

DISD Board of Trustees
2016-2017 Proposed High School Attendance Zones
November 10, 2015

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:

- Rezoning for the high school attendance boundaries is necessary so that we can best provide for our students currently enrolled and for those we project to move here in the future. Our goals for rezoning include:
 - o Address the fastest growing area of the district with the opening of Braswell High School,
 - o Relieve potential overcrowding and balance enrollments at Denton and Ryan high schools, and
 - o Provide for long term growth in the BHS, RHS, and DHS attendance zones

PREVIOUS ACTION

- DISD staff provided the Board with our district's ten-year enrollment projections, proposed 2016-2017 high school attendance zones, and parent comments/questions answered at the community forums on October 27, 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On October 27, 2015 Area Superintendent David Hicks and Transportation Director Gene Holloway presented the proposed boundary changes for the 2016-2017 school year that affect Ryan, Denton, and Braswell high schools. Since the district continues to grow at a rapid pace, zoning adjustments are necessary to decrease and balance enrollments at Denton and Ryan high schools and to open Braswell High School.
- The proposal affects approximately 1100 students who live east of Lake Lewisville along HWY 380 and approximately 100 students in an area in south-central Denton bounded by Dallas Drive, the DCTA railroad, McKinney St, Woodrow/Colorado and San Jacinto.
- Under the proposal, approximately 1100 rising 9th-11th graders from Ryan and Denton would be rezoned to Braswell and 100 rising 9th -11th graders from Ryan would be rezoned to Denton for the 2016-2017 school year. In response to feedback gathered at our community meetings, the original rezoning proposal is also being amended so that rising 10th and 11th graders being rezoned from RHS to DHS may request a transfer and remain at RHS subject to Policy FDB(Local).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Review and adjust attendance zones to relieve campus overcrowding and to open BHS.
- Determine impact of zone changes on other campuses.
- Determine impact of zone changes on future school sites.
- Minimize movement and dislocation of students.
- Balance district program services.

- Establish clear and definable attendance boundaries.
- Reduce school operational costs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- As a result of the rezoning proposal, we anticipate a reduction in future transportation costs associated with transporting students to RHS and DHS from the 380 area.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- The establishment of the new high school attendance zones will balance student enrollments at RHS and DHS. Also, according to the most recent projections, these campuses will remain smaller than they are today for the next 9 years. Braswell High School is projected to open with approximately 1100 students and, according to projections, will continue to grow steadily during the same time period.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Information was disseminated through public meetings, staff meetings/reports, parent letters/emails/phone calls, news releases, the DISD website and at the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Provided to the Board during the Rezoning Workshop on 10/27/2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Develop additional redistricting scenarios/plans.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the High School Rezoning Plan to decrease and balance student enrollment at RHS/DHS and to open BHS. Rezoning assigns approximately 1100 rising 9th-11th graders from Ryan and Denton to Braswell and 100 rising 9th - 11th graders from Ryan to Denton. Rising 10th and 11th graders being rezoned from RHS to DHS may request a transfer and remain at RHS subject to Policy FDB(Local).

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Dr. David Hicks, Area Superintendent
- Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations
- Gene Holloway, Director of Transportation
- Conor Wallace, Educational Logistics & Routing Supervisor

ATTACHMENT:

- Proposed 2016-2017 High School Rezoning Maps

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Division Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____