



**Elementary Boundary Change Report to the
Board of Education**
2026-2027 School Year Implementation

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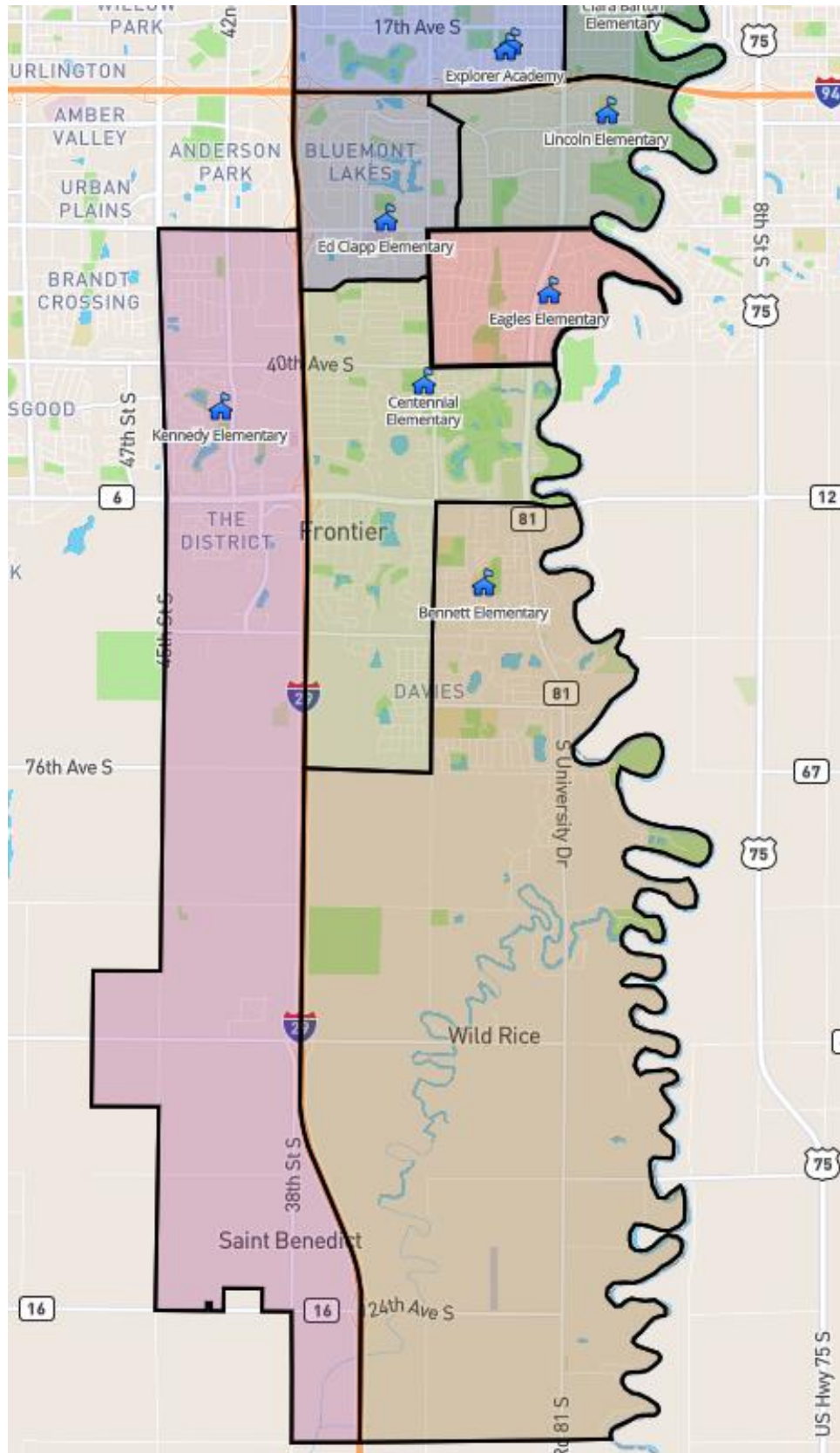
SUMMARY

Boundary adjustments for Fargo Public Schools are essential for effectively managing enrollment growth and ensuring balanced utilization of district facilities. These proactive boundary adjustments are crucial for balancing school capacities, preventing overcrowding, and ensuring equitable resource distribution and educational opportunities for all students within Fargo Public Schools.

