North Tulsa Education Task Force

August 17, 2020
Let’s Take a Look Back

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North Tulsa Community Education Task Force Recommendation:

Establish a Monroe Middle School complex combining 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The complex will serve as the only middle school for the McLain feeder pattern. The complex would be located at Monroe Demonstration School (2010 East 48th Street North) and Penn Elementary School (2138 East 48th Street North). The complex would open in August 2019.

The Board of Education took action on this recommendation on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30pm.
What were the changes?

- Students currently in 5th and 6th grade in the McLain Feeder Pattern will attend the Monroe Demonstration Academy middle school campus;

- Rising 8th graders from McLain 7th Grade Academy will attend the Monroe Demonstration Academy middle school campus;

- Students who live in the Penn Elementary School area and are currently in grades pre-K-4th will have a new neighborhood school. Depending on their home address, their new neighborhood school will be either Anderson Elementary School or Hawthorne Elementary School;

- Students who live in the Penn Elementary School area and are currently enrolling in pre-K for 2019-2020 will also have a new neighborhood school, and we will ensure that those families have updated information; and

- Students who do not live in the Penn Elementary School area and are currently in grades pre-K-4th at Penn will have the option to attend either Anderson Elementary School or Hawthorne Elementary School. They may also attend their neighborhood school.

We will provide support for any families who wish to send their child to another neighborhood school in the district.
What are the potential changes?

Proposed 2019-2020 McLain Feeder Pattern

- Unity Learning Academy
- Springdale Elementary School
- Whitman Elementary School
- Hawthorne Elementary School
- Celia Clinton Elementary School
- Anderson Elementary School
- Gilcrease/Bunche at Bunche Building

Monroe Demonstration Academy

McLain High School
Why and how were these changes recommended?

Every student deserves access to exceptional learning experiences, so we must:

- Create **stronger academic and extra-curricular** programming for our McLain feeder schools;

- **Reduce the number of transitions** that students have throughout their time in school; and

- Provide a **unified middle school experience** in the McLain feeder pattern where all students have access to specialized programs

We believe that our community is essential:

- Our **community members are deeply invested** in the success of our schools, and our **schools are vital to the health** of our communities

- We convened the **North Tulsa Community Education Task Force** to recommend a solution for the students at McLain 7 and explore the challenges facing the McLain feeder pattern.
How did they develop the recommendations?

The recommendation is based on the following:

• Centrally located in the McLain Feeder Pattern.
• Originally designed as a middle school with specialized areas for physical education, art, music, including a pool and auditorium.
• Moderate remodel is needed.
• Most cost effective to be ready for 2019-2020 school year.
• Building capacity is conducive to middle school population.
• One middle school configuration creates a unified school community.

This recommendation reinforces the district’s core values: “equity means that we must provide resources and supports matched to student need for every student in every school.”
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