



Lake Washington School District
 Study Session of the Board of Directors

Date: April 24, 2017

Topic: Boundary Process Update

Purpose

The Board receives information on the scenarios developed to date by the boundary committee. The boundary committee is in the process of developing 2-3 scenarios for each Learning Community. Parents and community members will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input on scenarios at community feedback meetings in May.

Background

During the 2014-15 school year the district went through the process of changing attendance boundaries at the elementary level in all learning communities as part of a short-term plan to accommodate continuing growth. A Long-term Facility Planning Task Force spent 14 months developing recommendations in a variety of areas. Part of the recommendation was to build more schools and to replace/expand schools that no longer met the district’s educational specifications. LWSD Board of Directors placed a bond measure on the April 2016 ballot which proposed the following projects that would require school attendance boundaries to be updated:

- New elementary school in North Redmond – New Elementary – North Redmond
- New elementary school in Redmond Ridge – New Elementary – Redmond Ridge East
- New middle school in Redmond Ridge – New Middle School – Redmond Ridge

2017 Boundary Information:

New schools draw enrollment from other existing schools and may impact students feeding into the next level. In January 2017, a boundary committee will begin the process to determine the attendance boundaries for the following schools:

Elementary	Middle School
Alcott Elementary	Redmond Middle School
Dickinson Elementary	Evergreen Middle School
Einstein Elementary	New Middle School – Redmond Ridge
Mann Elementary	
Redmond Elementary	High School
Rockwell Elementary	Eastlake High School
Rosa Parks Elementary	Redmond High School
Wilder Elementary	
New Elementary – North Redmond	
New Elementary – Redmond Ridge East	

Boundary Committee Task:

The task of the boundary committee is to analyze the attendance areas of the schools possibly affected by new schools and current/potential overcrowding.

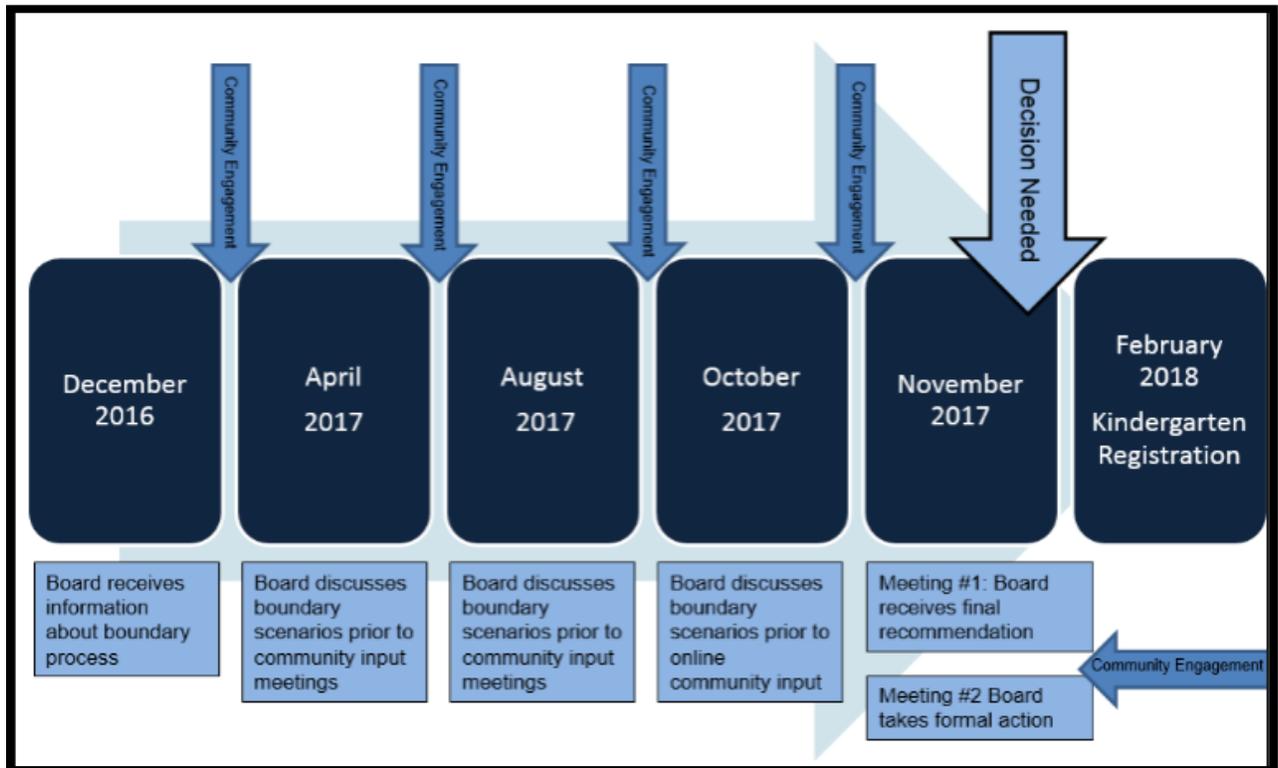
Boundary Committee Goal:

The goal of the committee is to develop a final recommendation that provides necessary changes to school attendance areas in order to:

- Redistribute students to existing schools
- Draw attendance boundaries for new schools
- Place district programs and choice schools

Boundary Process Timeline:

The timeline for the boundary committee process and parent engagement opportunities:



Initial Action To Date:

	Number of Scenarios Developed to date by the Committee
Redmond Learning Community	7

Boundary Committee Criteria:

Lake Washington School District is committed to providing high quality education to all students. As a public school system, we serve a diverse student body. We value diversity of race/ethnicity, gender, ability, and socio-economic status. State law and district policy specifies that attendance boundaries must not cause imbalance in diversity of student population. The committee will use criteria to evaluate boundary options.

The boundary committee has continued to use the boundary criteria to inform the development of potential options and scenarios. The criteria were prioritized by the community in a survey that was launched in January, 2017. The prioritized criteria are as follows:

1. Maintain neighborhoods to the extent possible
2. Minimize the number of students and families affected
3. Redistribute enrollment to match school capacity and accommodate growth
4. Minimize transportation impacts
5. Use natural boundaries to the extent possible
6. Provide proximity of special programs to the extent possible

Community Engagement:

The community has been invited to one of two community feedback meetings.

Boundary Feedback Meetings

May 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Redmond Middle School Cafeteria

May 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Evergreen Middle School Cafeteria

The community feedback meetings will be an open house format. Parents and community members are welcome to come anytime between 6:30-8:00 p.m. to review and provide feedback on the 2-3 scenarios. Parents and community members will be able to review the enrollment and capacity information for each proposed scenario. District staff will be present to provide information and answer questions. A feedback form will be given to each parent/community member so that he/she can give specific information for the committee to consider.

All scenario information will also be available online for parents/community members to review. Feedback forms will also be available online.

Future Board Action:

The superintendent will bring forward a recommendation for consideration to the Board of Directors in November, 2017.