



STONE MOUNTAIN AND CLARKSTON CLUSTER REDISTRICTING

ROUND 1 PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2017 6:30PM
FREEDOM MS

AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Redistricting Criteria

Round 1 Small Group Feedback

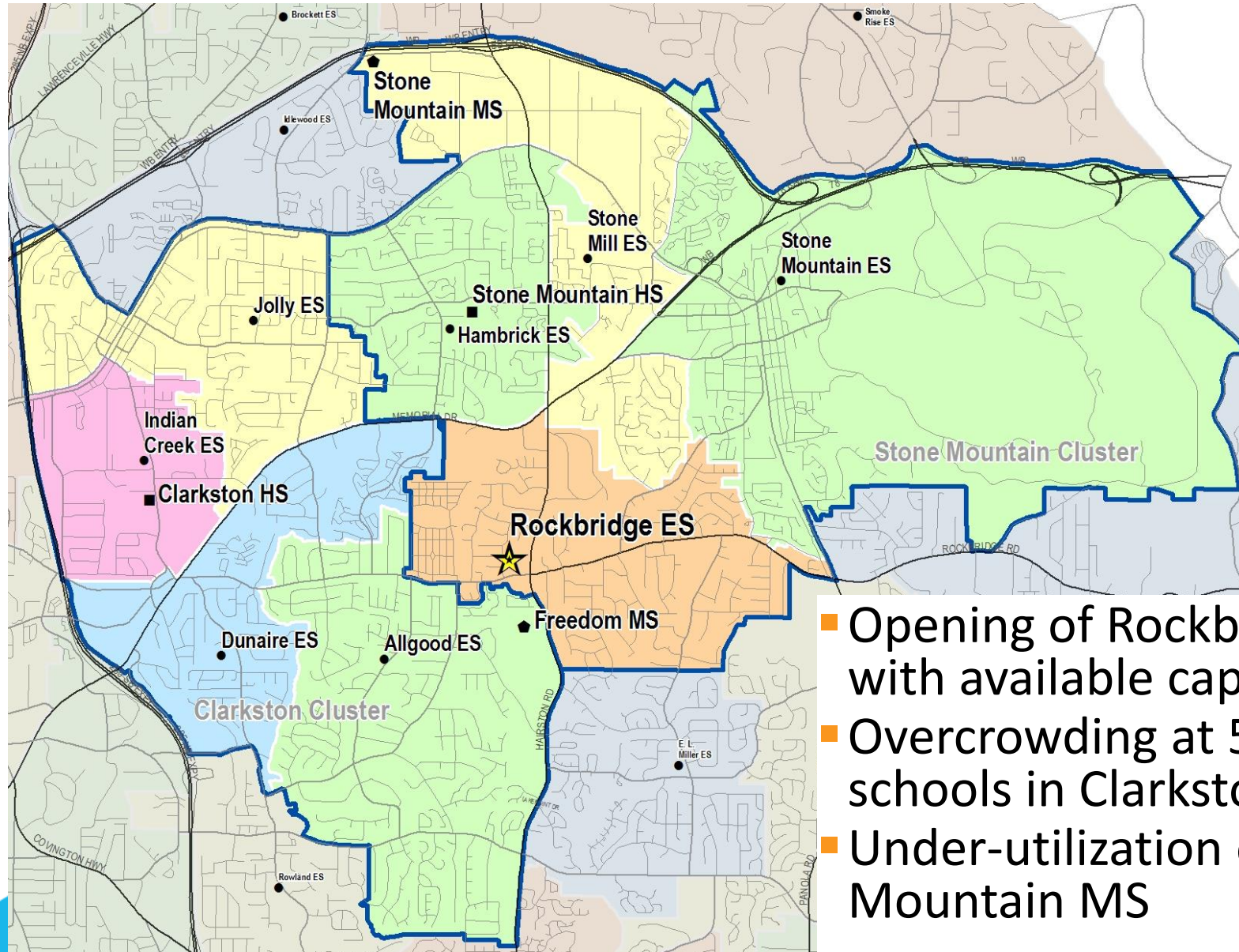


WHY REDISTRICTING?



- Rebuilt Rockbridge Elementary School
 - Opening January 2018
 - 900+ seat school
 - Hundreds of seats of available capacity

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- Opening of Rockbridge ES with available capacity
- Overcrowding at 5 of 6 schools in Clarkston Cluster
- Under-utilization of Stone Mountain MS

