

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Proposed Elementary School Attendance Re-zoning for 2013-14

Board Goal:

- I. Vision... In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

- IV. Parent & Community Involvement... In the 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 ... 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

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to provide Board of Trustees with the proposed elementary school re-zoning plan for the 2013-14 school year (Denton ISD – Eastern Sector). Paloma Creek Elementary School is at its functional capacity limit of 740 students. Growth projections indicate the school to increase well over this amount if modifications to the zones are not made next year. The proposed modifications (Option #1) are to rezone approximately 115 students from the Paloma Creek ES attendance zone to Providence ES. This will balance student populations and provide capacity at existing campuses for future growth. Option #2 is to allow approximately 30 + students to remain at Paloma Creek ES.

Elementary Re-zoning Project Plan	
Project Action	Date
Staff Presentations – Paloma Creek ES & Providence ES	Sept. 26, 2012 & Sept. 28, 2012
Letters sent to parents (English & Spanish)	Sept. 27, 2012
Public Hearing – Providence ES (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)	Oct. 10, 2012
Visual Presentation & Public Comment Forum Uploaded to District Homepage	Oct. 11, 2012
Public Hearing – Paloma Creek ES (7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)	Oct. 12, 2012
Board Workshop – Central Administration Building (6:00 p.m.)	Oct. 23, 2012
Board Consideration of Zones – Central Administration Building (6:00 p.m.)	Nov. 13, 2012

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Objectives:

- Review and adjust attendance zones to relieve campus overcrowding
- Determine the impact of zone changes on elementary campuses
- Determine impact zone changes on future elementary school sites
- Review transfer policies and make recommendations to maintain attendance zones
- Review student assignment policies to manage capacity concerns
- Minimize movement and dislocation of students
- Balance District program services
- Establish clear and definable attendance boundaries
- Reduce school operational costs

Operational Impact:

Examine and modify elementary school attendance zones to relieve overcrowding at Paloma Creek Elementary School. Reorganization and/or hiring of additional staff may be needed to compensate for the increase of students at Providence ES.

Results:

Attachment #1 – 2013-14 ES Rezoning – Options 1&2

Other Options:

Option #2:

Allow approximately 30+ students (notched area) to stay at Paloma Creek ES. If approved, Paloma Creek ES is projected to reach functional capacity (740) a year earlier.