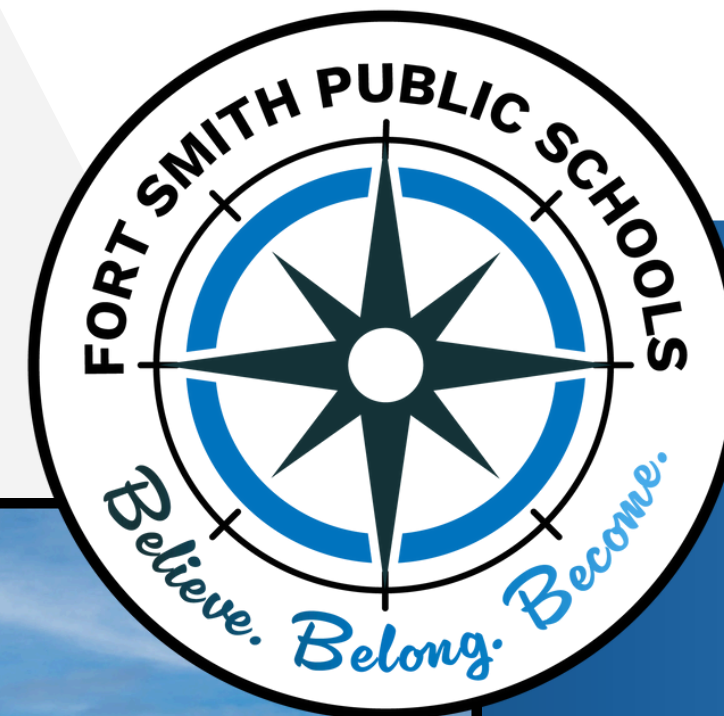


Carnall and Spradling
Attendance Zone
Recommendations



January 26, 2026

RIGHTSIZING

A thorough, strategic process that optimizes the use of school facilities by aligning their capacity with the current and projected student population

CURRENT REALITY

Declining Enrollment
Shifting Population
Multiple Underutilized Elementary Buildings
500 Student Funding Model

Long-Range Facility Planning Committee (2023)

- 13 Community Members
- 6 Administrative Staff
- 5 Teachers and Principals
- 1 Partnership Consultant
- 1 Long-range Consultant

BENEFITS

Expanded access to resources & collaboration
More efficient use of taxpayer dollars
Savings redirected to support more students

Previous Rightsizing

- Trusty Elementary
- Orr Elementary

2025 Recommendations

- Carnall Elementary
- Spradling Elementary



CONCERNS



CARNALL OFFERS A LARGER, HIGHER QUALITY FACILITY

of Classrooms meeting standards

Carnall - 5/21

Beard - 16/18

Cavanaugh - 17/19

CARNALL STUDENTS CLASS SIZED

- Kindergarten (10)
- First (1)
- Second (1)
- Third (3)
- Fourth (2)
- Fifth (5)

PLANS TO UPGRADE BEARD?

Beard has recently received several improvements, including a new cafeteria, new carpet in select rooms as needed, and a new roof.



SMALLER SCHOOLS FOSTER STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS & BETTER STUDENT OUTCOMES.

- Staff at larger schools still build strong relationships.
- Larger schools do not mean larger class sizes.
- More staff can mean more student support and supplemental services.
- Bigger campuses can create more collaboration opportunities.



TRAFFIC , TRANSPORTATION, & STAFFING

- Outside experts will review traffic patterns and recommend improvements.
- Bus transportation will be provided for students most affected.
- HR will work with each impacted staff member to find an appropriate placement.

CONCERNS

STATE COMPLIANT CLASSROOM CAPACITY

Carnall

- 21 classrooms including music and art
- 19 classrooms excluding music and art
- Long Range Committee referenced 21 classrooms
- Larger square footage than Beard but in hallways & support areas
- 5 classrooms meet state requirements

