



TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Penn Elementary families,

I am writing to share an update on the changes taking place in the McLain Feeder Pattern following the recommendations made by the North Tulsa Community Education Task Force.

On Tuesday, February 19, our Board of Education approved the recommendation to create a single middle school for the McLain Feeder Pattern at Monroe Demonstration Academy. Launching in the 2019-2020, this middle school will serve feeder pattern students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at the Monroe campus, which will be expanded to include the current Monroe building and the current Penn Elementary School building. We are excited about this opportunity to bring together our McLain Feeder middle grade students into one extraordinary school!

The expansion of Monroe means that students currently enrolled at Penn Elementary will have new neighborhood schools next year. **In the 2019-2020 school year, the students in the Penn area will have either Anderson Elementary School or Hawthorne Elementary School as their new neighborhood schools.** Both of these schools are wonderful learning communities, and their teachers and students look forward to welcoming you next year. With the additional students, both Anderson and Hawthorne will need more teachers, so your child may even have some of his or her favorite teachers from Penn at their new school! We are also happy to support you with sending your child to another neighborhood school in our district if you would prefer.

I know that you likely have many questions about what your child's school experience will look like next year. Over the coming weeks, we are working to schedule time for Penn families to meet teachers and school leaders from both Anderson and Hawthorne as well as representatives from our enrollment and transportation teams. Additionally, there will be opportunities for you and your child to visit their new neighborhood school before the end of the current school year.

These kinds of transitions can be challenging, and we know that your child has important peer and teacher relationships at Penn. If you believe that your child will be more successful if he or she is enrolled at the same schools as a particular classmates or relative, please talk with Principal Jackson to let her know about those needs. We are working to finalize the new neighborhood school assignments and will send an update to all Penn parents during the week of March 11.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at deborah.gist@tulsaschools.org or 918-746-6160 to share your feedback and questions.

Best,

Superintendent Deborah A. Gist

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