



# PLEASANTDALE ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

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ROUND 1 PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 7:00PM  
LAKESIDE HS

# AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Redistricting Criteria

Round 1 Small Group Feedback

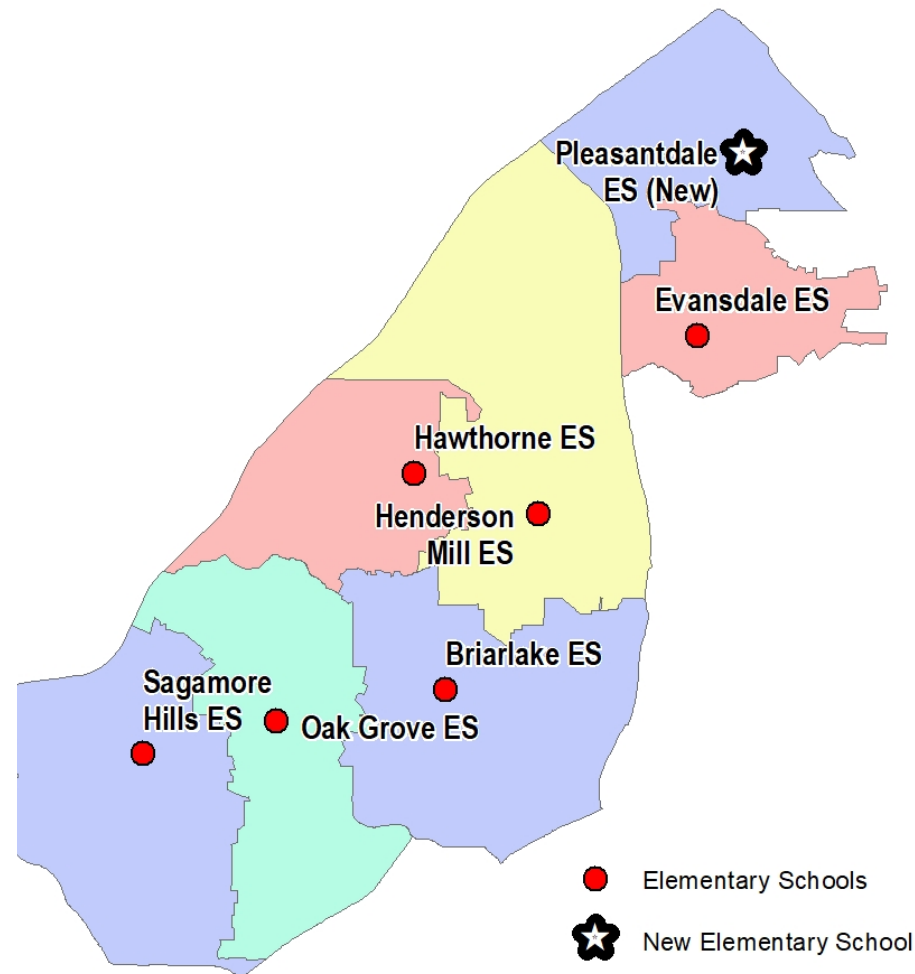
# WHY REDISTRICTING?



- Replacement 950-seat Pleasantdale Elementary School
  - Opening Fall 2020
  - About 350 seats of additional capacity (Current Enrollment: 637)

# WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Balance elementary enrollment in the Lakeside Cluster



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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



# REDISTRICTING PROCESS



*Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment*  
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# REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- First Round – Lakeside HS – September 24, 2019
  - Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria
- Second Round – Lakeside HS– October 15, 2019
  - Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria
- Third Round – Lakeside HS– November 18, 2019
  - Objective: Collect community input on Staff Recommended Plan based on board approved criteria



# 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
  - Safety and traffic patterns
  - Previous redistricting
  - Intact neighborhoods
  - Special programs
  - Condition of facility
  - School feeder alignment
  - 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

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1. What safety and traffic concerns do you have that redistricting could affect?
2. What community areas, such as homeowners or civic associations, should be considered as part of the intact neighborhood criterion?
3. What residential development are you concerned will influence the enrollment forecasts?
4. Should we look at redistricting of elementary schools in the Lakeside cluster, further away, such as Sagamore Hills ES, Oak Grove ES, and Briarlake ES?



# 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)



# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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NEXT MEETING:

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2019 7:00PM  
LAKESIDE HS



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