Beard

- 18 classrooms total
- 16 classrooms meet state requirements

Cavanaugh

- 19 classrooms total
- 17 classrooms meet state requirements

SQUARE FOOTAGE AS A FACTOR

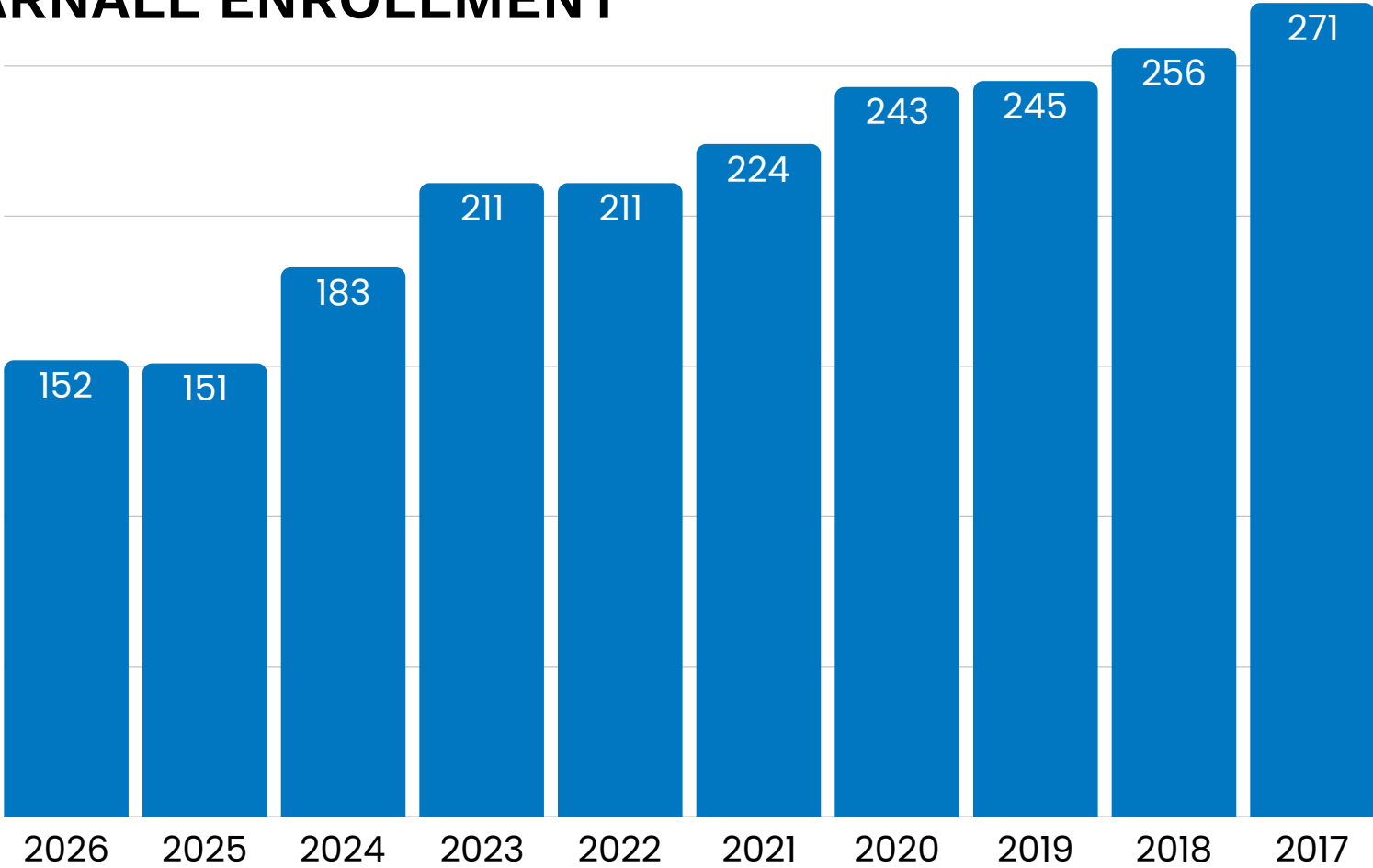
Compliance Ratio: Square footage compliance was only one factor the long range committee considered, not the sole basis for its recommendations.



SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS AT CARNALL

Many students receiving IEP services at Carnall do not reside in the Carnall attendance zone. The program was located at Carnall because space was available. Students will be reassigned individually, based on each student’s specialized needs and current home address. The district will meet with each family to discuss the placement and next steps.

CARNALL ENROLLMENT



CONCERNS

ERRORS IN CLASSROOM COUNTS

A facility capacity study is structurally stable but programmatically fluid. The walls rarely move, but what happens inside them changes constantly.

Floor plan used during the capacity study (see Exhibit A).

FACILITY CONSTRAINTS

- **Restrooms:** Beard – 3 Bathrooms on the K-2 Hallway and one Communal bathroom with multiple stalls for the 3-5 Hallway
- Built 1968; 10 acres; cafeteria 2,815 sq ft
- Well maintained
- **Capacity:** Beard 427; Carnall 342

EXHIBIT 'A'



