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Akron Public Schools Proposed Redistricting Plan



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Proposed Redistricting Plan Community Meetings

Thursday, December 7
6:30pm

North High School

Monday, December 11
Elementary
6:30pm

Firestone Park

Thursday, December 14
6:30pm

East CLC



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Agenda

- Purpose for Redistricting
- Buildings Impacted
- Attendance Zone Overview
- Enrollment
- Transportation
- General Q&A

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What is Redistricting?

- The process of establishing school attendance boundaries
- Every residential address in Akron Public Schools is assigned an elementary, middle, and high school

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Why are we proposing redistricting?

- Imbalance in enrollment
- School Closures
- Outdated School Facilities

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Building Closures

- July 10, 2023 proposed changes to facilities was presented to the Board.
- Some of the changes involved closing the following buildings:
 - Firestone Park
 - Stewart ELP
 - Essex ELP

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Who determines scope of Redistricting?

- A recommendation is made to the School Board that redistricting is needed
- If the Board concurs, staff identifies anticipated impacted communities

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Primary criteria

- Geographic proximity
- Projected enrollment
- Capacity
- Programmatic Changes

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Redistricting Proposal

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Redistricting Proposal Overview

- Firestone Park Elementary, Essex, and Stewart Building Closure
- Relief to Harris-Jackson CLC Elementary School
- Barber CLC zone moves into part of Harris-Jackson CLC zone
- Seiberling CLC then provides relief to Barber CLC
- David Hill CLC moves into the Garfield Cluster
- Portage Path CLC moves into the Buchtel Cluster

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Early Learning Program (ELP)

- ELP classrooms will be in every cluster
- Buildings are being identified based on space for ELP classrooms and to ensure regulations are met

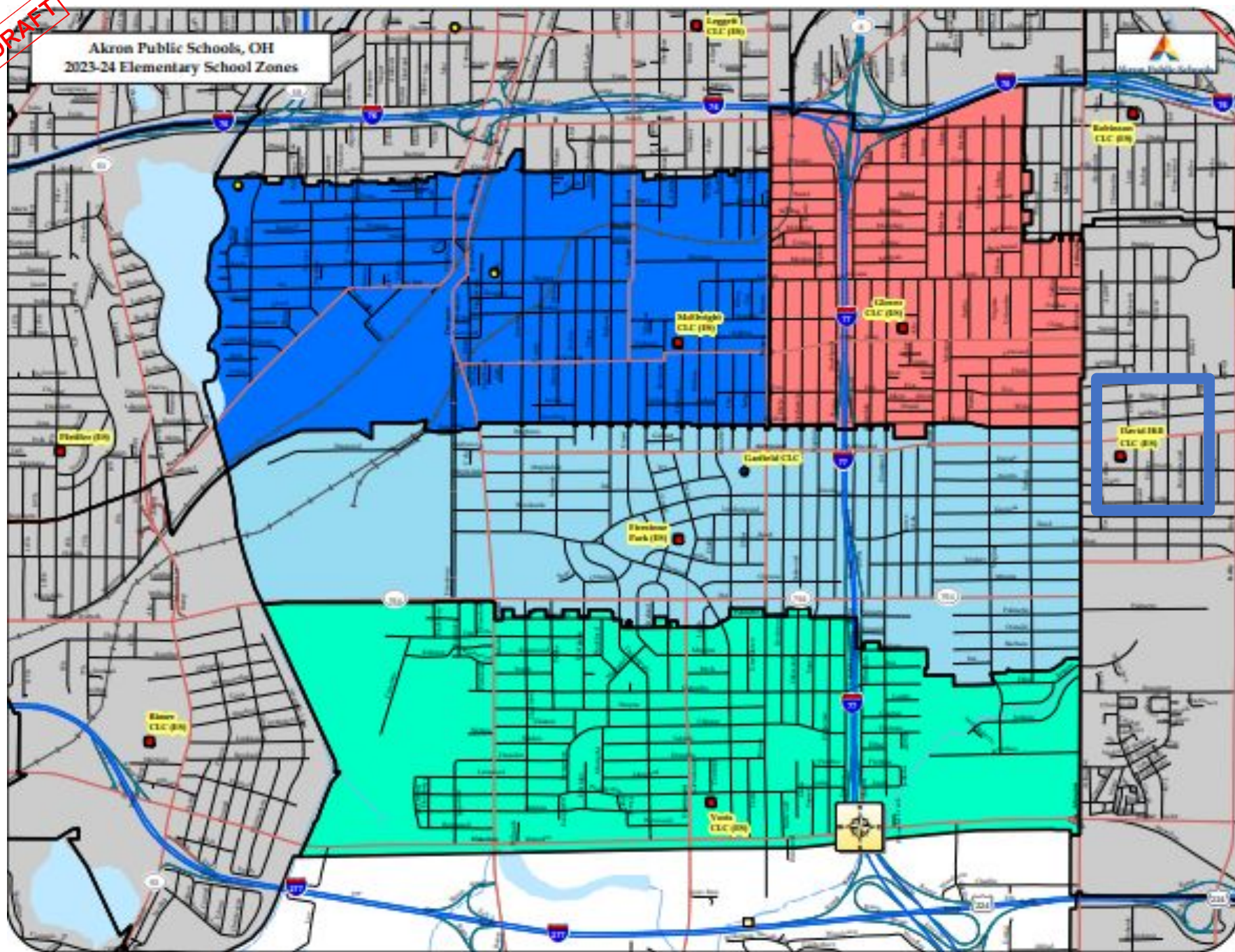
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Firestone Park Elementary Building Closure

