

Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment

May 4, 2017



Review of Last Meeting

- On April 25, the Committee discussed the redistricting framework including the timeline, how the work will be performed and who will be involved in the process. In addition, the Committee discussed parameters to determine which schools should be considered for redistricting, the retention of external advisors, the composition of a new Committee and other considerations that are relevant to our school community.



What Principles Informed the Decision to Redistrict?

- The implementation of the Elementary Blueprint for Instruction should be equitable and consistent across all five elementary schools
- The Elementary Blueprint for Instruction should not be modified as a response to the imbalance in student enrollment
- Based on the most recent demographic study, the elementary enrollment for the coming five years can be projected with about $\pm 5\%$ certainty and does not appear to correct the current building enrollment disparities
- Redistributing students to schools that have capacity is a cost effective solution and would allow for flexibility in responding to future enrollment experience.



Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting?

- Target range of students = 450-500 students

Projected Enrollment for 2017-18:

Beaumont = 385

Devon = 600

Hillside = 415

New Eagle = 481

Valley Forge = 500

Beaumont, Devon and Hillside all fall outside of the target range . . . therefore it makes sense at this time to involve these schools in the redistricting plan



Criteria to be Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas

- Numbers of students – target range for schools 450-500 students
- Minimize disruption – 3 schools: Devon, Beaumont, Hillside; option for 4th grade “homesteading”
- Transportation routes – time on bus, rostering
- Contiguous neighborhoods
- Proximity to attending schools
- Reasonably shaped attendance areas



Composition of Elementary Redistricting Committee

- Board Members
- Administrative Staff
- Parents
- External Facilitator
- Consultants as needed (Demographer, Transportation Supervisor, etc.)

Selection of Parent Volunteers

- Application available on website from May 23 to June 2
- Parent volunteers selected and notified Monday June 5



Timeline for Redistricting

- May 22, 2017 – Present redistricting option to School Board
- May 2017 – Solicit parent volunteers for Elementary Redistricting Committee
- June 2017 – First meeting(s) of Elementary Redistricting Committee
- Fall 2017 – Weekly meetings of the Elementary Redistricting Committee to develop plan along with periodic community updates
- December 2017 – Redistricting plan presented to School Board
- January 2018 – School Board votes on redistricting plan
- Spring 2018 – Administration implements transition plan with schools and families
- August 2018 – New attendance boundaries take effect
- August 2018 and beyond - Continue to monitor enrollment trends