FLOOR PLAN

$$1/16'' = 1'-0''$$

Current Year
Enrollment Date: 12/03/2025
Membership Day : 72

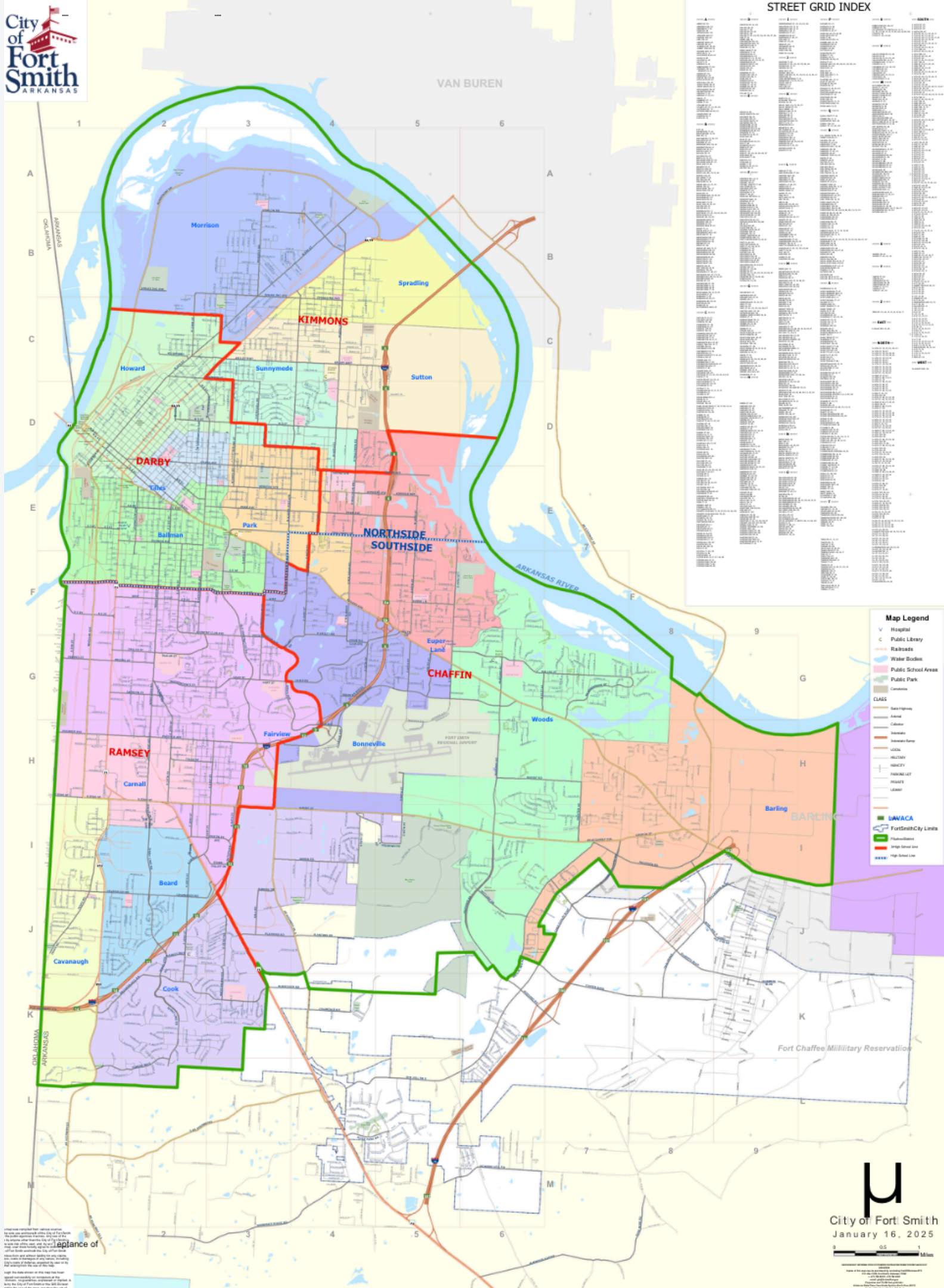
Total Enrollment: 13,096	
Ballman Elementary School	323
Barling Elementary School	302
Beard Elementary School	239
Bonneville Elementary School	258
Carnall Elementary School	152
Cavanaugh Elementary School	261
Chaffin Middle School	777
Cook Elementary School	495
Darby Middle School	711
Euper Lane Elementary	339
Fairview Elementary School	561
Fort Smith Virtual Academy	70
Howard Elementary School	258
Kimmons Middle School	720
Morrison Elementary School	443
Northside High School	2,089
Park Elementary School	340
Ramsey Middle School	762
Raymond F Orr Learning Academy	95
Southside High School	2,027
Spradling Elementary School	275
Sunnymede Elementary School	524
Sutton Elementary School	308
Tilles Elementary School	290
Woods Elementary School	479
Total Enrollment:	13,096

Enrollment

- 2 over 500
- 3 between 400-499
- 5 between 300-399
- 6 between 200-299
- 1 between 100-199

Enrollment Change

- 3 over 500
- 3 between 400-499
- 5 between 300-399
- 4 between 200-299
- 0 between 100-199



Spradling Recommended Boundary Proposal

Elementary Zone Proposal – Spradling “A”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	308 *
Spradling Elementary School	506	405	275