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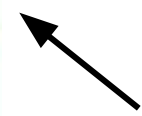


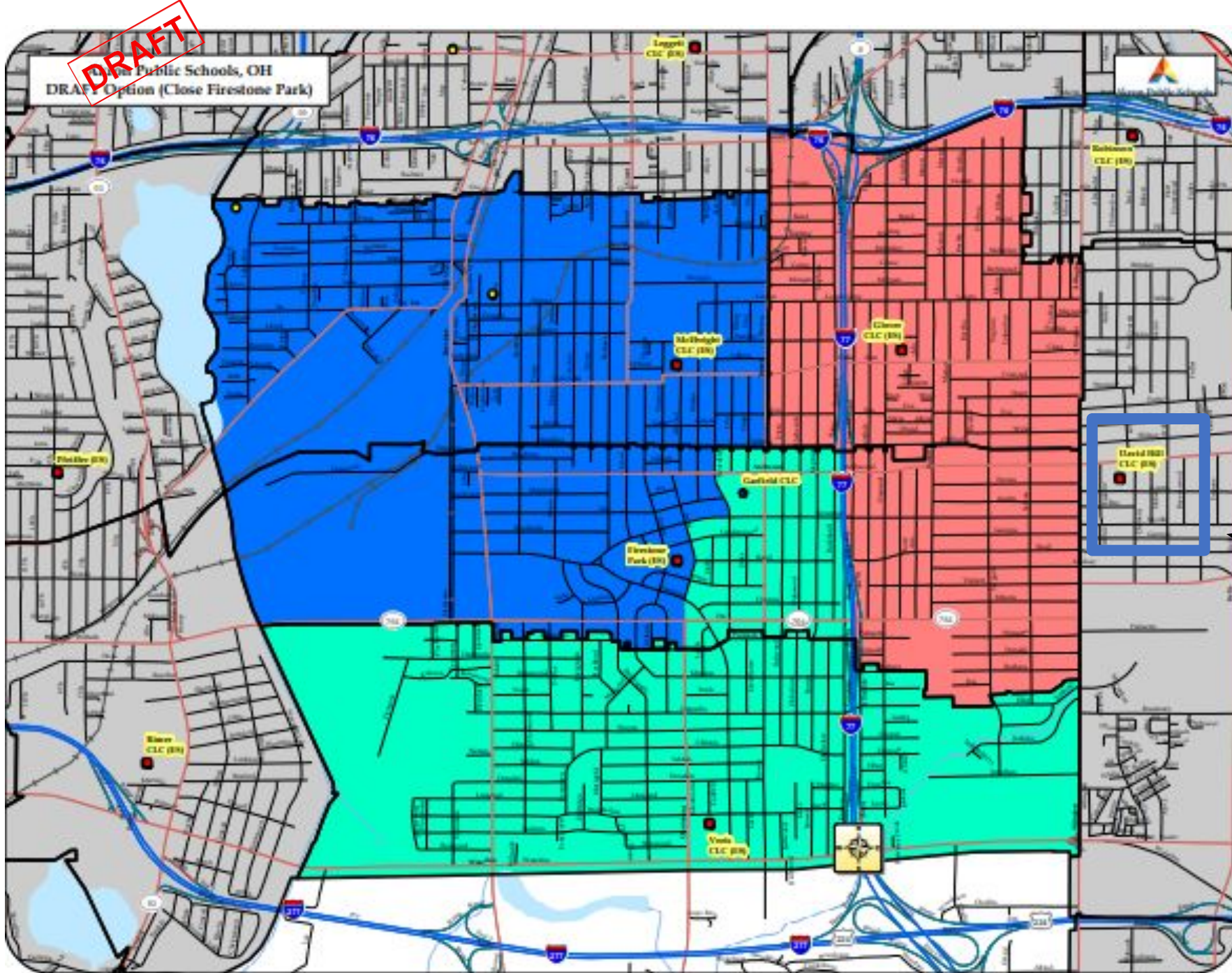
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Current Attendance Zones 2023-2024

