

GUIDING CHANGE: Boundary Adjustments 2021

Current Reality	Desired Result	Unacceptable Means
 Growth in the southern part of the district Overcrowding at Brookview and Lake Elmo Elementary schools. Overcrowding at Oak-Land Middle School. Space available in central and northern elementary schools and Stillwater Middle School Feeder System to Middle School (elementary schools aligned with a middle school). Bus beyond ½ mile for elementary students. Bus beyond 1 mile for secondary students. Provide transportation to non-public and charter schools. Open enrollment transportation begins at the nearest boundary. Classroom space set aside for pre-K programming at each of our elementary schools. 	 Decisions will be based on the best interests of ALL district students. A boundary plan will be created that positions us for our current needs and minimize future changes. Feedback from various stakeholders will be gathered to provide insight (School Board, administrative team, staff, and community group). Provide for a safe and efficient transportation system within board policy and procedures. Provide for the efficient utilization of district facilities to enhance learning opportunities for all students. Balance enrollment at existing elementary schools. Balance enrollment to middle school philosophy in both buildings. Alternate and open enrollments will be sent back to their designated attendance area to start the process at the elementary and middle school levels (exception: GATE, Amigos Unidos and Special Education site-based programs). To the extent possible, keep the Feeder System to Middle Schools. To the extent possible, keep neighborhoods together (This does not mean that students will be sent to the school nearest their home, but rather that all students within a neighborhood be sent to the same school). 	 We will not violate state laws, school board policy, or negotiated agreements. We will not violate class size ranges for each grade level section. We will not create racially isolated schools.