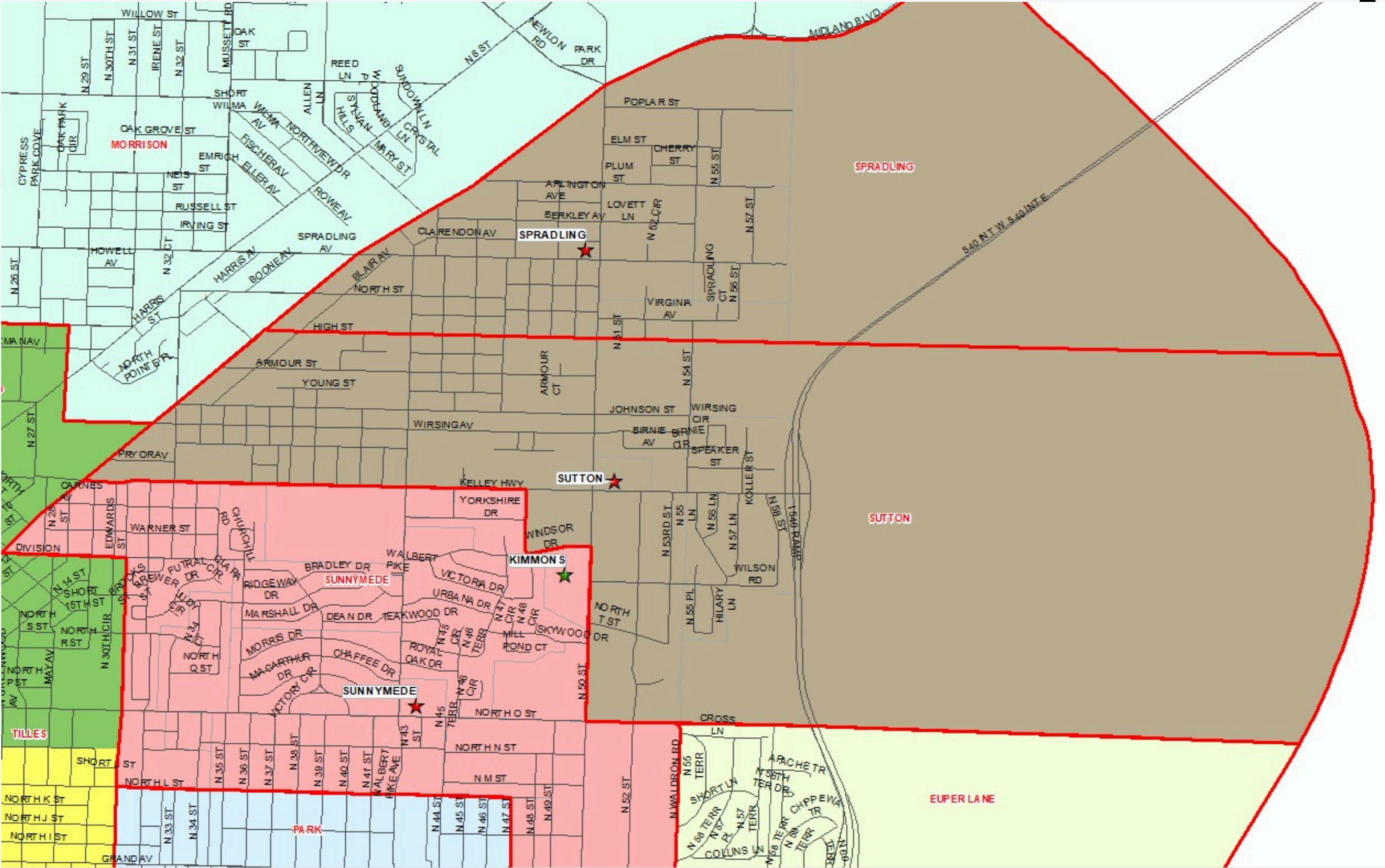
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Spradling “A” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	583 *

Moving entire Spradling Elementary Zone to the Sutton Attendance Zone

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Spradling Boundary Proposal “B”

Elementary Zone Proposal – Spradling “B”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	308 *
Spradling Elementary School	506	405	275
Morrison Elementary School	638	510	443 *

