



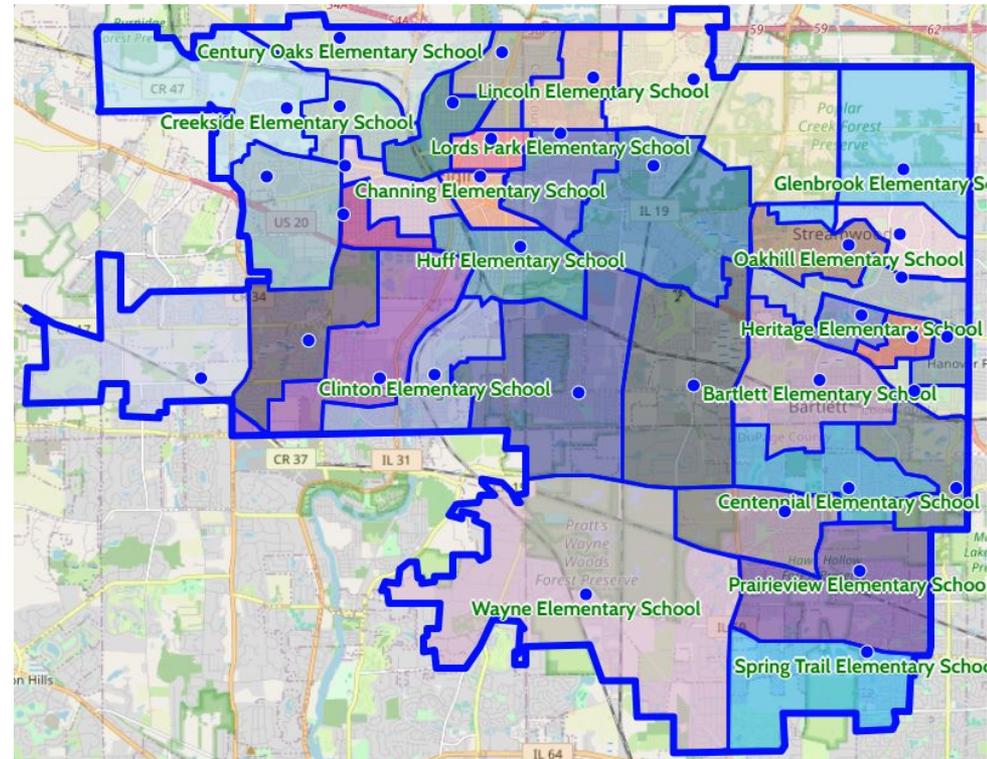
2026-2027 Boundary Transition Update

November 3, 2025

Purpose of Tonight's Update



- Provide details on the process and timeline for communicating student school assignments.
- Provide an overview of the 5th and 6th grade course selection process.
- Provide an overview of the staffing process for 2026-2027.



Student School Assignment Process

- **October 10, 2025: Student assignments for 2026-2027 we finalized in Infinite Campus.**
- **October 15-22, 2025: Principals verified student enrollments.**
- **October 31, 2025: Letters sent to parents notifying them of their student assignments for 2026-2027.**
 - ▶ An email was sent to parents of students currently in grades 9-12. Current high school students will remain at the high school they are currently enrolled in.
 - ▶ Individual letters were mailed home to parents of students currently in grades K-8.

HARRIET GIFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 HOME OF THE BEARS

About Our School

Harriet Gifford is dedicated and committed to providing students with a safe, caring, and supportive school environment. Our students live by three basic standards: Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.

BY *the* NUMBERS

1949
Year Established

400
Students

89
Teachers & Staff

16:1
Student/Teacher Ratio

Together we can make this a great place for all students to learn, care, and grow.

Our History

Harriet Gifford Elementary is named after Elgin's first school teacher, Miss Harriet Gifford, who established the first school in Elgin in 1836. The school has evolved through the years with additions and modernization projects. A new gym and main office, along with additional office space was added in 1997.

POINTS *of* PRIDE

- Outdoor classroom where students participate in hands-on activities
- A robust Parent Teacher Harriet Gifford (PTHG) group plays an important role at our school

Residency Exception Process

- Residency exceptions requests may be made between November 1-13, 2025.
- Families may request an exception to remain at their current school or, for students entering 6th or 9th grade, to attend the school they would have previously been assigned.
- Families may submit a request through our district form. They will need their Infinite Campus log in to complete the form: <https://district.u-46.org/boundaryRER>.
- Families will receive a response by November 21, 2025.



Course Selection Process for 5th and 6th Grade



- **October 6-20, 2025:** Middle school administrators and counselors visited elementary schools to provide an overview of the course offerings and selection process.
- **October 14-16, 2025:** Middle schools hosted parent information nights on the transition and course selection process.
- **November 3-21, 2025:** Middle school staff will visit all elementary schools and complete course selections for the 2026-2027 school year.



Staffing Process



New steps added to the ETA transfer/reassignment process:

- 1. Voluntary transfer for schools: New MS, Hawk Hollow (7/8), and Illinois Park.**
- 2. In-building transfer at current middle schools, including grade 6.**
- 3. Districtwide voluntary transfer for all middle schools, including grade 6.**

Then follow the typical process.

Why? To ensure equal opportunity for all qualified teachers districtwide to be hired at a middle school.



Monthly Updates - What to Expect



December topics will include:

- ▶ Progress on Transportation routes
- ▶ Classroom moving logistics

January topics will include:

- ▶ Classroom moving logistics
- ▶ Professional learning plans for staff





Thank You!

Questions?