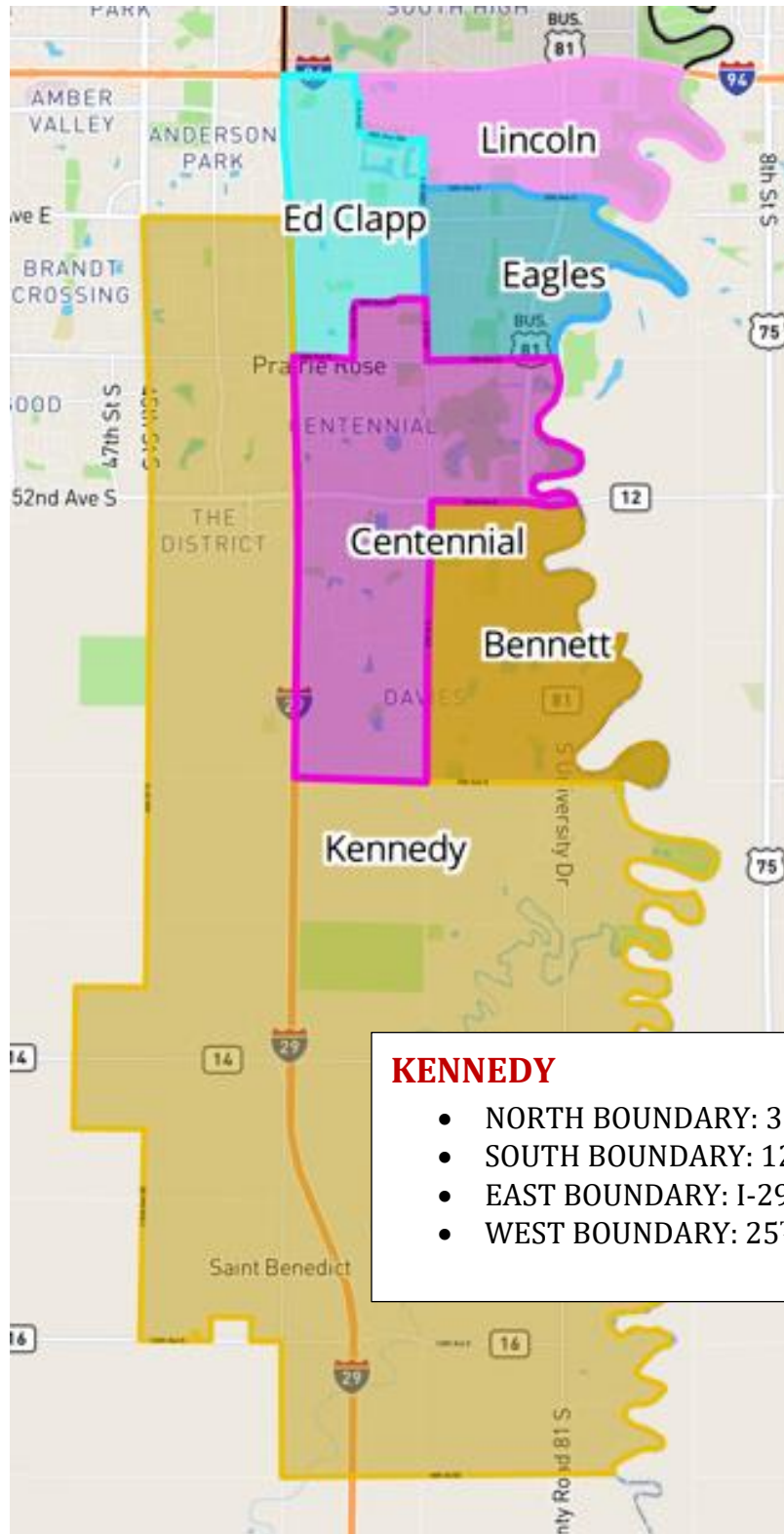
During the 2024-25 school year, administration presented potential options to address Bennett and Centennial Elementary Schools' increased enrollment that surpassed RSP & Associates enrollment projections. At the Thursday, January 2, 2025 Planning Committee Meeting, the committee directed administration to draft an attendance boundary change for the southern part of the school district outlined on page 3 of this document and develop a transition plan and bring it back to the Board for approval at a future Board meeting. The proposed boundary changes outlined in this document are only applicable to elementary schools. All secondary school boundaries (middle and high school) remain unchanged.

This report reviews all items considered by administration for the boundary implementation process.