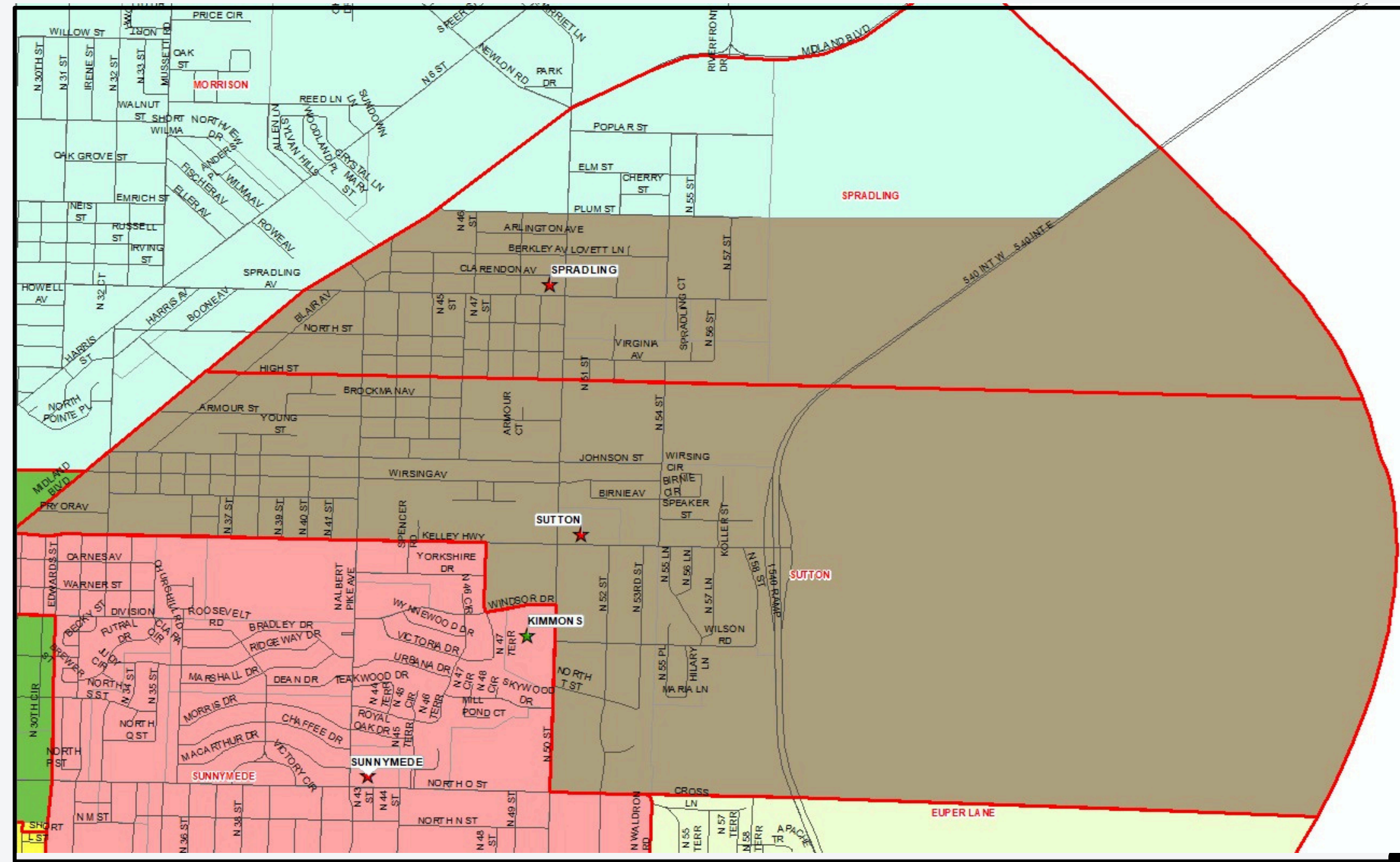
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Spradling “B” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	537 *
Morrison Elementary School	638	510	489 *

Morrison Elementary Zone expansion proposed East of Midland Boulevard and North of Plum Street (46)

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Spradling Boundary Proposal “C”

Elementary Zone Proposal – Spradling “C”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	308 *
Spradling Elementary School	506	405	275
Sunnymede Elementary School	743	594	524 *

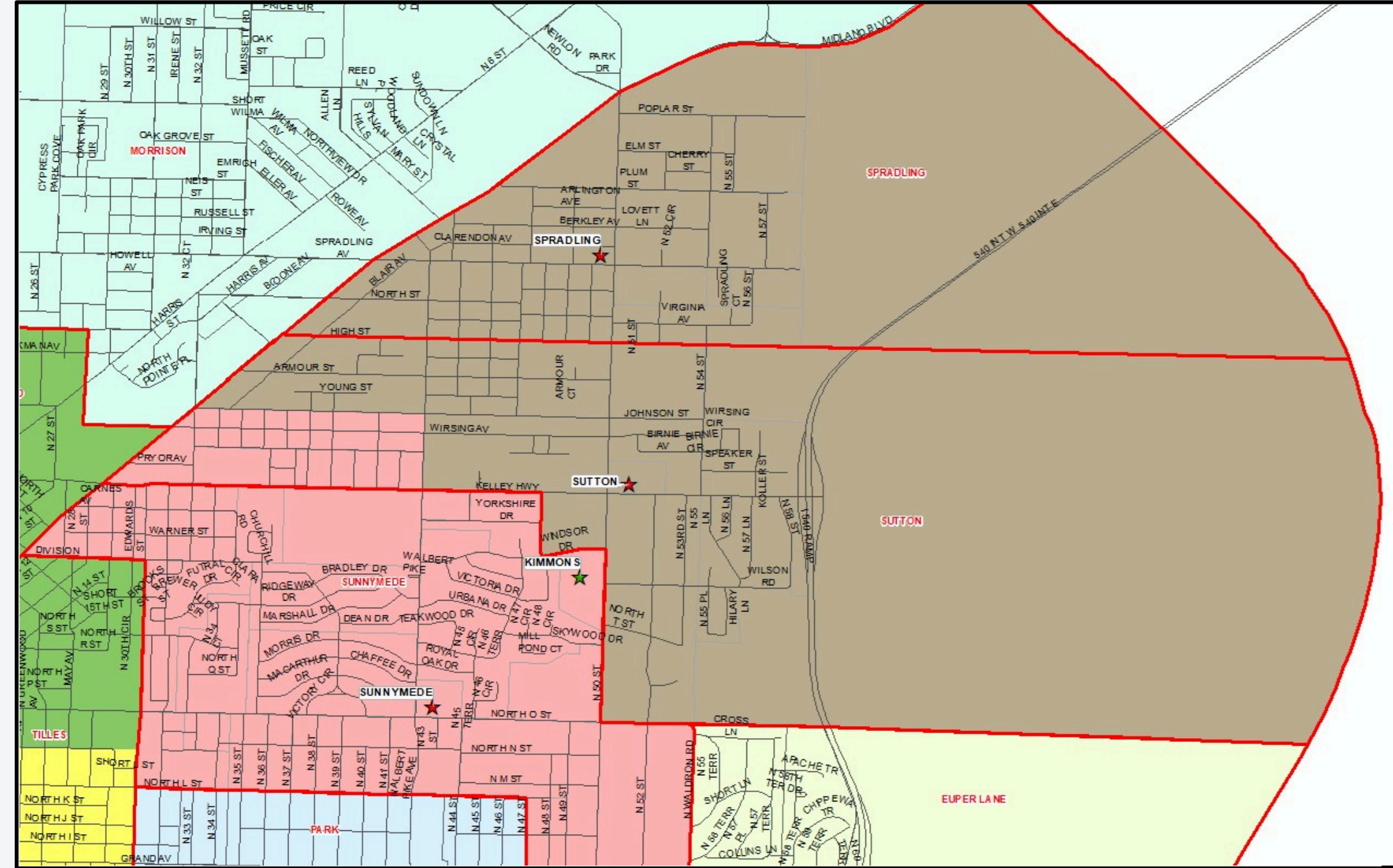
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Spradling “C” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Sutton Elementary School	701	561	515 *
Sunnymede Elementary School	743	594	592 *

