

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2020

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: FIRST READ: Approval of School Attendance Areas for the 2020-2021 School Year

QUICK SUMMARY ABSTRACT: (Presented by)

Ramona Tyson, Interim Superintendent

Daniel Drake, Interim Chief Operations Officer, Operations Division

REQUESTED ACTION: There is no action requested today as this is a first read of the proposed Elementary School Attendance Areas Map (dated 01/13/2020).

RATIONALE: The proposed school attendance areas are expected to provide relief to overcrowded schools in the Cross Keys and Dunwoody clusters, utilize the capacity of the new Doraville United ES facility and new Austin ES facility, and reduce the number of portable classrooms needed for the 2020-2021 school year.

DETAILS: It is the District's standard practice to consider conducting a redistricting process the school year before new capacity additions or new school facilities open. New school facilities will open for the new Doraville United Elementary, Austin Elementary, and Pleasantdale Elementary by or before Fall 2020. A redistricting process was conducted for each new school facility, for a total of three parallel redistricting processes from September to December 2019.

The Superintendent is recommending to the Board an "Interim Redistricting Plan" intended to prepare the way for the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP). The planning process for the CMP will take place during the 2020-2021 school year. This minimal redistricting recommendation is phase 1 for redistricting so as to not impact the comprehensive redistricting recommendations that are expected from the CMP.

The Superintendent's Interim Redistricting Plan was based on the public input and guided by the following goal:

1. Minimize disruption to families
2. Populate the new 950-seat Doraville United ES facility
3. Provide beginning relief to the Dunwoody Cluster
4. Commit to a Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP)

The Superintendent's Interim Redistricting Plan (see attached document) includes the following changes to the elementary school attendance areas:

1. No changes to the Pleasantdale Elementary Attendance Area or any other elementary school attendance area in the Lakeside Cluster at this time

2. Redistrict approximately 102 students from Dunwoody ES to Austin ES (Area A)
3. Redistrict approximately 108 students from Hightower ES to Doraville United ES (Area B)
4. Redistrict approximately 381 students from Dresden ES to Doraville United ES (Area C)
5. Redistrict approximately 209 students from Cary Reynolds ES to Doraville United ES (Area D)

This recommendation will result in a reducing the need for approximately 50 portable classrooms by Fall 2021 and reducing overcrowding for next school year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Elementary School Attendance Areas Map (dated 01/13/2020)
2. The Superintendent's Interim Redistricting Plan (dated 01/13/2020)