

DISD Board of Trustees
2011-12 Proposed Middle School Attendance Zones
December 14, 2010

Board Goals

I. Vision ...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

IV. Parent and Community Involvement...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- work continuously with the community in planning and facility development

VI. Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

SUMMARY:

- District staff was directed by the Superintendent to provide the Board of Trustees with information on proposed re-zoning plans to reduce and adjust student overcrowding at Navo Middle School.

PREVIOUS ACTION

- DISD staff provided the Board with rezoning information on proposed 2011-12 middle school attendance zones to alleviate overcrowding at Navo Middle School November 9, 2010.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On November 9, 2010 Deputy Superintendent Jamie Wilson and Transportation Director Gene Holloway presented the proposed boundary changes for the 2011-12 school year that affect Navo, Calhoun and McMath Middle schools. Since the district has been unable to build Middle School No. 7, planned for the southern section of the district, because of decreased property values and the need to decrease student enrollment at Navo Middle School to accommodate the school's rapid growth.
- The main proposal affects students who live west of Lake Lewisville and are currently attending Navo Middle – which includes 325 students. Two options were presented:
 - In Option A, there would be 325 students who would be assigned to Calhoun Middle. There would be 35 students currently attending Calhoun Middle who will be assigned to McMath.
 - In Option B, the proposed zones that would place the students, who attend Hodge, into the Strickland Middle School zone. This would place 116 students to Strickland and 209 to Calhoun. It still places 35 students from Calhoun to McMath.
- Community & parent input favored Middle School Rezoning Plan Option B

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Review and adjust attendance zones to relieve campus overcrowding.
- Determine impact of zone changes on elementary and secondary campuses.
- Determine impact of zone changes on future elementary and secondary school sites.
- Review transfer policies and make recommendations to maintain attendance zones.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES continued.....

- Review student assignment polices to manage capacity issues.
- Minimize movement and dislocation of students.
- Balance district program services.
- Establish clear and definable attendance boundaries.
- Reduce school operational costs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- TBD

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Establishment of the new middle school attendance zones will balance student capacity levels at campuses and relieve overcrowding at Navo Middle School.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Information disseminated through public hearings, staff reports, staff review, information flyers, news releases, DISD website and Board workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Provided to the Board during the 11/09/10 Rezoning Workshop.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Develop additional redistricting scenarios/plans.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve Middle School Rezoning Plan Option B to balance student capacity levels at campuses and relieve overcrowding at Navo Middle School. Rezoning assigns 116 students to Strickland, 209 students to Calhoun and 35 students from Calhoun to McMath

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Mr. Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
- Rod Reeves, Facilities Coordinator
- Jerry Marlatt, Educational Logistics & Routing Supervisor
- Gene Holloway, Director of Transportation

ATTACHMENT:

- Proposed 2011-12 Middle School Redistricting Plan-B

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Division Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____