Sunnymede Elementary Zone expansion proposed South of Johnson Street & West of N Albert Pike Avenue (68)

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Carnall Recommended Boundary Proposal

Elementary Zone Proposal – Carnall “A”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	261 *
Carnall Elementary School	342	274	152 *
Beard Elementary School	427	342	239

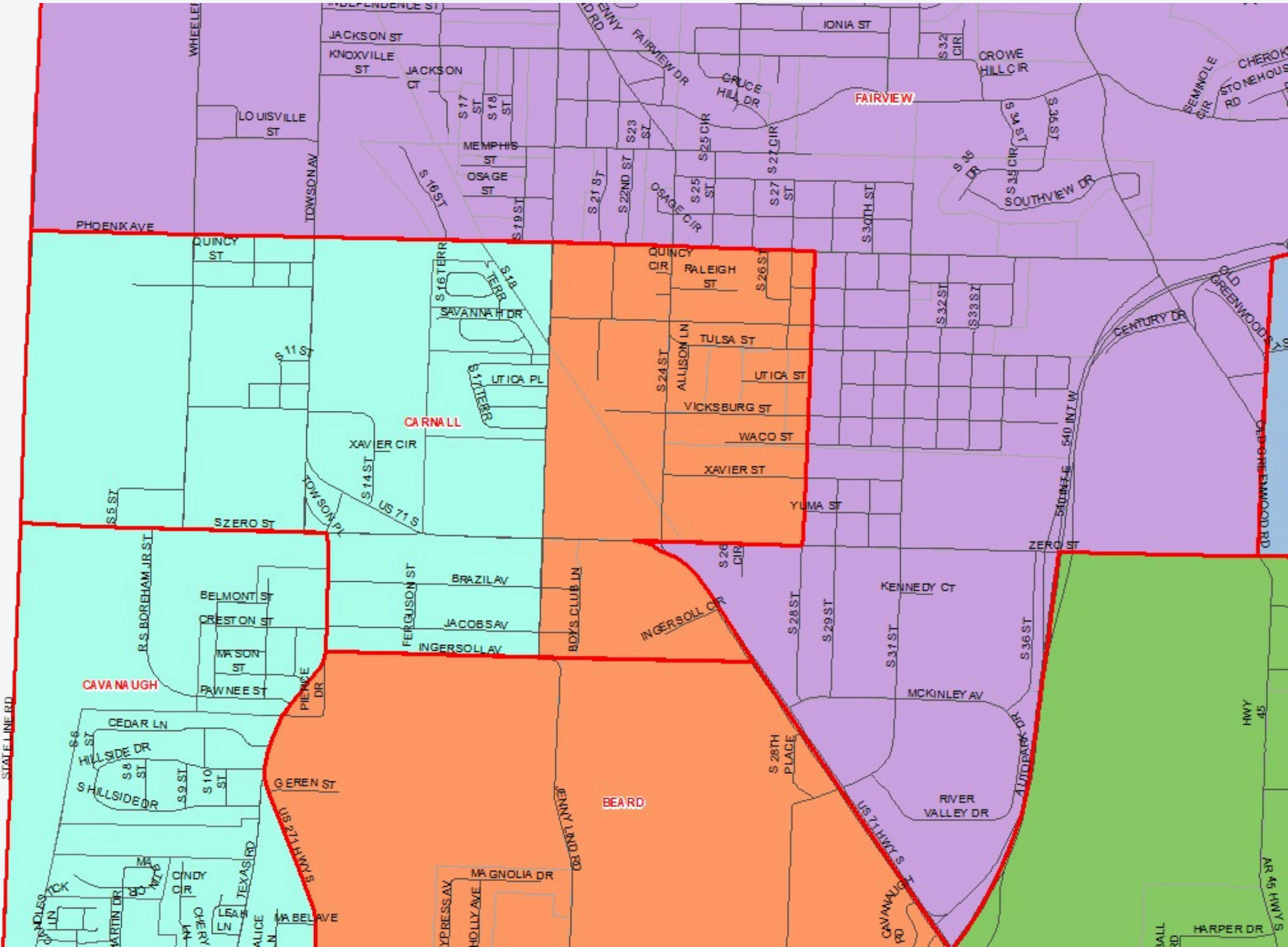
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Carnall “A” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	363
Beard Elementary School	427	342	289

