

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 17, 2025



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Reconfiguration of Stephen F. Austin Elementary School Attendance Zone

BOARD POLICY: FDB (Local)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure financial strength and provide the resources to equip and maintain quality facilities and educational programming.

FISCAL NOTE: 2.3 Million Dollars Yearly

Background Information:

- Attendance areas for each of the public schools of the District shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the School Board.
- SFA student enrollment has declined to 185 students. BISD is held to a comparability spending threshold by the Texas Education Agency. Because of the low enrollment at SFA, BISD is not in compliance.
- If the district does not comply, it will lose approximately \$2.3 million each year in Title I funding, which supports critical educational programs not just at SFA, but across the entire district, including funding for 37 teachers and staff. These funds provide resources for Math and Reading Interventionists, Instructional Coaches, para-professionals, Communities in Schools Case Managers, after-school tutorials, instructional materials, and professional development. TEA guidelines emphasize maintaining fiscal efficiency, and the disproportionate spending required to sustain SFA further challenges the district's ability to allocate resources equitably among all schools.
- Student enrollment numbers for comparable campuses are: Brannen-730, Rasco-713, Roberts-657, Beutel-543, Freeport Elementary- 595, Ogg-510, Griffith-479, Lanier-436, Polk-390, SFA-189.

Administrative Considerations:

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- It is the recommendation of the administration for students currently zoned to attend SFA Elementary to be rezoned to neighboring BISD campuses based on their grade levels beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Specific campus assignments are as follows:
 - Pre-K through 2nd grade: Freeport Elementary School
 - 3rd through 5th grade: Lanier Elementary School
 - 6th grade: Freeport Intermediate School
 - 7th and 8th grade: Freeport Intermediate School (these students are already zoned here)
 - 9th through 12th grade: Brazosport High School (these students are already zoned here)
- The receiving campuses have plenty of space for the additional students. Currently, at SFA there are 23-PreK students, 23-Kindergarten students, 20-1st graders, 19-2nd graders, 25-3rd graders, 23-4th graders, 27-5th graders, 25-6th graders.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- District Website
- Staff Meetings
- Parent Communication
- Local Media

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Respectfully submitted,

Danny Massey
 Superintendent of Schools