- McEbright
- Voris
- Glover
- David Hill





Proposed New Attendance Zones

McEbright

Voris

Glover

David Hill



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North Cluster

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2023-2024 Current Enrollment and Utilization

- Harris-Jackson is currently at 128% Capacity
- Harris Jackson Kindergarten scholars are currently bussed to Northwest Akron because their classes are located at Essex

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Proposed Impact to North Cluster

- North cluster attendance zone changes will ONLY impact current Harris-Jackson CLC and Forest Hills CLC scholars
- Jennings CLC and North High School Attendance Zones will NOT change

2023-2024 Current Enrollment and Utilization

Current 2023-24 Enrollment and Utilization					
School	23-24 Enrollment	Adjusted Maximum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Adjusted Utilization	Maximum Utilization
Harris-Jackson CLC ES (K-5)*	623	485	600	128%	104%
Barber CLC ES (K-5)	225	568	725	40%	31%
David Hill CLC ES (K-5)	237	576	600	41%	40%
Forest Hill CLC ES (K-5)	419	487	525	86%	80%
Sieberling CLC ES (K-5)	396	603	700	66%	57%
East CLC MS (6-8)	447	500	565	89%	79%
East CLC HS (9-12)	622	1,400	1,470	44%	42%
Innes CLC MS (6-8)	645	900	1,084	72%	60%
Garfield CLC HS (9-12)	978	1,400	1,919	70%	51%
Jennings CLC MS (6-8)	754	900	950	84%	79%
North HS	872	1,059	1,425	82%	61%

*Included Harris-Jackson KG students currently at Essex

Proposed Enrollment and Utilization

Recommended Option Estimated Enrollment and Utilization					
School	Estimated Enrollment	Adjusted Maximum Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Adjusted Utilization	Maximum Utilization
Harris-Jackson CLC ES (K-5)*	414	485	600	85%	69%
Barber CLC ES (K-5)	416	568	725	73%	57%
David Hill CLC ES (K-5)	237	576	600	41%	40%
Forest Hill CLC ES (K-5)	391	487	525	80%	74%
Seiberling CLC ES (K-5)	442	603	700	73%	63%
East CLC MS (6-8)**	353	500	565	71%	62%
East CLC HS (9-12)**	500	1,400	1,470	36%	34%
Innes CLC MS (6-8)**	732	900	1,084	81%	68%
Garfield CLC HS (9-12)**	1,100	1,400	1,919	79%	57%
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North HS	872	1,059	1,425	82%	61%

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**David Hill CLC ES has moved to the Garfield Cluster in this scenario.

