



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 5/16/2018 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Dave Valenzuela

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

The District is seeking board approval for a bussing/boundary realignment affecting Madrona Elementary, Applegate School, Williams Elementary and Lincoln Savage Middle School. This proposal has been discussed several times in public meeting and we have hosted a community feedback forum. (1) This proposal would reroute students on Hwy 238 from Murphy Creek Rd to Williams. The current turnaround in this proposal is near Pennington Farms on Hwy 238. This would affect 8 elementary students. (2) The second part of this proposal affects North Applegate Rd. Currently students from Noble Dairy to Hwy 238 attend Madrona. The new proposal is to adjust the cut off at Springbrook Rd the total number of students affected will that will be affected 11; (7 middle school and 4 elementary students) Cut off will be SPRINGBROOK RD ON N APPLGATE. All of Springbrook and 8951-18493 & 8980-18960 North Applegate Rd, including Kubli, & Missouri Flat Rd. (no additional route cost) If the section on N APPLGATE RD between Board Shanty Rd and Springbrook is included. The students count remains the same. The cutoff point would be 8773-18493 & 8800 -18960 N Applegate Rd. (no additional route cost)

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The District is always looking at efficiencies in our bus routes and the makeup of our attendance boundaries. This particular proposal is motivated by an effort to balance out class sizes at Madrona, Applegate and Williams. This proposal lowers the student numbers at Madrona, a school that is very full at the moment. It also increases numbers at Williams and Applegate, two schools that are very much under capacity as it relates to student numbers.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Balancing of class sizes and improving learning environments. The district will also include a cutoff route for students that wish to remain at Madrona should this realignment be approved. The bus stop would be located near the Murphy store. It would require parents to transport to some degree in order to get to the intermediate stop. We would maintain this stop after the first year provided it was cost neutral to the transportation budget.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Some students would have to change schools and change can be hard on families.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

We could leave the boundaries as the are now. The boundaries could be partially approved.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No