



North Plains Elementary School

TALKING POINTS

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- Enrollment projections through the 2020-2021 school year are still below the capacity of the existing school:
 - Capacity of the existing school is 504 students.
 - Currently 389 students are enrolled at North Plains Elementary.
 - For 2020-2021, a total of 479 students is forecasted for the area.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, we are expecting 510 students for both ES#28 and North Plains Elementary.
- A “critical mass” is needed to open a new school:
 - Sufficient student enrollment.
 - General funding for staff and operations.
 - This is not expected to occur until the 2021-2022 school year.
- Therefore, timeline of construction of ES#28 is unchanged:
 - Construction will begin in summer 2020.
 - Completion by August 2021.
 - Capacity of ES#28 will be 600 students.
 - Capacity of the new ES#28 and the existing North Plains Elementary School will accommodate enrollment growth for the foreseeable future.
- The bond project team is looking into advancing the timeline for North Plains Elementary renovations:
 - Currently planned for summer 2021.
 - Gym and dropoff area may be able to be bumped up to the 2019-2020 school year, **IF** we are able to obtain land use approvals.
 - This will alleviate capacity/crowding and other concerns.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

How did you come up with the enrollment numbers?

The district has a demographer consultant who contacted the City of North Plains and large developers, and examined birth rates and other statistical factors to come up with enrollment projections.

How will North Plains Elementary accommodate the increasing enrollments?

Projections show that the school will still be under capacity through the 2020-2021 school year. We will work on maximizing existing spaces, including the portables and opening up classrooms that are currently used as storage.

How will building the new gym and dropoff areas help?

Construction of the new gym is critical because the additional students we are anticipating will mean a greater demand on the existing gymnasium. If we are able to go through the land use approvals in time, we may be able to start construction on the gym and dropoffs in summer 2019. This will give students extra space for activities, and more efficient, safer flow for the potential additional vehicles and buses.

What will the design of the new gym and dropoff areas look like?

The new gym design will be similar to that of the gyms being constructed at Eastwood and Mooberry Elementary Schools (see hillsboro-bond.org, Projects by Building). Of course, proposals will have to take into account the unique nature of the school site. As part of the land use process, a neighborhood meeting will be held to review the proposed designs. Announcements will be sent to North Plains Elementary neighbors and posted on the hillsboro-bond.org and school websites.

Why not start on the new school now? How many students do you need to open it?

The enrollment projections show that the existing school will be able to serve the anticipated student population until the new school is completed in August 2021.

However, student enrollment is not the only factor. In addition to enrollment projections, we did look at costs of construction (particularly as it related to timing), potential residential markets and development, as well as the costs of opening and operating a new school (which impacts the

district's general fund). We determined that the balance of all of these factors favored keeping to the original timeline.

Who will be attending the new school?

Attendance areas between the existing and new schools will be determined by boundary adjustments, which are a necessary process whenever a new school is opened. However, at this time, the attendance areas have not yet been determined.

We will need to take into account a number of factors, including: future residential development; safe transit routes; potential numbers of students residing in specific areas; and balancing of student demographics. This process will take place several months before ES#28 opens and will include future public meetings and opportunities for feedback on the proposed boundaries.