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**Current
2023–2024**

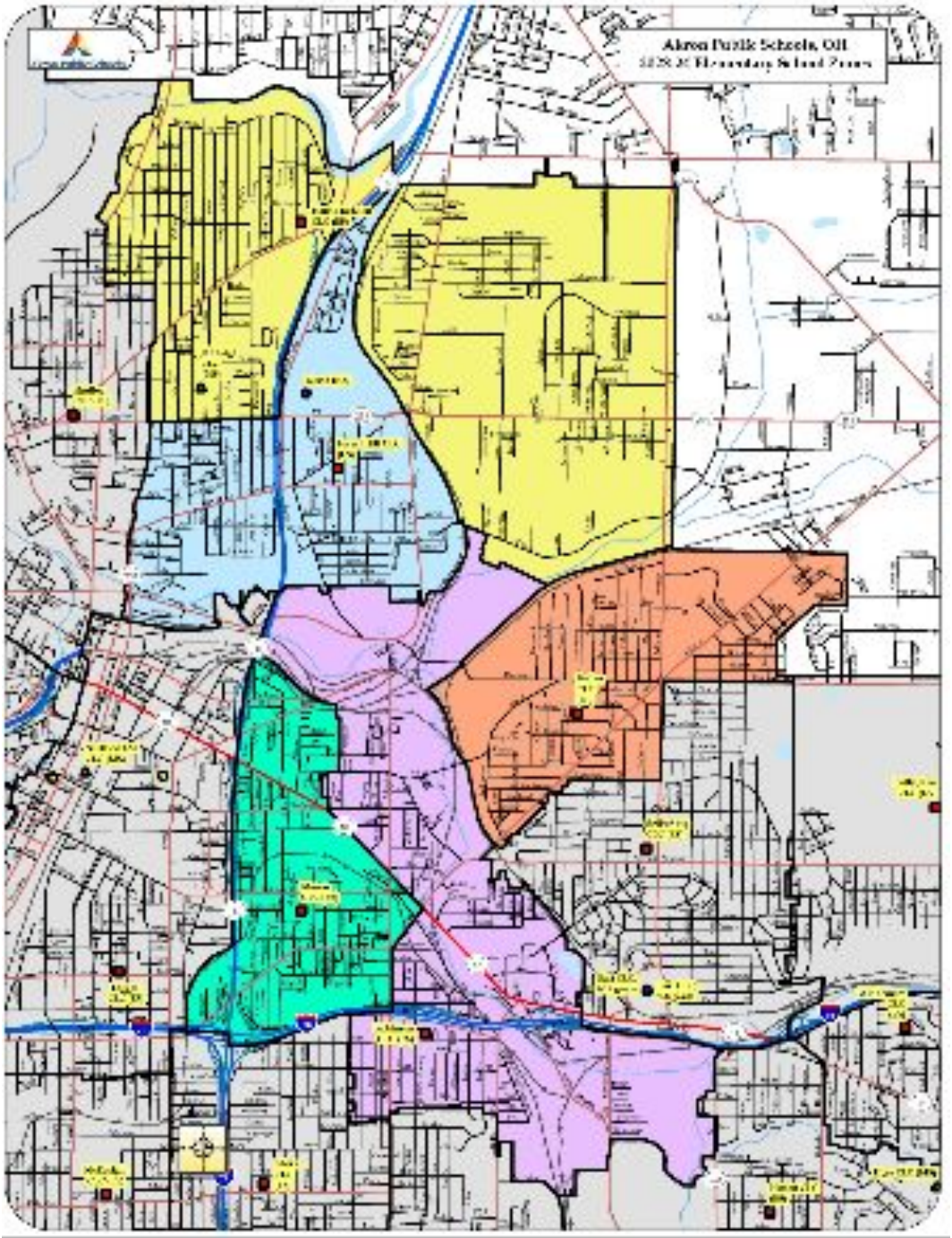
Harris Jackson - Yellow

Forest Hill - Light Blue

Barber - Orange

Robinson - Purple

Mason - Bright Green



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Proposed New Attendance Zones

