



# AUSTIN ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

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ROUND 1 PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 7:00PM  
DUNWOODY HS

# AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Redistricting Criteria

Round 1 Small Group Feedback



# WHY REDISTRICTING?

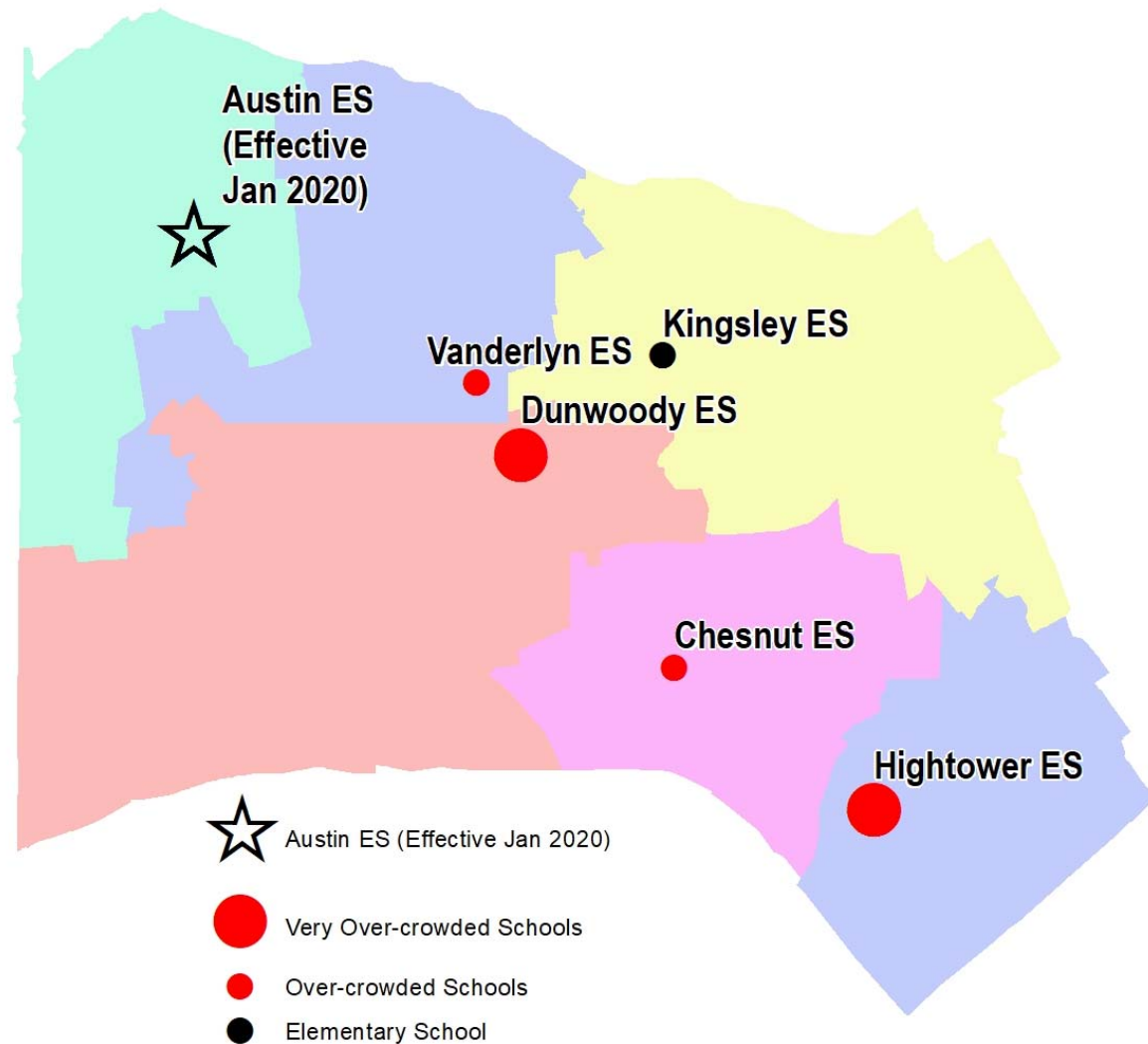


- Replacement 950-seat Austin Elementary School
  - Opening January 2020
  - About 450 seats of additional capacity

\*Note current Austin ES capacity is 500 seats, with 711 students enrolled

# WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Overcrowding at Dunwoody Cluster Schools
- Long-term, additional capacity will be needed to relieve overcrowding. Using the old Austin ES site is not feasible.



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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](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting)

# REDISTRICTING PROCESS




- First Round – Dunwoody HS – September 26, 2019
    - Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria
  - Second Round – Dunwoody HS– October 23, 2019
    - Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria
  - Third Round – Dunwoody HS– November 20, 2019
    - 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 2020
  - Students rising into 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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
    1. Safety and traffic patterns
    2. Previous redistricting
    3. Special programs
    4. School feeder alignment
    5. Intact neighborhoods
    6. 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. What traffic concerns do you have that may impact the safe and timely transportation of students to and from schools?
2. Which geographic features (such as roads, streams, etc.) or community areas (such as HOA's, civic organizations, etc.) should be considered?
3. What residential development are you concerned will influence the enrollment forecasts?
4. To better balance over-crowding in the Dunwoody Cluster, should the new Austin ES open with portable classrooms next Fall? Why or why not?

# 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](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting)
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# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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NEXT MEETING:

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2019 7:00PM  
DUNWOODY HS



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