

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting December 12, 2023 Discussion of Attendance Boundary Modifications Fred Hill Elementary and Dorothy Martinez Elementary

Board Goal:

Parent and Community Involvement – 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.

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – 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; and create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community

Purpose of Report

To provide the Board of Trustees an overview of proposed attendance boundary modifications to Paloma Creek Elementary and Union Park Elementary School. This will also establish the boundary modifications for Sandbrock Ranch Elementary.

Objectives

During recent attendance boundary discussions, the District explored the impact of future developments on the enrollment of Martinez and Hill Elementary. With current attendance boundaries, these future developments would have significant impact to enrollment capacity at Union Park Elementary, Sandbrock Ranch Elementary, Paloma Creek Elementary Cross Oaks, Savannah, and Providence Elementary. After review of demographic impact research provided by Zonda Demographics, we propose adjusting the attendance boundaries of Cross Oaks and Paloma Creek Elementary Schools to allow this future development of the Fred Hill and Dorothy Martinez Elementary Schools boundaries.

Operational Impact

Operational impact is minimal at this time. Construction of Dorothy Martinez Elementary is proceeding as scheduled and should be open by the 2023-24 school year. Fred Hill construction has faced challenges. While the hope is that it will be opened for the 2023-2024 school year, it may open for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Results

Due to the nature of rezoning for two new campuses, all campuses in the Braswell Zone will be impacted in some way by this proposal presently or in the future. Feedback was sought out and applied to each boundary adjustment. Denton ISD conducted four surveys to gather input along with our board meeting workshop. Three public meetings, one for Fred Hill Elementary and two for Dorothy Martinez Elementary, were held. The Fred Hill zoning proposal will positively impact the future growth forecasted for Providence Village and the Cross Oaks campuses. This meeting was held at Rodriguez Middle School. Including the board workshop in November, two public meetings were held for the Dorothy Martinez Boundary. One meeting occurred at Navo Middle School and one at Union Park Elementary, and adjustments were made based on public input at each meeting. Due to the growth in this area, Sandbrock Ranch Elementary and Union Park Elementary are overflowing students who are new to our district to Paloma Creek Elementary. As a district, we have considered the feedback received from not only our surveys but also from each meeting. With each meeting, including the board workshop, changes were made to address community concerns regarding our students' educational opportunities. This proposal will allow current students to remain on their campus through the transfer process. This opportunity will ensure that current students' educational opportunities are uninterrupted. The current proposal also reduces the number of families who will travel south of 380 to remain on the north side of our district, closer to their homes. The current proposal uses undeveloped areas as a means of creating space for current students to stay at their current campus as this area continues to grow.

Advantages:

This proposal will prevent the interruption of our current students educational opportunities, minimize travel north and south of Highway 380 and allow for future growth.

Other Options

None