Harris Jackson - Yellow

Forest Hill - Light Blue

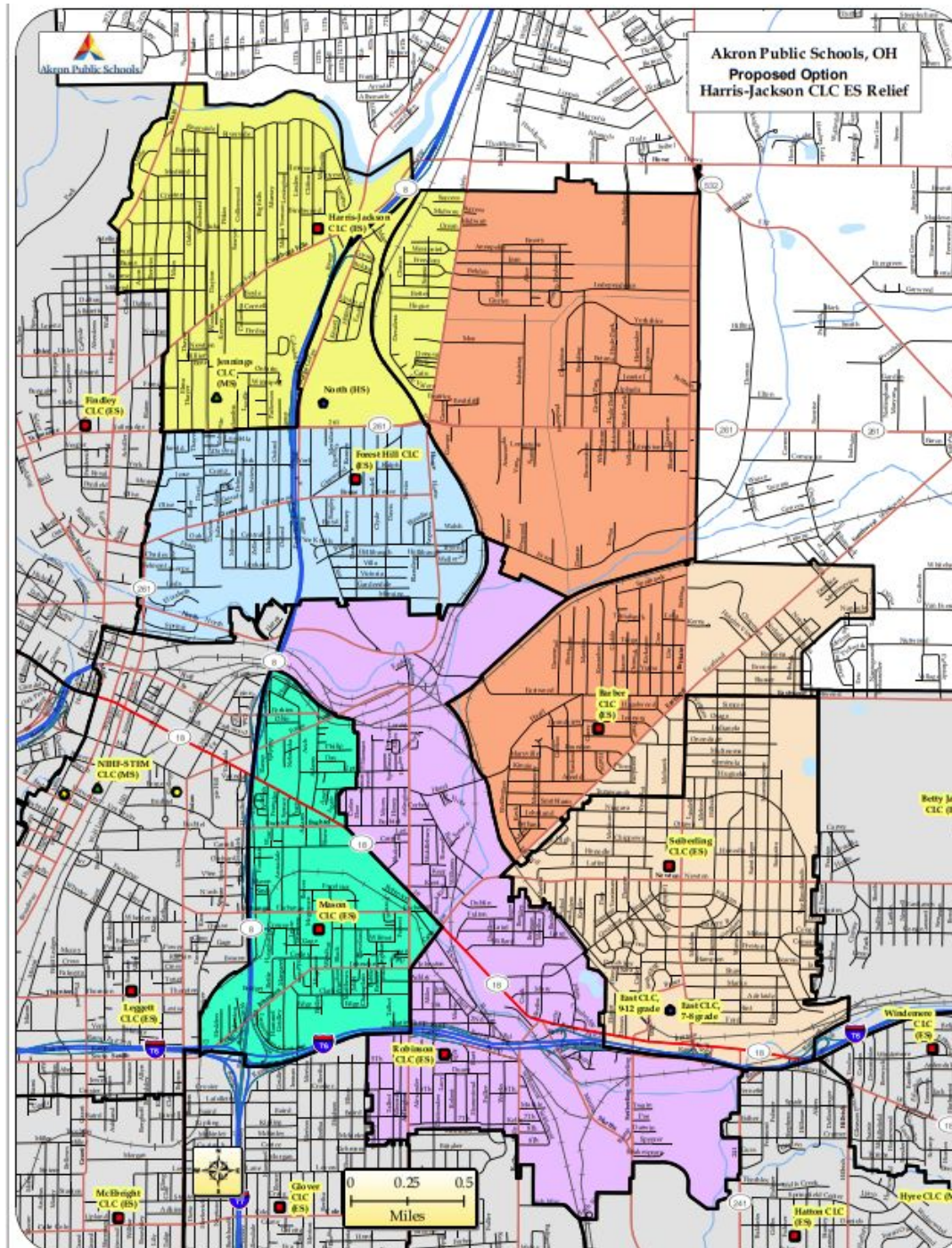
Barber - Orange

Seiberling - Tan

Robinson - Purple

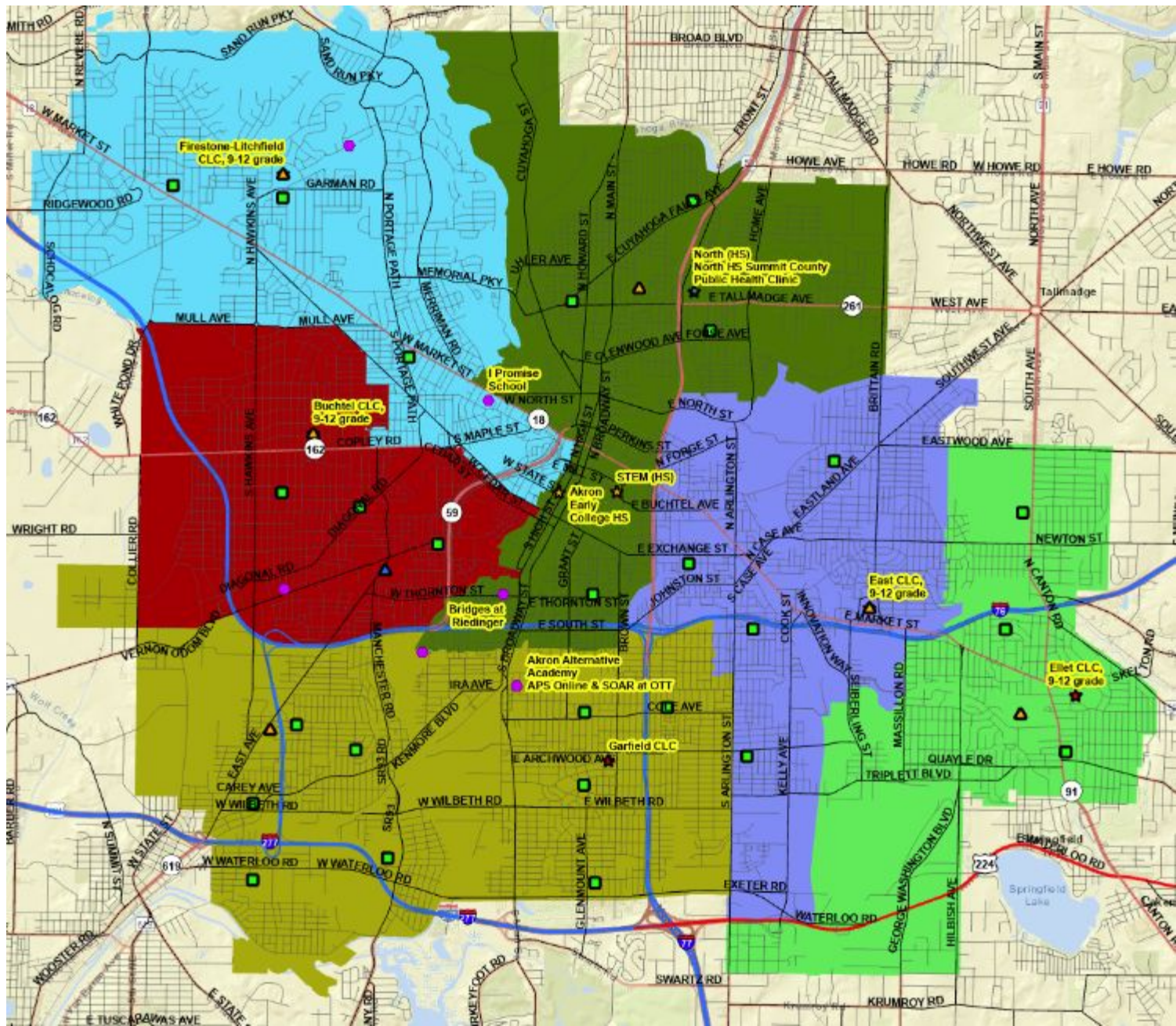
