

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

November 15, 2016

Discussion of Attendance Boundary Modifications

Board Goals:

Vision - Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus.

Parent and Community Involvement – 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;

Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility – 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; create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools and our community; and, demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this workshop is twofold:

First, the purpose of the workshop is to provide the Board of Trustees an overview of proposed attendance boundary modifications to Navo Middle School in anticipation of the opening of Rodriguez Middle School for the 2017 – 2018 school year and to share the community's feedback gathered during informational meetings held on November 1 and November 2, 2016. We will also share considerations based on community feedback and student impact.

Second, we will share an overview of proposed attendance boundary modifications to Myers Middle School and McMath Middle School as the District continues to address the growth in the Pecan Creek area and the projected impact to the middle school campuses.

Objectives:

Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School Attendance Boundaries:

In anticipation of Rodriguez Middle School in the fall of 2017, the District must consider an adjustment of the attendance boundary for Navo Middle School to include Rodriguez Middle School. Utilizing current enrollment, Templeton Demographics projections, and community feedback, the proposals for rezoning Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School attempt to address fast growth and anticipated future growth in the 380 corridor, which will balance

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student enrollment and provide equity in programs for both campuses. In doing so, the District team has gathered feedback from the community during two community presentations in an effort to enrich our partnership with family and community members during this process. Our final objective will be to gather feedback from the Board of Trustees in consideration of the proposals and other possibilities for rezoning.

McMath Middle School and Myers Middle School

In accordance with the high school attendance boundary adjustment to align the Denton High School feeder pattern in 2015, we propose making an adjustment between Myers and McMath Middle Schools to match this adjustment. This includes any housing development between the areas of McKinney Street, South Woodrow Lane, San Jacinto Boulevard, Dallas Street and Duncan Street. The goal is to balance student enrollment and work toward a true vertical feeder pattern, which according to current demographic data is accomplished for the next 7-8 years.

Operational Impact:

Operational impact of rezoning for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School is aligned with previous campus openings in the District, and has been budgeted as such. Proposals allow for examination and modification to middle school attendance boundaries in the 380 corridor (Braswell zone) to address fast growth and future growth in this area. Collaboration between all District divisions has been essential and will be ongoing.

Operational impact of rezoning for McMath Middle School and Myers Middle Schools is anticipated to be minimal, but beneficial in addressing the growth and future growth within the Pecan Creek area. Proposals allow for examination and modification to middle school attendance boundaries to relieve anticipated crowding at Myers Middle School.

Results:

Advantages:

Modifications to the Navo Middle School attendance boundary addresses the fast growth of the 380 corridor with the opening of Rodriguez Middle School in the fall of 2017. The proposals also address the need for a middle school #9 in the future. Careful consideration of attendance boundary modifications for Navo Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School should create enough flexibility in capacity at each of the two campuses to postpone an additional middle school in the 380 area and the need to rezone attendance boundaries in the very near future.

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Modifications to the McMath Middle School and Myers Middle School attendance boundaries address the fast growth of the Pecan Creek area and the impact to enrollment capacity anticipated. Consideration of rezoning proposals for McMath and Myers will also allow for alignment with Denton High School and Ryan High School attendance zones, creating a more stable feeder pattern between the middle schools and the high schools in these two zones.

Disadvantages:

Modifications to attendance boundaries is always difficult for families and communities. However, the District will continue to seek feedback and explore as many feasible options as possible.

Other Options:

For Navo and Rodriguez middle schools, district staff can explore additional options, as needed, to adjust and balance enrollment at the two middle schools of the 380 corridor.

For McMath and Myers, the District could maintain current attendance and allow for transfers until the impacted campuses reach capacity. Maintaining current boundaries would require the District address attendance boundaries in the near future to address enrollment capacity. The disadvantage to this option may be the lack of alignment between the middle school campuses and high school campuses, which creates a disruption to the student learning communities transitioning between middle school and high school.