Expanding Beard Elementary Zone East of Jenny Lind Road and move the remainder of current Carnall Zone to Cavanaugh Elementary

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Carnall Boundary Proposal “B”

Elementary Zone Proposal – Carnall “B”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	261 *
Carnall Elementary School	342	274	152 *
Beard Elementary School	427	342	239

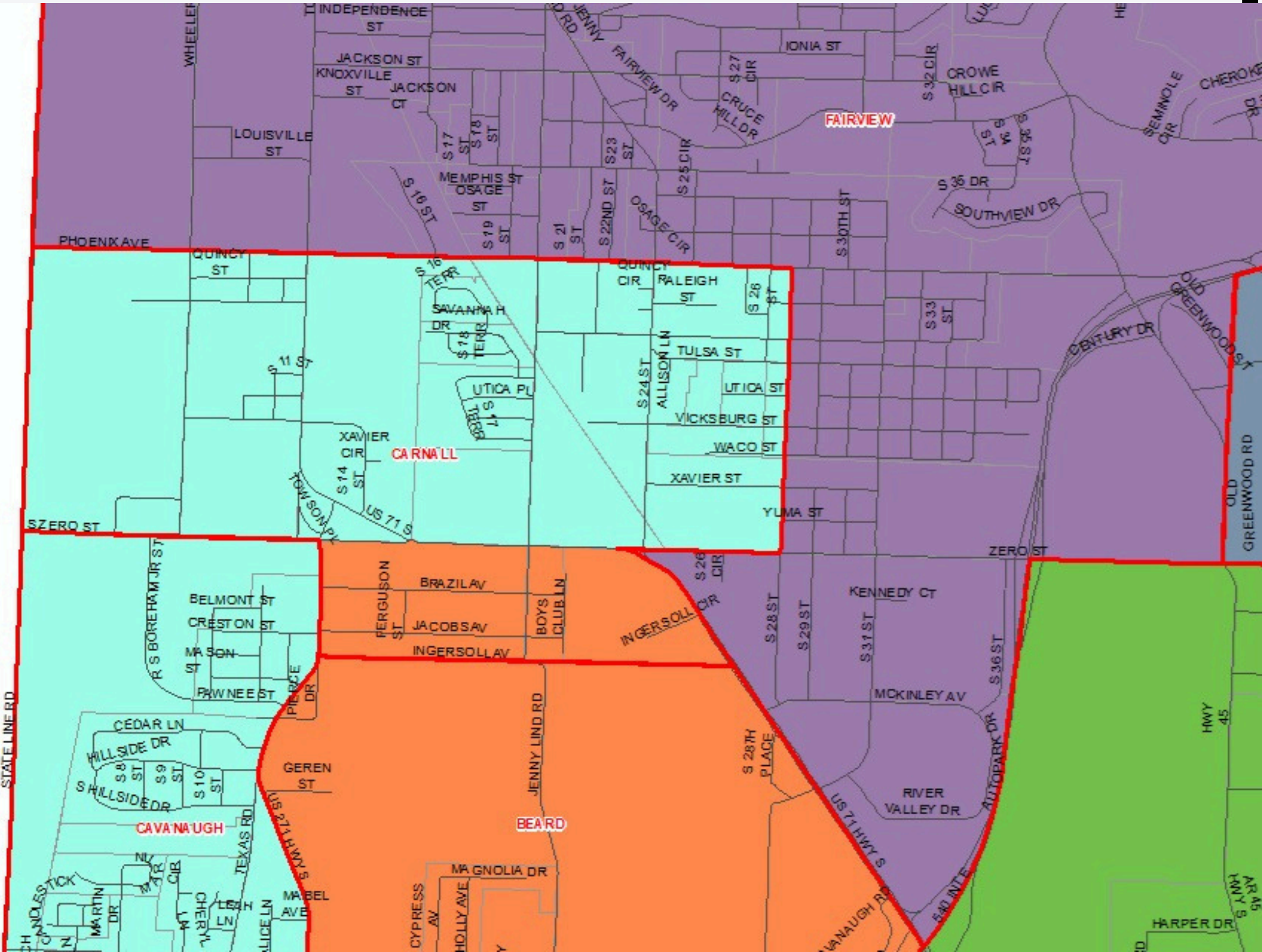
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Carnall “B” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	365
Beard Elementary School	427	342	287

Expanding Beard Elementary Zone South of Zero Street and move the remainder of current Carnall Zone to Cavanaugh Elementary

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Carnall Boundary Proposal “C”

Elementary Zone Proposal – Carnall “C”

Existing Campus Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	261 *
Carnall Elementary School	342	274	152 *
Beard Elementary School	427	342	239