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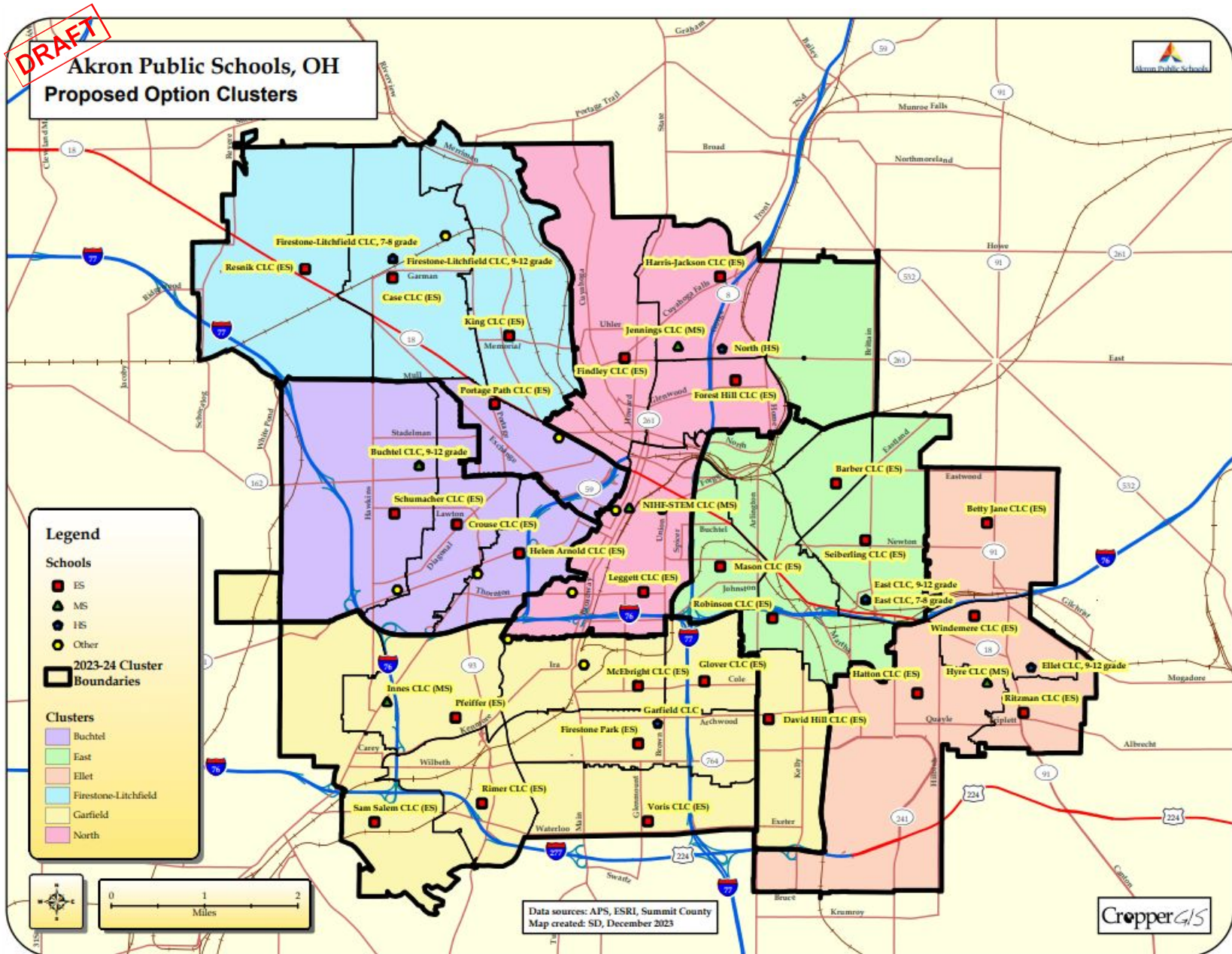
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Current Cluster Map