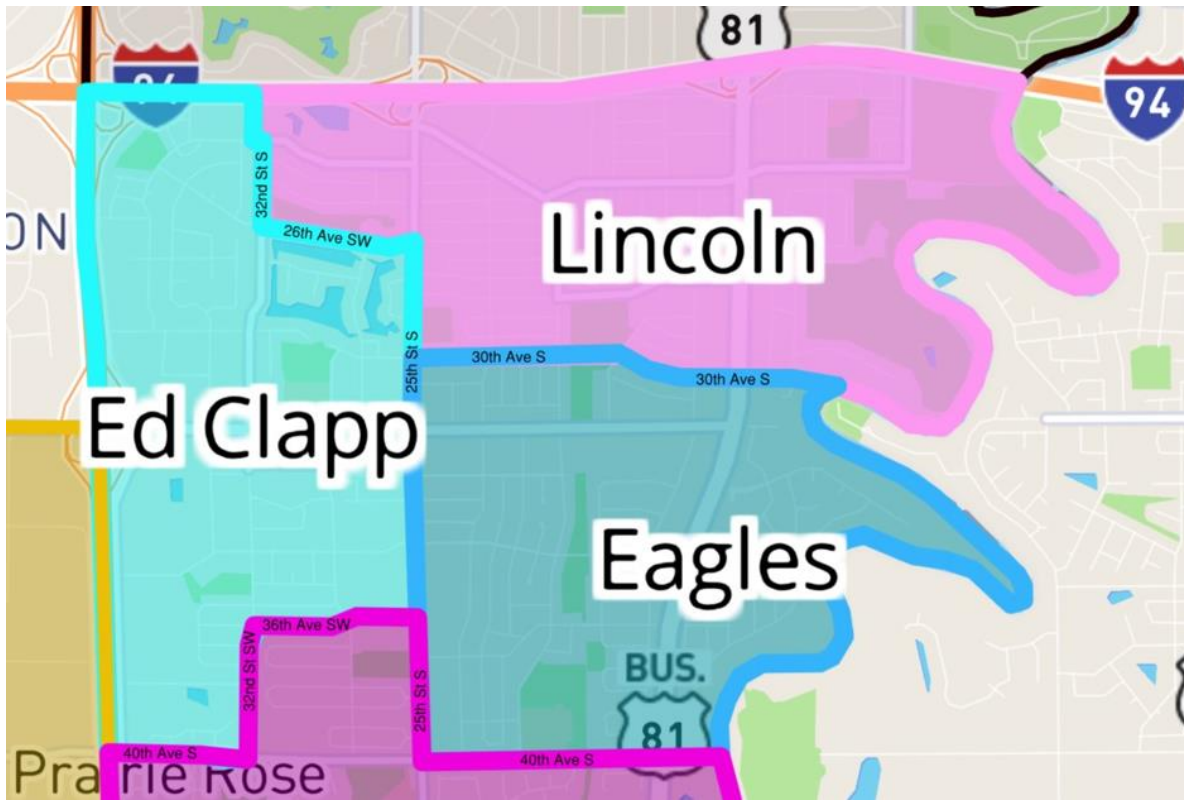
CURRENT ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES



ADOPTED ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES BEGINNING 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



BOUNDARIES FOR ED CLAPP, LINCOLN AND EAGLES



ED CLAPP (BY SEGMENT LEFT TO RIGHT)

- NORTH BOUNDARY: I-94, 32ND ST. S, 26TH AVE. SW
- SOUTH BOUNDARY: 40TH AVE. S., 32ND ST. SW, 36TH AVE. SW
- EAST BOUNDARY: 25TH ST. S.
- WEST BOUNDARY: I-29

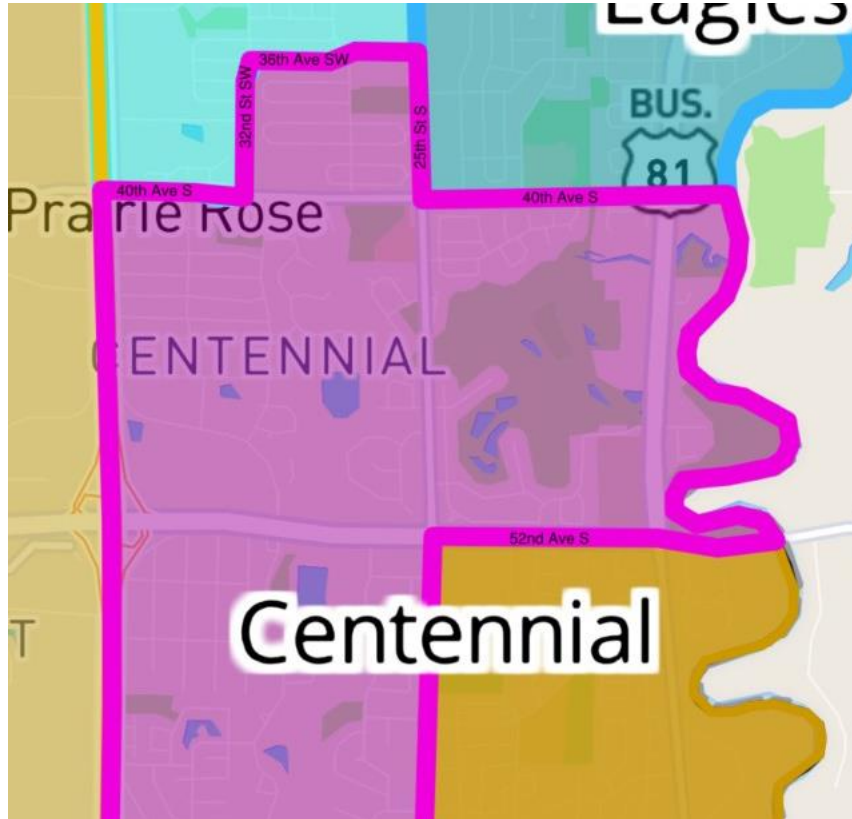
LINCOLN (BY SEGMENT LEFT TO RIGHT)

