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# OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ron Meyer, Executive Director of Finance and Operations  
FROM: Troy Schreifels, Director of Facilities and Transportation Operations  
SUBJECT: Enrollment and Capacity (ECMAC) Study – STEM Magnet Move from Weaver Lake Elementary to Oak View Elementary  
DATE: September 20, 2019

At the January 7, 2019 ECMAC meeting, the advisory committee recommended additional consideration of moving the STEM program from Weaver Lake Elementary to Oak View Elementary. As part of this option for further consideration, a building addition would be made to Weaver Lake Elementary to address overcapacity concerns at elementary school(s) in the NW Maple Grove area.

The administrative team in transportation was tasked with reviewing the potential impacts that this option would have on each school. Moving Weaver Lake Elementary to Oakview Elementary would require Weaver Lake to become a boundary school and students would need to be relocated out of Weaver Lake Elementary. Oak View Elementary would become a magnet school and would have a district wide boundary. Students currently attending Oak View Elementary would be required to be relocated to other neighboring elementary schools.

The transportation team used GuideK12, an analytics software application that helps school districts visualize data, run scenarios and make informed decisions. The data within GuideK12 comes from our information systems department and is updated nightly.

When running scenarios to understand the total impact for students and families, we found that approximately 646 students would need to be relocated to Oakview Elementary (the new magnet school) from Weaver Lake Elementary.

Secondarily, existing students currently attending Oak View would need to be relocated to make room for the Weaver students. This would require approximately 516 students to move from Oak View to Basswood, Weaver Lake, and Cedar Island elementary schools.

Lastly, we would need to move students from Rice Lake, Basswood, and Fernbrook Elementary Schools to fill the newly created boundary of Weaver Lake Elementary and balance capacity at those schools. This would impact approximately 555 students.

During this analysis, we applied contiguous boundaries and geographical considerations when moving students.

The total impact of moving Weaver Lake's magnet program to Oakview would disrupt approximately 1,717 students across Basswood, Rice Lake, Oak View, Weaver Lake, and Fernbrook elementary schools.

While the actual number of impacted students could vary depending on the final boundary change option that was selected, we believe it would have a significant overall effect because it would change buildings for two entire student bodies (Weaver Lake and Oak View Elementary Schools).