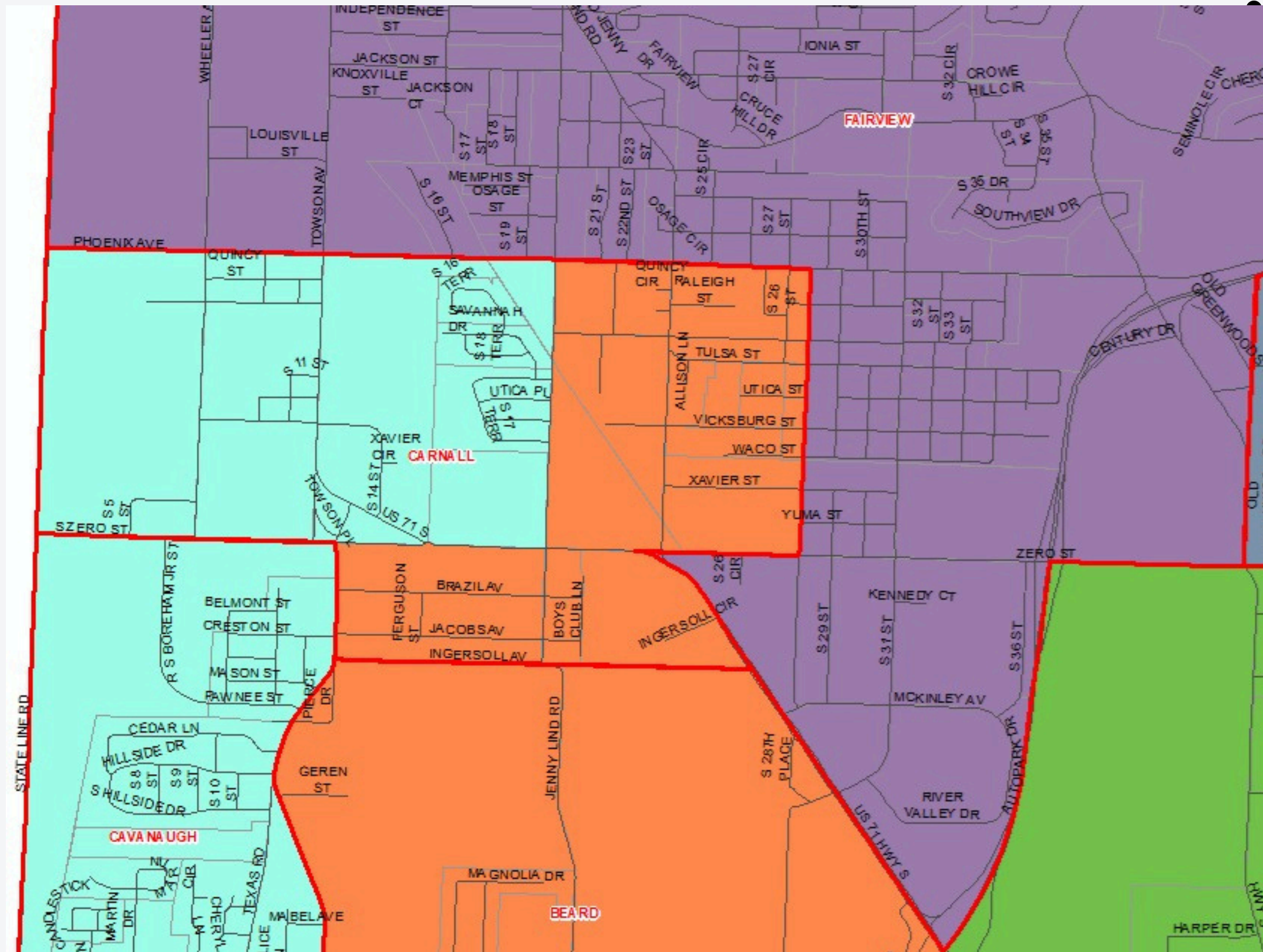
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Proposed Elementary Zone – Carnall “C” Enrollment

Campus	Max Capacity	80% Capacity	2025/26 Enrollment
Cavanaugh Elementary School	467	374	351
Beard Elementary School	427	342	301

The areas south of Zero Street and East of Jenny Lind Road is moved to Beard Elementary. The remainder of the Carnall Elementary zone to be moved into the Cavanaugh Elementary zone.

**Does NOT include Pre-K Student Numbers*



Recommendations

Carnall Elementary will close at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Administration recommends that the Board approve adjusting the Beard and Cavanaugh boundary attendance lines to absorb the Carnall Elementary students.

If the Board agrees, the motion will read:

Move to approve the Carnall Elementary Boundary Proposal “A” as recommended.

Recommendations

Spradling Elementary will close at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Administration recommends that the Board approve moving the entire Spradling Elementary attendance zone into the Sutton attendance zone.

If the Board agrees, the motion will read:

Move to approve the Spradling Elementary Boundary Proposal A as recommended.



Next Steps

01

Board Vote
January 26, 2026

02

Parent/ Staff
Meetings

03

Long Range Facilities
Planning Committee