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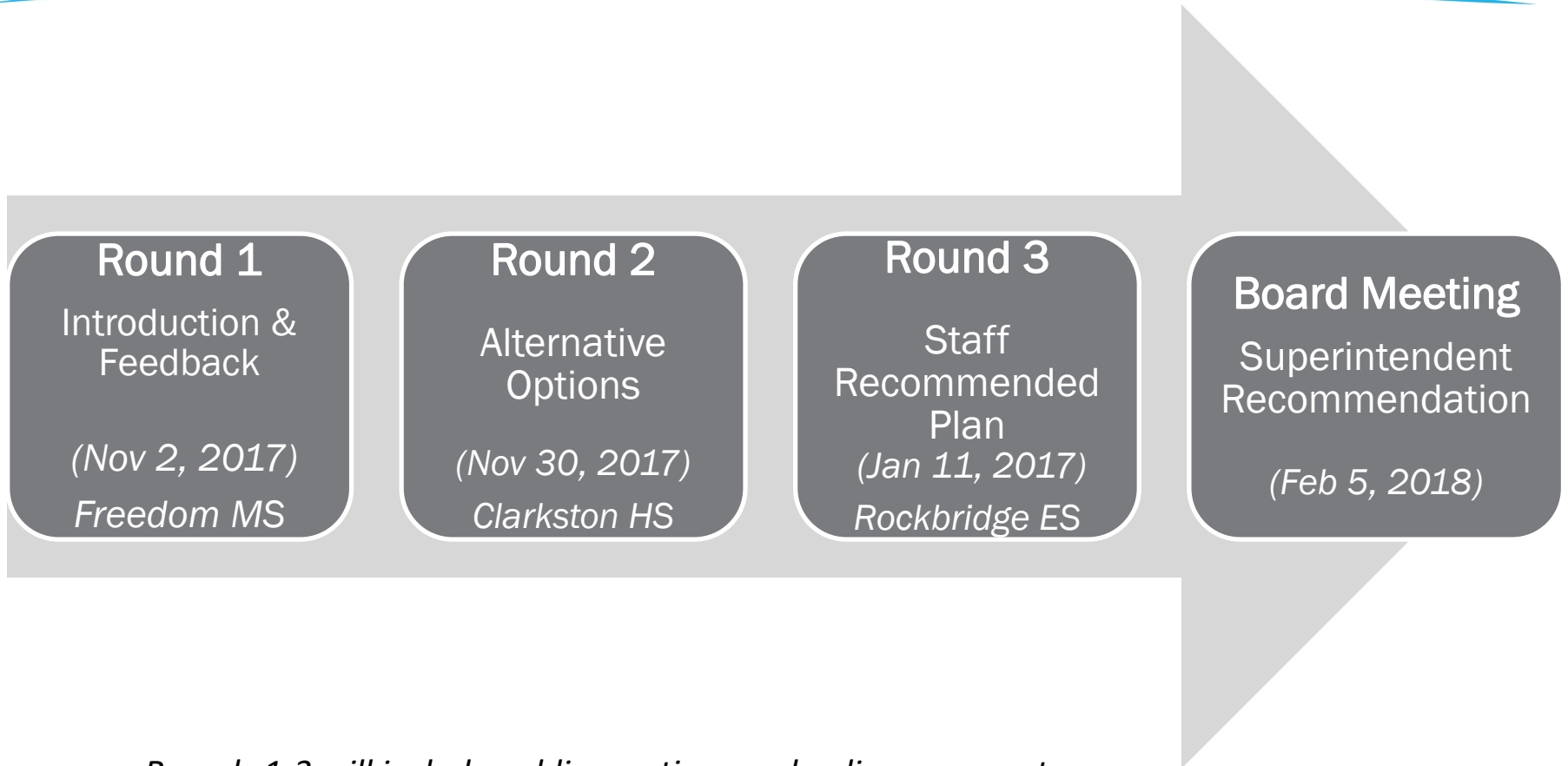


REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- Community meeting process
 - Everyone participates equally
 - Meetings starts with large group presentation
 - Divide into small-group break-out sessions
 - Small-groups facilitated by trained staff
 - Equity in the process
 - Focused discussion on the criteria
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS



Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment
www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting


REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- First Round – Freedom MS – November 2, 2017
 - Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria
 - Second Round – Clarkston HS – November 30, 2017
 - Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria
 - Third Round – Rockbridge ES – January 11, 2018
 - Objective: Collect community input on Staff Recommended Plan based on board approved criteria
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- All options presented would go into effect in August 2018
 - Students rising into 5th, 8th, 11th, and 12th grades will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided
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REDISTRICTING CRITERIA




- Board Policy AD: Alteration of School Attendance Areas defines primary and secondary criteria
- Primary Criteria, based on logistics
 - Geographic proximity
 - Instructional capacity
 - Projected enrollment

Note: Students may not always be assigned to their closest school, since other criteria must also be considered.



REDISTRICTING CRITERIA



- Secondary Criteria, when the primary criteria indicate more than one option for action
 - Safety and traffic patterns
 - Previous redistricting
 - Balancing of special programs, (i.e., ESOL, school choice, etc.)
 - School feeder alignment
 - Intact neighborhoods
 - Efficient and economical operations
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ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK OBJECTIVE




Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of four questions for discussion



ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK QUESTIONS




1. In terms of factors such as natural geographic barriers and homeowners associations, what neighborhood areas should remain together and why?
 2. What traffic concerns do you have that may impact the safe and timely transportation of students to and from schools?
 3. Are there any residential development trends or redevelopments in your area that may impact future school enrollment?
 4. Are there any special programs at your school that we need to be aware of?
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ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK

GROUND RULES



- Facilitators are objective participants
 - Can only consider input related to the criteria
 - DCSD commits to receiving and considering all appropriate input
 - Staff must balance multiple perspectives and logistical limitations in developing plans, thus not all input can be accommodated
 - Respect each others' opinions
 - Please write questions on note cards
 - Questions will be addressed on the website at www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting
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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

NEXT MEETING:

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2017 6:30PM
CLARKSTON HS