- NORTH BOUNDARY: I-94
- SOUTH BOUNDARY: 30TH AVE.
- EAST BOUNDARY: RIVER
- WEST BOUNDARY: 32ND ST. S, 26TH AVE. SW, 25TH ST. S

EAGLES (BY SEGMENT LEFT TO RIGHT)

- NORTH BOUNDARY: 30TH AVE. S.
- SOUTH BOUNDARY: 40TH AVE. S.
- EAST BOUNDARY: RIVER
- WEST BOUNDARY: 25TH ST. S

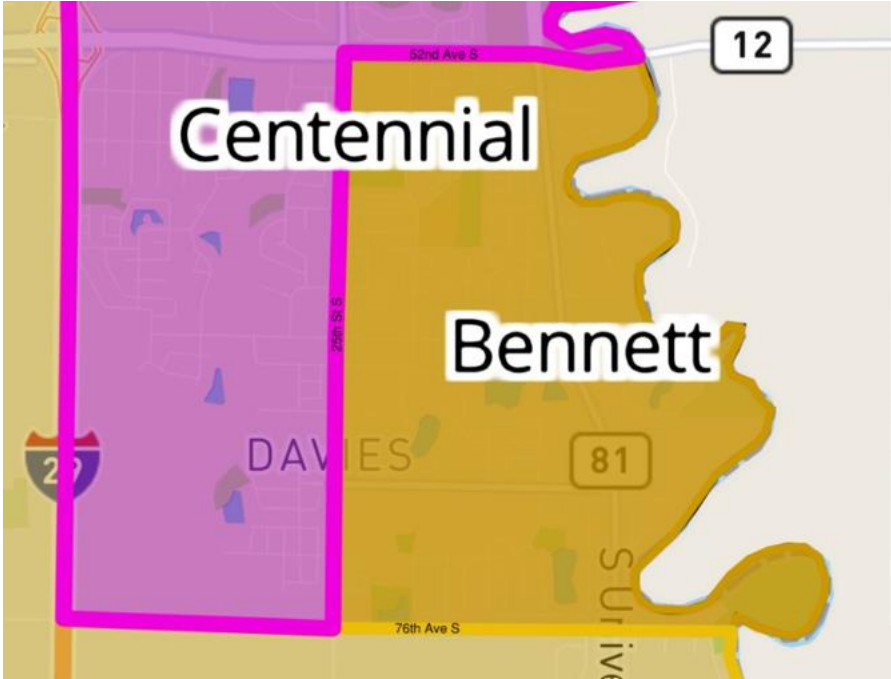
BOUNDARIES FOR CENTENNIAL



CENTENNIAL (BY SEGMENT LEFT TO RIGHT)

- NORTH BOUNDARY: 40TH AVE. S., 32ND ST SW, 36TH AVE SW, 25TH ST. S, 40TH AVE. S
- SOUTH BOUNDARY: 76TH AVE. S., 52ND AVE. S.
- EAST BOUNDARY: RIVER
- WEST BOUNDARY: I-29

BOUNDARIES FOR BENNETT



BENNETT

- NORTH BOUNDARY: 52ND AVE. S
- SOUTH BOUNDARY: 76TH AVE. S.
- EAST BOUNDARY: RIVER
- WEST BOUNDARY: 25TH ST. S.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND PROPOSED ENROLLMENT

School	Current Enrollment (2024/25)	Projected Enrollment (2029/30)	Proposed Enrollment with Boundary Adjustments (Current Reside)	Proposed Projected Enrollment (2029/30)
Kennedy Elementary	453	530	512	620
Bennett Elementary*	599	689	578	599
Centennial Elementary*	640	641	587	587
Eagles Elementary	270	296	344	370
Ed Clapp Elementary	450	444	455	450
Lincoln Elementary	341	327	334	301

*Bennett and Centennial will be over capacity in the next five years.

