



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**8A. Report**

**November 14, 2005**

**SUBJECT: KISD ATTENDANCE ZONE PROCESS & BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS UPDATE**

**BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence**

**All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of the district's mission.**

**FISCAL NOTES: None**

**Background Information:**

- The process to establish new elementary attendance zone boundaries for the 2005-2006 school year began in August 2005. The new elementary attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's two new elementary schools that will open in Fall 2006. The new intermediate and new middle school attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's newest intermediate and middle schools that will open in Fall 2006.
- Two valuable resources the district has used to help create new attendance zone boundaries and to help provide an improved communication link between the district and our constituents regarding attendance modifications are the following:
  - 1) A newly formed committee called the Internal Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (IBARC). This primary purpose of the IBARC were for the following reasons:
    - A. Review proposed boundary scenarios and provide feedback and discussion to help ensure that the best boundary scenario is brought before the public and the KISD Board of Trustees.
    - B. Allow for better communication to our district regarding the proposed attendance zone adjustments. The IBARC allows the district to better communicate with parents and staff in a much more effective manner regarding the proposed attendance zone changes.
    - C. Allow more time for planning purposes. In the past, the boundaries have been approved in early spring. Under this new format, our goal will be to hold the public hearings in late fall and hopefully gain board approval in January 2006. This will allow for extra planning time for staffing changes, building preparation, etc.

2) Creation of new KISD boundary web-site which can be located at <http://www.kellerisd.net/boundarychanges.asp> . This web-site displays information regarding the following items:

- A. Site locations where new facilities are being constructed
- B. KISD boundary guidelines and principles for creating new attendance zones
- C. Meeting dates and times regarding public hearings for new attendance zones
- D. Timeline for attendance zone process as well as school board timeline for approval
- E. An email account was set up to allow for KISD residents to provide feedback, ask questions, and give suggestions and comments regarding the boundary change process.

- The district will hold two public hearings regarding the new attendance zones. These two meetings will allow the public to hear and view the proposed new attendance zones. This proposal will be the KISD administrations recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. The following are the dates, times, and locations of the two public hearings regarding the proposed new attendance zones:

Nov. 17, 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the Fossil Ridge High School Auditorium

Dec. 1, 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the Fossil Ridge High School Auditorium

Public input will be taken from KISD residents at these meetings.

#### **Administrative Considerations:**

- The Keller Independent School District continues to grow between 7-10% a year. The district will continue to grow at these levels for the foreseeable future.
- From October 2004 to October 2005, the district set a growth record by adding over 2,000 new students.

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Respectfully submitted,

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