

**Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: March 19, 2012
Presented by: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Consider 2012-13 Middle School Attendance Zones

Action Item

BOARD GOAL:

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Following the successful redrawing of the intermediate school attendance zones in May, 2011, it became clear that the identical zones could work well for the district's two middle schools. With the assistance of the Districts' demographer, Population and Survey Analysts (PASA), staff presents the attached map for consideration for 2012-13 middle school level attendance zones.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of new attendance zones for Permenter and Coleman middle schools.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

Motion to approve new attendance zones for Permenter and Coleman middle school campuses.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

N/A

CONTACT PERSON:

L. Kim Lewis, Chief Operating Officer

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A

ENCLOSURES:

Copy of memo for public information
Proposed zoning map



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Following the closure of Belt Line Intermediate School at the end of the 2010 academic year, the Cedar Hill ISD Board of Trustees voted to re-align the attendance zones for West and Joe Wilson Intermediate schools. The boundary line between those 2 schools is now the more-or-less straight, east-west line created by FM 1382 / Beltline Rd. / Mansfield Rd.

At the time of the Intermediate School zone realignment, the Board and Administration believed the simplicity of that single east-west dividing line might also work well for the District's two Middle schools, Permenter and Coleman. In recent months Administration has been able to confirm through the district's demographer that the exact zone alignment approved for the Intermediate schools will work very well for the Middle schools.

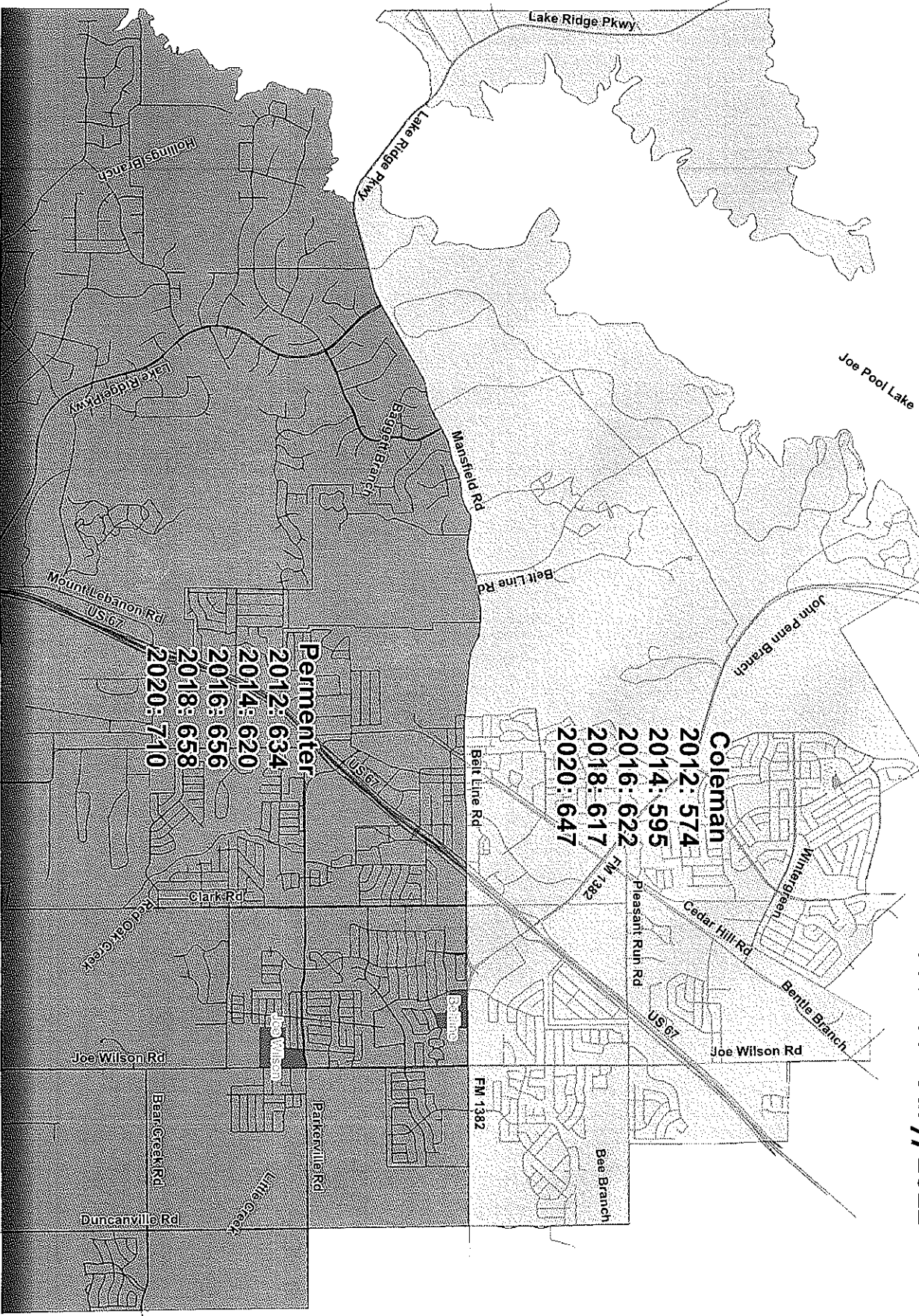
One very compelling benefit of the proposed Middle school realignment is that a student may enter Grade 5 and continue all the way through Grade 12 with the same set of friends. Indeed, because of the alignment of the Elementary school zones, a very large percentage of Cedar Hill students can begin at Kindergarten and matriculate through Grade 12 with their same friends. Another benefit of the proposed zone change is that the two Middle schools will be much better balanced in student enrollment.

The striped area on the reverse, Map B, indicates the neighborhoods that will be affected by the proposed change. Under the proposal, students who currently attend the 7th grade and reside in that striped area would be allowed to choose which campus they attend for the 8th grade during 2012-13. Current year 6th graders would enroll in the 7th grade for 2012-13 based upon their residence according to Map A.

Two public hearings are scheduled for the purpose of soliciting citizen input. The first one is Tuesday, February 28. The second is Thursday, March 8. Both will be held in the Performing Arts Center on the High School campus at 7:00 p.m.

Individuals may also provide input at superintendent@chisd.net.

**Projected Geo-Coded Middle School Students
by Potential Attendance Zones
Data Revised: January, 2012**



Coleman
 2012: 574
 2014: 595
 2016: 622
 2018: 617
 2020: 647

Permenier
 2012: 634
 2014: 620
 2016: 656
 2018: 658
 2020: 710