demographer
  - D. KISD Demographic Consultant
  - E. Director of Communications
  - F. Director of Transportation
  - G. Impacted Principals
  - H. KISD Board Member(s) (Optional)

(If available, all board members are welcome to attend)
2. Meet with KISD Communications Department to look at tentative boundary hearing dates/times/locations.
3. KISD Boundary Objectives:
  - A. Create attendance zones that keep feeder patterns together as much as possible
  - B. Keep subdivisions together when possible
  - C. Try to use major streets and natural lines as boundaries as much as possible
  - D. Plan for future growth

### **January:**

1. Internal Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (IBARC) meets.
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting- January 12<sup>th</sup> (meet and discuss process and procedures)
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting- January 19<sup>th</sup> (review 1<sup>st</sup> meeting concerns and review proposed boundaries)

**NOTE: The above dates do not interfere with TAKS testing dates.**

2. Set final public hearing dates for boundary zone adjustments
3. Send communication materials to public regarding hearing dates/times/locations
4. Create “2007-2008 KISD Boundary” information web-site

### **February:**

1. Tentative public hearings set once date agreed upon (more dates may be added)

Date: Thursday, February 8th (Tentative Date)  
Place: Bette Perot Elementary  
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Date: Thursday, February 15th, 2007 (Tentative Date)  
Place: Independence Elementary  
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

2. February 26<sup>th</sup>- Board report regarding boundary proposal

### **March:**

1. March 5th- Board action on proposed boundaries



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January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Dear Keller ISD Parent:

As you are probably aware, Keller ISD is experiencing an unprecedented level of growth. During this school year alone, the district has grown by more than 2,000 new students, and more arrive each day. And with thousands of home sites under development, we expect this trend to continue for the next decade.

In March 2005, voters approved a measure that called for building a new intermediate and middle school, along with two new elementary campuses. Four of these facilities opened in August of the current school year. The last elementary facility from the March 2005 bond election is set to open for the 2007-08 school year, and construction is underway. While the addition of this new campus is exciting, the opening of this new elementary will impact many KISD elementary students living in the northwest portion of the district. In an effort to relieve overcrowding at our other campuses, Keller ISD will once again be looking at making some changes to the district's attendance zones.

In an effort to keep you better informed regarding issues that may have a direct impact on your children and family, we have dedicated a page on the Keller ISD web site where you can locate information regarding the upcoming boundary hearings and process. The address is: <http://oldwww.kellerisd.net/boundarychanges.asp> Here, you will find links to information regarding possible boundary changes and an e-mail link for asking questions and leaving feedback. As we get closer to the public hearings, additional information will be placed on the district's web site regarding attendance zone adjustments.

Finally, additional information regarding the upcoming attendance zone changes will be made available through a variety of additional resources which include:

- ☐ KISD E-News (you can subscribe at [www.kellerisd.net](http://www.kellerisd.net))
- ☐ The Keller ISD website
- ☐ Local newspapers
- ☐ School marquees

Boundary changes are an emotional and difficult task for everyone involved. It is our goal to make these transitions as easy as possible for both children and parents. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this process.

Sincerely,

Dr. James R. Veitenheimer  
Superintendent

## **KISD BOUNDARY PROCESS WEB PAGE OUTLINE**

### **LINK NAME: KISD BOUNDARY CHANGES MAIN HOME PAGE**

As a fast growth district, the Keller Independent School district serves an additional 1600-2000 new students each school year. To accommodate this growth and continue to offer a high quality education for all our students, the district has been on a rotating bond schedule in order to construct new schools to accommodate such high growth.

With this growth comes the need to modify existing school boundaries. Over the next few years boundary changes will impact thousands of students in the district.

The boundary change process for altering school boundaries for the 2007-2008 school year is now upon us. This boundary change process will address growth in existing elementary school campuses. In March 2005, KISD voters approved a \$99.75 million dollar bond package which included the building of five new campuses. Four of these campuses opened in August 2006. The district will open a new elementary campus in the 2007-2008 school year.

The location for the new elementary campus is the following:

#### **Elementary #19 (Grades K-4):**

This new elementary will be constructed just north of The Bluffs @ Heritage subdivision which is located on the south side of Alta Vista Road/North Beach Street. This site is located in the City of Ft. Worth.

As with the school boundary change process which finished in winter 2006, the KISD School Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. James Veitenheimer, and the entire district administrative staff is committed to making sure our process continues to be clearly communicated and represents the best interests of all our students and families throughout the district.

## **LINK NAME: COMMUNITY MEETING DATES & BOUNDARY TIMELINE**

Superintendent Dr. James Veitenheimer along with the district's demographic consultant and administrative staff will hold public meetings for the community to view the proposed boundaries that will go before the KISD School Board of Trustees for final approval. If you are unable to attend one of the public meetings, you are encouraged to provide input online at [www.kellerisd.net](http://www.kellerisd.net).

### **KISD PUBLIC HEARING DATE(S) (TENTATIVE DATES):**

Date:	Time:	Location:	Address:
Thursday, February 8th	6:30-9:30 pm	Bette Perot Elementary Cafetorium	9345 General Worth Drive Keller, Texas 76248
Thursday, February 15th	6:30-9:30 pm	Independence Elementary Cafetorium	11773 Bray Birch Lane Keller, Texas 76248

## **LINK NAME: GUIDING PRINCIPLES/OBJECTIVES**

The Keller Independent School District is committed to the following principles/objectives throughout the boundary process:

### **1. Accommodate growth**

- Boundaries are changed to alleviate overcrowding in existing schools due to new housing growth.
- Minimize the use of temporary classrooms.

### **2. Minimize the impact on existing schools/students**

- Minimize the decrease/increase of students moved from one school to another.
- Minimize splitting neighborhoods when possible.
- Minimize split feeder patterns when possible.
- Evaluate the balance of diversity and socioeconomic factors created by the boundary plan.

### **3. Open schools with enough enrollment to provide an adequate program**

- Open new schools with enough enrollment to provide adequate programs and to be financially viable.
- Minimize program changes at schools affected by a boundary change (decrease in enrollment).
- Evaluate opportunities to accommodate "choice" in schools.

### **4. Minimize future changes in existing school boundaries**

- Minimize the number of boundary changes that impact a specific neighborhood.
- Create boundaries that are compact and logical.



**LINK NAME: PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

Please feel free to email us regarding any comments or concerns you may have regarding the 2007-2008 KISD boundary process. Please click on the following link to email us:

[boundaryfeedback@kellerisd.net](mailto:boundaryfeedback@kellerisd.net)

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