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New District Boundaries Set for Five Parkland Elementary Schools when Veterans Memorial Opens in Fall 2020

(Allentown) – On November 19, 2019, the Parkland Board of School Directors approved the boundaries and redistricting plan for the District's five southern elementary schools upon the opening of Veterans Memorial in the Fall of 2020.

The <u>newly proposed boundaries</u> for the southern elementary schools were presented for the School Board's consideration on October 15 during a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Town halls at the four existing southern schools followed during the last two weeks in October to allow for public input.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rod Troutman created the new boundaries using DecisionInsite software to generate equity between the elementary schools. He gave the School Board presentation and attended all the town hall meetings as well as answered many calls from residents over the past month. He stated, "The purpose of the redistricting effort is to alleviate crowding that is leading to large class sizes at Fogelsville, Jaindl, Parkway Manor and Cetronia and create equity in the number of students attending all Parkland elementary schools. Understanding that redistricting brings out strong emotions for some families, the Administration decided to allow families who were redistricted one time already during their tenure in elementary school, the choice to stay at their current school or move to their redistricted school."

Veterans Memorial will become the ninth elementary school in the District with Cetronia, Parkway Manor, Fogelsville, Jaindl and Veterans Memorial feeding into Springhouse Middle School. No changes were proposed for the northern elementary boundaries and Ironton, Schnecksville, Kernsville and Kratzer will continue to feed into Orefield Middle School.

Families can insert their address into the Proposed New Boundaries 2020 School Locator Tool to determine if their address is proposed to be redistricted at <u>this link</u>. A map of the entire school district with <u>proposed new</u> <u>boundaries can be viewed here</u>.

Beginning December 3, 2019, all affected families will be mailed a letter that will identify their new elementary school for the 2020-2021 School Year.