

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

November 10, 2015

Proposed Elementary School Attendance Rezoning for 2016-2017

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 & 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 ... 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 the Board of Trustees with the proposed elementary school rezoning plan to accommodate enrollment growth in the current Cross Oaks, Paloma Creek, Pecan Creek, Providence and Savannah elementary school attendance zones. Without making any changes to attendance boundaries, enrollment is projected to be 672 at Cross Oaks, 697 at Hawk, 684 at Paloma Creek, 717 at Pecan Creek, 689 at Providence and 750 at Savannah and 548 at Stephens in 2016-2017. The opening of Catherine Bell Elementary School and an adjustment to the existing attendance boundaries for all the 380 campuses and Pecan Creek will result in projected enrollment of 683 at Bell, 617 at Cross Oaks, 701 at Hawk, 392 at Paloma Creek, 631 at Pecan Creek, 420 at Providence, 687 at Savannah and 542 at Stephens respectively. Additionally, adjusting the current attendance boundaries achieves three goals:

1. Addresses the fastest growth rate in the district along the 380 corridor,
2. Relieves overcrowding at Pecan Creek and balances enrollments at all 380 elementary campuses, and
3. Allows for long term planning to address district growth projections, keeping the elementary schools as small as possible for as long as possible.

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Elementary School Rezoning Project Plan	
Project Action	Date
Planning meetings to review enrollment projections and draft proposed plan	April 2015 - October 2015
Letters, sent to parents (English & Spanish) with reminder emails and phone calls	October 22, October 29 and November 1, 2015
Public input meetings held at Paloma Creek and Pecan Creek (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)	November 3 and November 5, 2015
Visual presentation & public input uploaded to district homepage	November 10, 2015
Board Workshop – Central Administration building (6:00 p.m.)	November 10, 2015
Board consideration of rezoning proposal – Central Administration building (6:00 p.m.)	December 8, 2015

Objectives:

- Determine the impact of zone changes on elementary, middle and high school campuses
- Review and adjust attendance zones to relieve campus overcrowding
- Review transfer policies and make recommendations to maintain attendance zones
- Review student assignment policies to manage capacity concerns
- Establish clear and definable attendance boundaries
- Reduce school operational costs
- Address significant growth along the 380 corridor and Pecan Creek area

Operational Impact:

Examine and modify elementary school attendance zones to relieve overcrowding at Pecan Creek and provide for the successful opening of Catherine Bell Elementary School.

Results:

- Attachment #1 – Proposed 2016-2017 Elementary School Rezoning Presentation
- Attachment #2 – Public Meeting Summary of Comments and Questions

Other Options:

Direct staff to develop additional rezoning scenarios