



Gilbert Public Schools Proposed School  
Campus Changes 2021 - 2022  
Community Meetings  
February, 2021

Community Meetings: February 22, 24, & 25, 2021

- Enrollment Management Planning History:
  - (1999) Neely Elementary repurposed to Neely Traditional Academy to give families choice. Former Neely boundaries moved to new Oak Tree Elementary
  - (2013 - 2017) Gilbert Junior High & Mesquite Junior High enrollment declining
  - (Summer 2017) Gilbert Junior High closed and boundaries moved to Mesquite Junior High
  - (Fall 2017) Gilbert Classical Academy (GCA) moved to former Gilbert JH site
- District's Strategic Operating Plan 2020 - 2024 includes Enrollment Management

## Reviewing and addressing factors that influence GPS enrollment:

- Educational accessibility
- Programs
- Boundaries
- Enrollment
- Space utilization
- Fiscal Responsibility

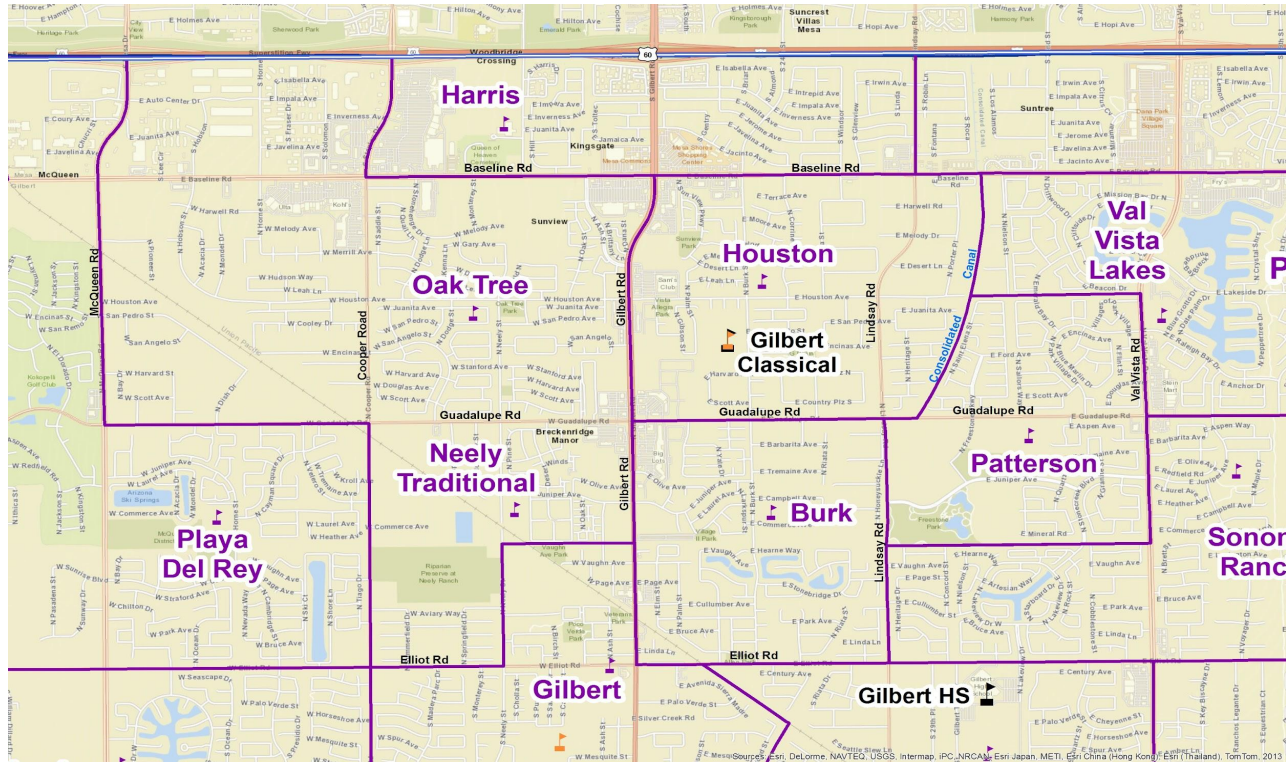
- Several elementary schools located within one mile of each other
- Declining enrollment for 15 years
- Aging facilities needing upgrades
- Enrollment trends at each school (K-6)

	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
<b>Burk Elem.</b>	412	373	355	334
<b>Houston Elem.</b>	395	329	327	321
<b>Neely Traditional</b>	779	802	786	739

