

DISD Board of Trustees
2016-2017 Proposed Elementary School Attendance Zones
December 8, 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 elementary 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 Bell Elementary School,
 - o Relieve potential overcrowding and balance enrollments at Pecan Creek and Stephens Elementary schools, and
 - o Provide for long term growth along the 380 corridor and Pecan Creek and Stephens attendance zones

PREVIOUS ACTION

- DISD staff provided the Board with our district's ten-year enrollment projections, proposed 2016-2017 elementary school attendance zones, and parent comments/questions answered at the community forums on November 10, 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On November 10, 2015 Area Superintendents Vicki Sargent and Susannah O'Bara along with Transportation Director Gene Holloway presented the proposed boundary changes for the 2016-2017 school year that affect Savannah, Paloma Creek, Providence, Bell, Pecan Creek, Stephens, and Hawk Elementary Schools. Since the district continues to grow at a rapid pace, zoning adjustments are necessary to decrease and balance enrollments at Pecan Creek and Stephens schools and to open Bell Elementary School.
- The proposal affects approximately 700 students who live east of Lake Lewisville along HWY 380 and approximately 100 students in an area currently in the Pecan Creek attendance zone.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Review and adjust attendance zones to relieve campus overcrowding and to open Bell Elementary.
- 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:

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- The establishment of the new elementary school attendance zones will balance student enrollments at the elementary schools along the 380 corridor. Also, according to the most recent projections, these campuses will remain smaller than they are today for the next 7 years.

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 November 10, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Provided to the Board during the Rezoning Workshop on 11/10/2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Develop additional redistricting scenarios/plans.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the School Rezoning Plan to decrease and balance student enrollment at Stephens and Pecan Creek and to open Bell Elementary School. Rezoning assigns approximately 700 students from Paloma Creek, Providence and Savannah and 100 students from Pecan Creek to Stephens and approximately 70 students from Stephens to Hawk. Rising 5th graders being rezoned may request a transfer and remain at their current elementary school, as well as their younger siblings, subject to Policy FDB(Local).

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Vicki Sargent, Area Superintendent
- Susannah O’Bara, Area Superintedent
- Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations
- Gene Holloway, Director of Transportation
- Conor Wallace, Educational Logistics & Routing Supervisor

ATTACHMENT:

- Proposed 2016-2017 Rezoning Maps
- Demographic data for current attendance zones and propose attendance zones.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Division Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____