




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Valerie Jochen, Board President

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent of Schools 

Date: September 11, 2014

Subject: Consideration, discussion and possible action related to adopting elementary attendance zones to take effect for the 2015-16 school year

Agenda Item: K-1

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priorities A & B; Goals 1, 2 & 3

Background

In November 2013 voters in College Station ISD passed an \$83.5 million bond referendum for new facilities, renovations to current facilities and other projects. One of the major projects in the 2013 bond referendum was the construction of Spring Creek Elementary, the district's ninth elementary school. Opening a new elementary school in 2015-16 will necessitate an adjustment to the current elementary school attendance zones.

A Rezoning Committee was established in spring 2014 to review all of the issues that surround rezoning elementary campuses and ultimately make a recommendation for new elementary zones. The committee, comprised of 20 parents and community members, five staff members and six non-voting members, met a total of five times between March 27, 2014 and May 8, 2014.

The attendance zone recommendation meets the guiding principles established by the Board. The proposed zones allow for increased demographic comparability among the nine elementary schools with the range of low-SES students dropping from the current 34.8 point spread to a 27.9 point spread. The recommended zones would keep College Hills, South Knoll and Southwood Valley as Title I campuses. Finally, based on the enrollment projections from the 2014 demographic study, the new zones would allow for enrollment growth in the higher growth areas of the district.



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The Board of Trustees held three (3) public hearings to receive feedback on this rezoning recommendation: September 2nd, September 4th and September 10th. For those in the community who wished to provide feedback but were not able to attend a forum, the email address, feedback@csisd.org, was established. That feedback was shared with the trustees as well.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District adopt the elementary attendance zones recommended by the 2014 Rezoning Committee for the 2015-16 school year.