- Currently one of the smallest schools past several years
- Lowest space utilization in the district past 3 years with an average of 6.6 - 8.4 students per classroom
- Largest building in western portion of district:
  - Approximately 45 classrooms where as most other elementary campuses nearby are 38-40.
- 1-2 classes per grade level
- Part time special area teachers and specialists

- Burk has capacity to add several hundred students from Houston
  - Approximately 37 classrooms
  - Average of 7.1 - 10.9 students per classroom
  - 2-3 classes per grade level
  - Will improve educational accessibility for all students at Burk
  - Burk St. runs north and south connecting both school communities

- Popular non-boundaried school with a Traditional emphasis since 1999
- Often experiences waiting lists at certain grade levels
- Current building:
  - Approx. 38 classrooms including 4 portables (8 classrooms)
  - Lack of bathrooms
  - No space to offer a PreK program
  - Has been identified needing close to \$3 million dollars within next 5 years (doesn't add any permanent classrooms)
  - Houston site only school in the western portion of district large enough to accommodate Neely's needs
  - Different options are currently being studied for what to do with the current Neely building

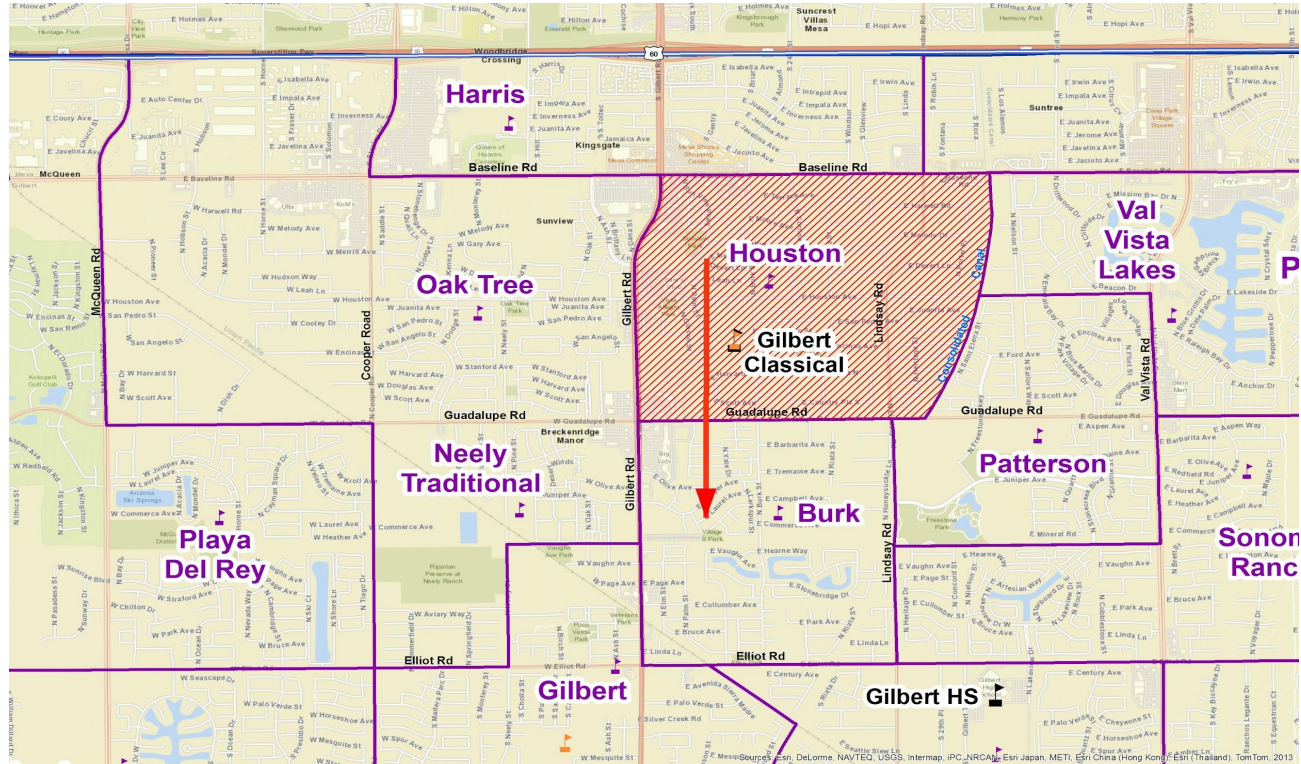




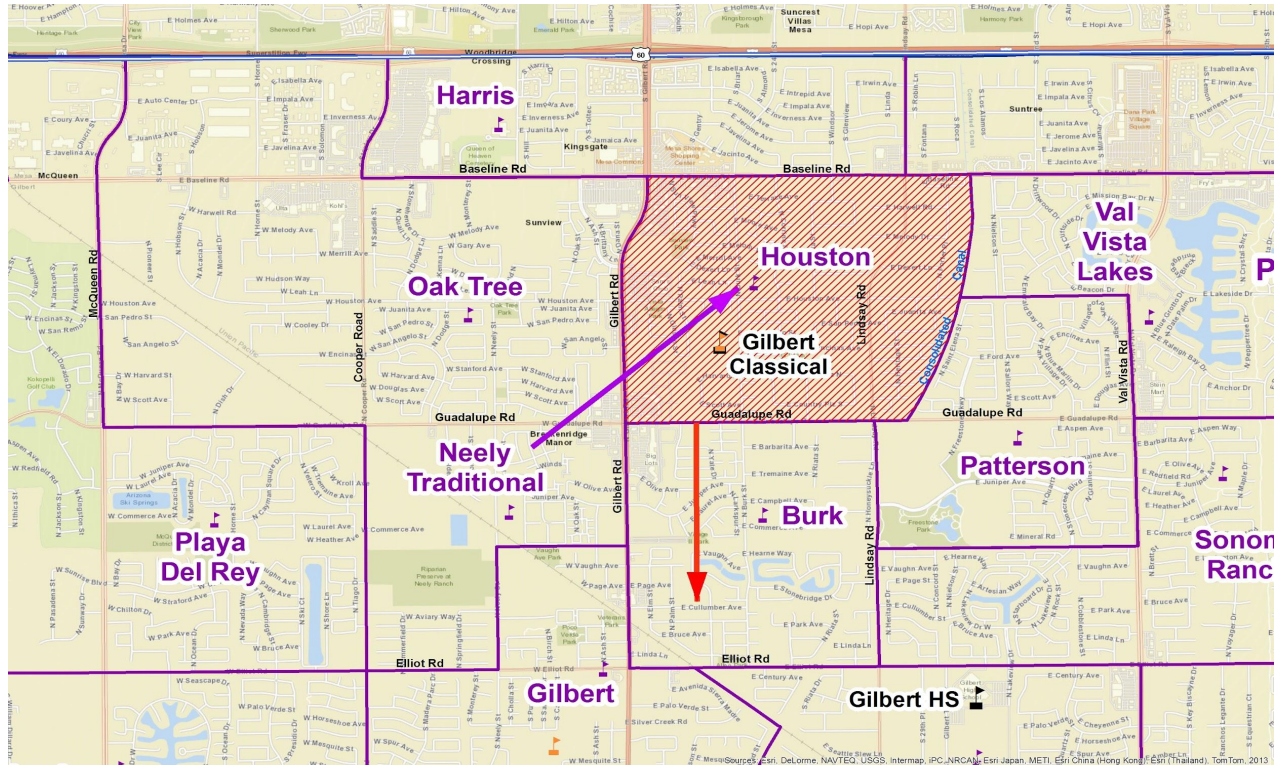
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## Proposed 2021-22 Burk boundaries with the inclusion of Houston boundaries



Proposed 2021-22 Burk Boundaries with the inclusion of Houston & movement of Neely Traditional to the current Houston campus



- Busing available to current Houston families living over a mile away from Burk
- Crossing guard stationed before and after school at the traffic light at the intersection of Burk St. & Guadalupe Rd. to assist students walking or riding a bike
- Neely Traditional Academy would continue to have regional bus stops across certain areas of the district

- Leave feedback on district website or on a notecard at the door tonight
- Review district website for this presentation, frequently asked questions as well information about Burk Elementary & Neely Traditional Academy
- February 22, 24, & 25
  - Campus Community Meetings and Comments/Feedback
- March 2
  - Governing Board Work Study to review proposed changes, & summary feedback from community meetings
- March 30
  - Governing Board Meeting - Scheduled to vote on proposed changes

- Early April - Houston families make a choice to attend Burk or Neely
  - Informational sessions & tours at Burk and Neely will be offered to assist parents in making decisions
- Houston staff given top priority on open positions at Burk, Neely, & across GPS
- Opportunities during summer for new families to visit the schools
- An area at current Houston site showcasing the school: 1987-2021
- Burk & Neely staff dedicated to making the Houston staff & students feel welcome and an integral part of each school throughout the 2021-22 school year

- At this time we will listen to comments and take any questions
- We will stick around after the conclusion of the meeting to have individual comments

Thank you for coming!