



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Valerie Jochen, Board President

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent of Schools

Date: August 15, 2014

Subject: Receive recommendation from Rezoning Committee for new 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.

The Board held three public hearings (2/26/14, 2/27/14 and 3/5/14) to hear feedback from the community about what the Board should consider when going through a rezoning process. Based on that community feedback the CSISD School Board discussed and adopted three guiding principles for new attendance zones at their March 18, 2014 meeting. These guiding principles provided the necessary direction for a rezoning committee to form their recommendation. The principles adopted by the board are listed below.

- Zone schools for a comparable composition of students
- Zone schools for growth
- Maintain three Title I Schools

After the Board agreed upon the guiding principles, a Rezoning Committee was established. 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.

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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 37.1 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.

The Board of Trustees has already set three (3) public hearings to receive feedback on this rezoning recommendation. Those dates, times and locations are listed below.

- Tuesday (9/2/14) 7:00 pm CSISD Board Room (1812 Welsh Ave.)
- Thursday (9/4/14) 5:00 pm CSISD Transportation Center (9304 Rock Prairie Road)
- Wednesday (9/10/14) Noon CSISD Transportation Center (9304 Rock Prairie Road)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District receive a report on the 2014 Rezoning Committee recommendation for new elementary school attendance zones for the 2015-16 school year.