AUSTIN ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

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

Why Redistricting?
Redistricting Process
Redistricting Criteria
Enrollment Forecast & Round 1 Comments
Redistricting Options
Round 2 Small Group Feedback
WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Replacement 950-seat Austin Elementary School
  - Opening January 2020
  - About 450 seats of additional capacity
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 start with a 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
Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment
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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
All options presented would go into effect in August 2020.

Students rising into 5th grade will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided.

The Superintendent’s Recommendation is based on feedback from all three rounds of public engagement and may look nothing like the options presented tonight (round two).
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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.
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
COMMENTS FROM ROUND 1

▪ Relieve Dunwoody ES

▪ Concern about traffic, particularly on Roberts Drive, Mount Vernon Road, and neighborhood cut-through routes.

▪ Although not ideal, adding portable classrooms at Kingsley ES and the new Austin ES may be more equitable.
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THREE REDISTRICTING OPTIONS

- **Option 1:** Balance Enrollment
- **Option 2:** Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES
- **Option 3:** Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES
Option 1: Balance Enrollment

A. 179 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
B. 22 Vanderlyn ES Students to Austin ES
C. 22 Dunwoody ES Students to Vanderlyn ES
Option 1: Balance Enrollment

D. 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES
E. 65 Hightower ES Students to Kingsley ES
F. 4 Hightower ES Students to Chesnut ES
G. 15 Chesnut ES Students to Hightower ES
Option 2: Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES

A. 85 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
B. 1 Vanderlyn ES student to Austin ES
C. 22 Dunwoody ES students to Vanderlyn ES
Option 2: Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES

D. 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES

E. 25 Dunwoody ES students to Chesnut ES

F. 65 Hightower ES students to Kingsley ES
Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES

A. 199 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
B. 1 Vanderlyn ES Students to Austin ES
C. 22 Dunwoody ES Students to Vanderlyn ES
D. 35 Vanderlyn ES Students to Kingsley ES
E. 18 Dunwoody ES Students to Kingsley ES
**Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES**

**F.** 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES

**G.** 15 Chesnut ES Students to Hightower ES

**H.** 106 Hightower ES Students to Doraville United ES

*Area H will continue to feed into Peachtree MS/Dunwoody HS*
# THREE REDISTRICTING OPTIONS

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OBJECTIVE

Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of questions for discussion
1. Which option/focus do you feel best serves students in the Dunwoody Cluster?

2. What are the pros and cons of each option?

   - **Option 1:** Balance Enrollment
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ROUND 2 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
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

NEXT MEETING:
ROUND 3 PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2019 7:00PM
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