Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 21, 2021	B-1

Title

Resolution Regarding Proposed School Board Member District Reapportionment Map

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Regarding Proposed School Board Member District Reapportionment Map

Summary Explanation and Background

The 2020 Census reflected that Cherokee County's population has increased to over 266,000 in the last decade; as a result, the School Board Member Districts must be examined every 10 years so that each District represents an equal number of citizens. Within this review, census data revealed growth throughout the County, but not at the same rate. As such, School Board Member Districts were reviewed for potential modification.

The Georgia General Assembly Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment provided guidance for this process and requested sponsorship of a member of the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation. Rep. Mandi Ballinger, who also serves on the House Committee on Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment, offered to sponsor legislation in this regard.

After Rep. Ballinger's public hearing in this regard, a proposed map was developed by the School District utilizing the Office of Reapportionment's Redistricting Principles: Compactness; Contiguity; Respecting Political Boundaries; Communities of Interest and Incumbent Protection. Natural boundaries (such as Lake Allatoona), roads and landmarks were also considered.

Additionally, the proposed map reflects minor modifications to School Board Member Districts to equalize representation of the population residing in each district, as shown in the incorporated exhibit. Both the resolution and associated map will be forwarded to Rep. Ballinger and members of the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation and the Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment for consideration upon adoption.

Priority Area

Organizational and Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Resolution; Proposed School Board Member District Reapportionment Map

Source of Additional Information

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT MAP

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Education believes it is imperative to build community trust and support for public education; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure meaningful engagement of the community with their public schools; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent to ensure equalized representation of the community within School Board Member Districts; and

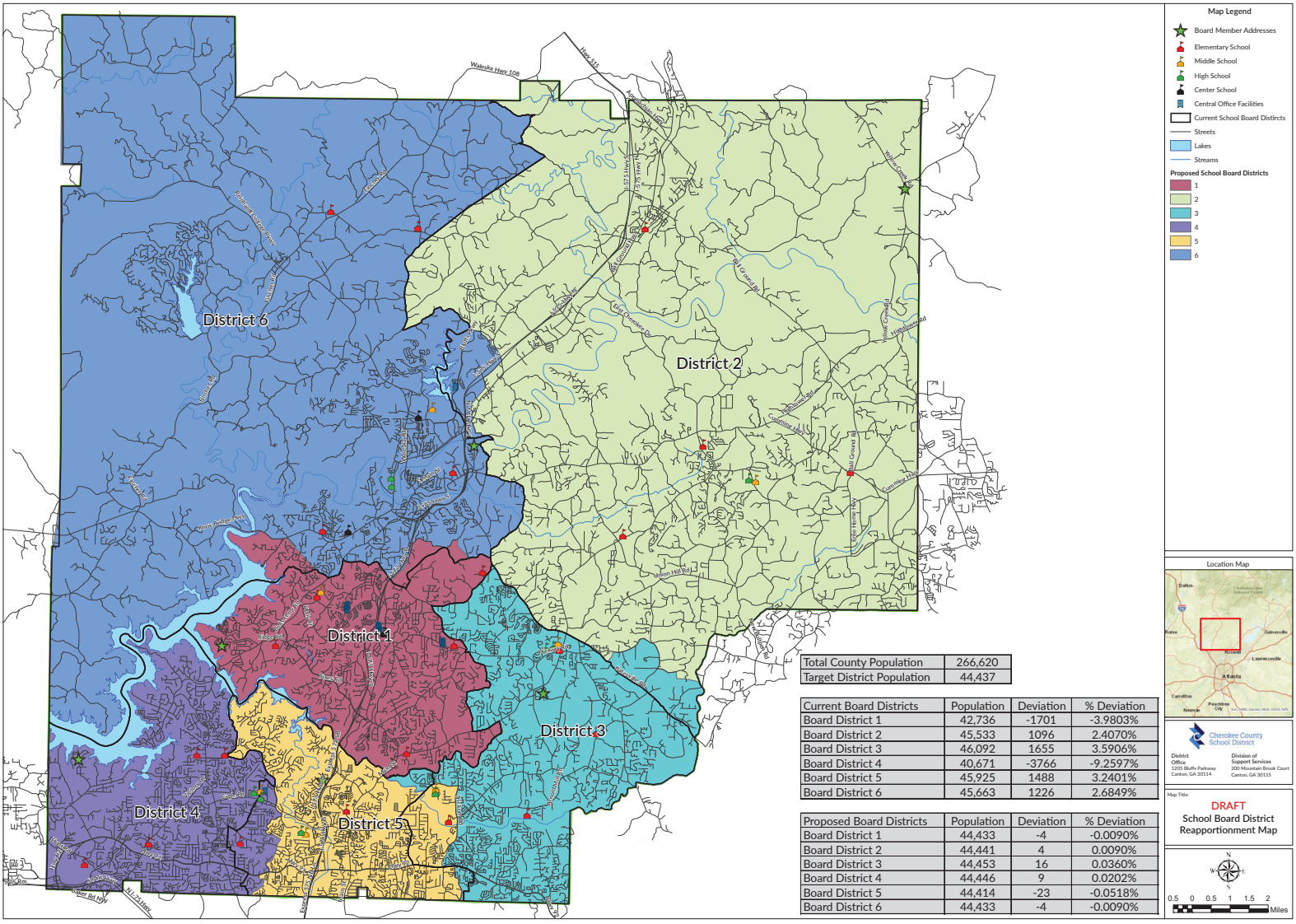
WHEREAS, we support the proposed School Board Member District Reapportionment Map developed utilizing the Georgia General Assembly Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Redistricting Principles: Compactness; Contiguity; Respecting Political Boundaries; Communities and Incumbent Protection; and

WHEREAS, natural boundaries, landmarks and roads were also considered in development of the proposed map; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cherokee County Board of Education on this 21st day of October 21, 2021, hereby requests the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation to use this proposed Map, which provides minimal modifications to the existing districts utilized over the 10 years, as the basis for its reapportionment of School Board Districts and will forward this resolution and associated map upon adoption.

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Kyla Cromer, Board Chair


District 6
District 2
District 1
District 3
District 4
District 5
Waleska Hwy 108
Hwy 324
Arnold Mill Rd
Bells Ferry Rd
Reinhardt College Pkwy
Univ Pkwy
Towne Lake Pkwy
Eagle Dr
Woodstock Pkwy
Main St
Rope Mill Rd
Towne Ridge Pkwy
Sixes Rd
Cherokee Blvd
Ridgewalk Pkwy
Holly Springs Rd
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