School	Capacity	Current Utilization (2024/25)	Projected Utilization under current boundaries (2029/30)	Proposed Utilization	Proposed Projected Utilization (2029/30)
Kennedy Elementary	748	61%	71%	68%	83%
Bennett Elementary	682	88%	101%	85%	88%
Centennial Elementary	660	97%	97%	89%	89%
Eagles Elementary	396	68%	75%	87%	93%
Ed Clapp Elementary	550	82%	81%	83%	82%
Lincoln Elementary	572	60%	57%	58%	53%

School	% Free & Reduced Current	% of Special Education Students Current	Total Students	% Free & Reduced Proposed	% of Special Education Students Proposed	Total Students
Kennedy Elementary	45%	16%	467	42%	16%	512
Bennett Elementary	25%	14%	628	28%	15%	578
Centennial Elementary	33%	15%	642	28%	15%	587
Eagles Elementary	42%	17%	296	49%	20%	344
Ed Clapp Elementary	64%	18%	456	67%	20%	455
Lincoln Elementary	60%	21%	334	51%	18%	334

PHASE IN PLAN

There is no phase-in plan for this boundary change. This boundary change will be in effect for the designated area beginning the 2026-27 school year.

YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Board action is to implement boundary changes beginning the 2026-27 school year. The district will plan for the subsequent school year while the current school year is in progress.

GRANDFATHERING/PETITIONING PROCESS

It is recommended that students currently enrolled at Lincoln, Eagles, Ed Clapp, Centennial, Bennett, or Kennedy Elementary Schools who are affected by the proposed boundary change be permitted to complete their elementary education (kindergarten through fifth grade) at their current school, provided they submit a grandfathering petition through the established petition process. Families of students who attend a school via the petition process will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from school. Any student who is not enrolled at Lincoln, Eagles, Ed Clapp, Centennial, Bennett, or Kennedy Elementary Schools during the 2025-26 school year, but who resides within the newly impacted attendance area, will be required to attend their designated elementary school, as determined by the updated boundary, starting with the 2026-27 school year.

The grandfathering petition form (see page 9) for the 2026-27 school year will be available starting August 27, 2025, until the deadline of April 1, 2026. All other initial petitions are due by August 1 of the fall you plan to attend. Petition forms are posted online at <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registration/open-enrollmentpetition-process>.

TRANSPORTATION

The recommended boundary adjustment aims to reassign students in order to achieve balanced enrollment across elementary schools on the south side. Currently, Fargo Public Schools provides transportation services to all elementary schools. With the new boundaries, district-provided transportation will be available only to students residing within the boundary of their designated elementary school. Families who choose to petition their child to remain at their previous school will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Communications Plan

Once boundary changes are approved, a communications plan will be enacted to inform families of the changes, similar to the plan used to inform families of prior boundary changes. Plan components would include:

- Direct mail sent to addresses affected by the boundary adjustments within PowerSchool
- FPS website postings
- Social media promotions
- Employee portal posts
- Newsletter articles – Journey, School Talk, and building newsletters

ELEMENTARY (K-5) GRANDFATHERING PETITION for 2026-2027

School boundaries are established with regard to student population within each school, and students are expected to enroll at the school assigned to their residential area. However, it is recommended that students currently enrolled at Lincoln, Ed Clapp, Centennial, or Bennett Elementary Schools who are affected by the proposed boundary change be permitted to complete their elementary education (kindergarten through fifth grade) at their current school, provided they submit a grandfathering petition through the established petition process. Families of students who attend a school via the petition process will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from school. The grandfathering petition forms for the 2026-27 school year will be collected starting August 27, 2025, until the deadline of April 1, 2026. Petitions can be turned into the principal of the requested school.

A. Student #1 Name _____ Grade Requested _____

Student #2 Name _____ Grade Requested _____

B. School Requested to Remain at:

_____ Lincoln

_____ Ed Clapp

_____ Centennial

_____ Bennett

C. Name of Parent(s) _____

D. Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date Signed _____

Enrollment Granted

For office use only

Principal Requested School Signature and Date

New Boundary School for 2026-2027