



ELMONICA ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:

Elmonica Elementary School has experienced a steady increase in enrollment, which has exceeded its permanent and portable capacity. Since 2012, enrollment has grown from 584 students to 757 (29%). Elmonica needs an attendance boundary adjustment to relieve overcrowding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Elmonica's growth in enrollment is linked to the increase in the general population within its current attendance boundary. The increase is attributable, in part, to new residential development. In response to the increased enrollment over the years, the District has installed 13 portable classrooms on site, two of which were added in 2018. Elmonica has a total building capacity of 713 students (466 seats in the permanent building, supplemented by 247 additional seats in portables). The school serves only general education students, and does not house a Self-Contained Specialized Program or Pre-Kindergarten program.

During the same period, Beaver Acres and McKinley Elementary Schools, which are adjacent to Elmonica, have experience a decline in enrollment. As of this school year, both schools are below 75% of their total capacity.

In consultation with Teaching & Learning administrators and the principals of Elmonica, McKinley, and Beaver Acres, Facilities staff has concluded that a boundary adjustment is necessary to relieve overcrowding at Elmonica. The result will be reducing Elmonica's attendance boundary and potentially enlarging the attendance boundaries of Beaver Acres and McKinley.

Staff presented this subject to the Board at its November 26, 2018 regular meeting. The Board requested that an advisory committee comprised of community members from the affected attendance boundaries area be formed to assist in developing a recommendation to the Superintendent. Recruitment for the advisory committee has been initiated and the recruitment period will close on January 4, 2019. The recommendation to the Superintendent will be developed consistent with Board Policy JC. The resulting boundary adjustment may include changes to two or more schools depending on the results of the analysis and public input. Due to the acute overcrowding at Elmonica, staff recommends the adjustment go into effect for the SY 2019-20 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the following Objectives to initiate a boundary adjustment for Elmonica elementary school.

Objective 1: Create an attendance boundary amendment that will provide overcrowding relief for Elmonica Elementary School for the SY 2019-20 school year.

Objective 2: To the degree feasible, balance future enrollment with each affected school's capacity.

District Goal: WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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