Firestone - Light Blue
North - Dark Green
Buchtel - Red
East - Purple
Ellet - Bright Green
Garfield - Green





Proposed Clusters

Firestone- Blue

North - Pink

East - Green

Ellet - Orange

Garfield - Yellow

Buchtel - Purple



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Enrollment

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Enrollment

- Families will receive personalized communication about their new school (or cluster) assignment
- Families will have enrollment options
 - Open Enrollment
 - Continuity

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What is Open Enrollment and Continuity?

- “Open Enrollment” is a process in which students can enroll in another school building other than the school assigned.
- “Continuity” is a process in which students will maintain continuous enrollment in their current school.

Special Open Enrollment

- “Special” means that it is outside of the tradition open enrollment period.
 - There are no special criteria that must be met in order to apply.
 - Students are approved for enrollment based on capacity.
- The special open enrollment window specifically for the schools affected by redistricting will *tentatively* be January 29, 2024 - February 9, 2024.

Enrollment

Grades KG-5th

- Automatic enrollment to assigned school
- Can apply for special open enrollment

Grades 6-12

- Continuity will be automatically granted for **current** scholars in their respective middle and high schools (East, Litchfield)
- Can apply for special open enrollment

Middle School Implications

- **David Hill | East CLC to Innes CLC**
 - Students living in the David Hill area that currently attend East CLC will now attend Innes CLC, beginning with rising 6th grade scholars
- **Harris-Jackson (Old Bettes area) | Jennings CLC**
- **Barber CLC (current area) | East CLC**
- **Portage Path | Litchfield CLC to Buchtel CLC**
 - Students living in the Portage Path area that currently attend Litchfield CLC will now attend Buchtel CLC, beginning with rising 6th grade scholars

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Transportation

Review of Transportation Standards

- The State of Ohio mandates state that K-8 students residing less than 2.0 miles from assigned school building are not eligible for bus transport.
- The State of Ohio does not mandate bus transportation for students in grades 9-12. Therefore, high school students will continue to use METRO bus service through METRO bus passes provided by the district.
- New APS bus routes will be determined based on new attendance boundaries
- Students who open enroll are not provided bus transportation
- Safety issues can be reviewed once required bus service routing is determined
- Special Education and McKinney-Vento Homeless transportation will continue to be met as required per student

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