



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

*Presented: October 2025*

## SUMMARY

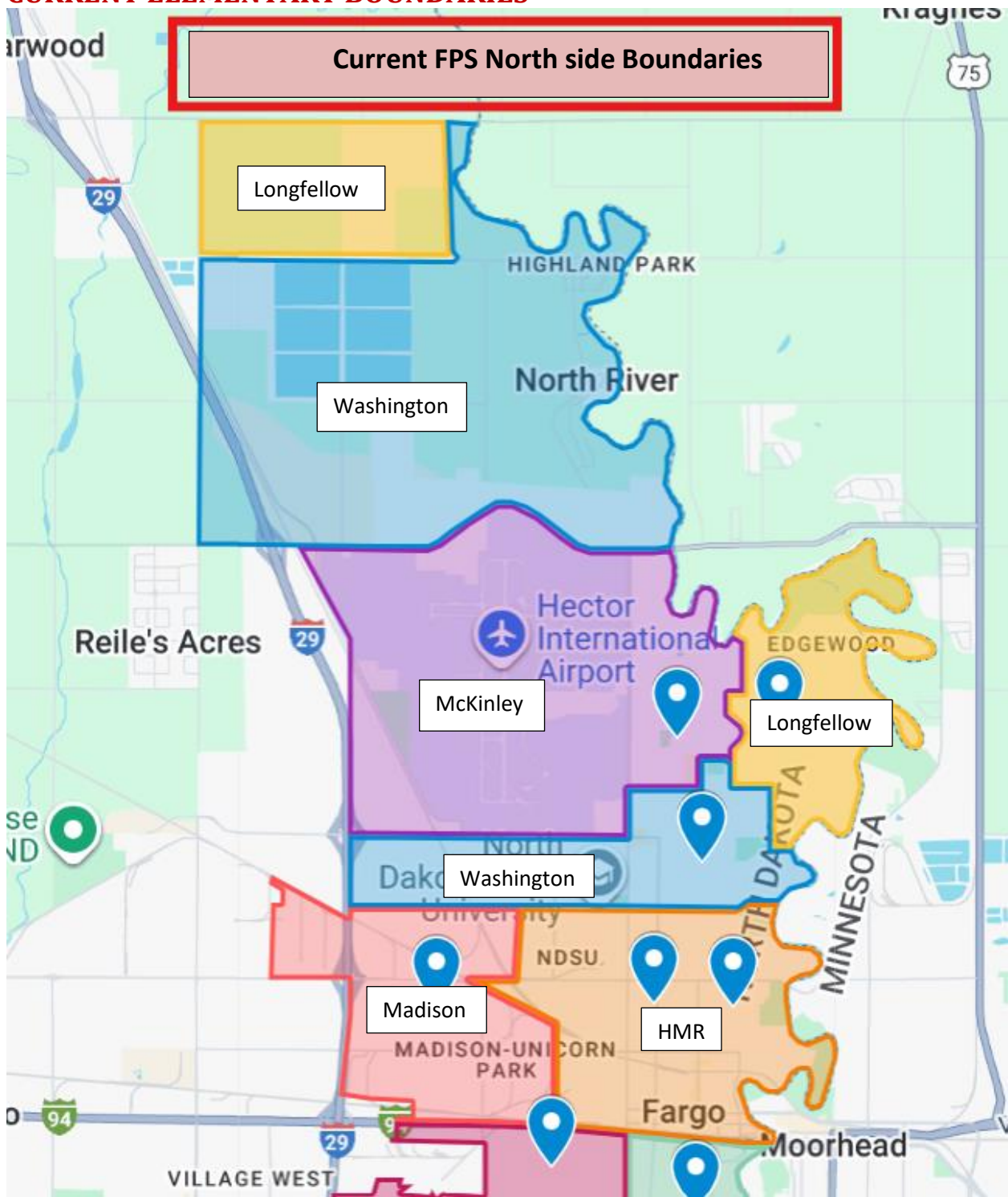
During the 2023–24 school year, Fargo Public Schools engaged in a community-driven process, led by Woolpert, to develop a comprehensive Long-Range Facility Plan. This plan, approved by the School Board in June 2024, was informed by enrollment trends, facility equity and utilization, and building conditions.

On July 8, 2025, the Board approved the construction of a new elementary school on the north side to serve students currently attending Horace Mann, Roosevelt, and Madison elementary schools. This decision responds to declining elementary enrollment on the north side of Fargo that is projected to continue over the next five years. Planning for this school included an analysis of current and projected enrollment options for Fall 2028.

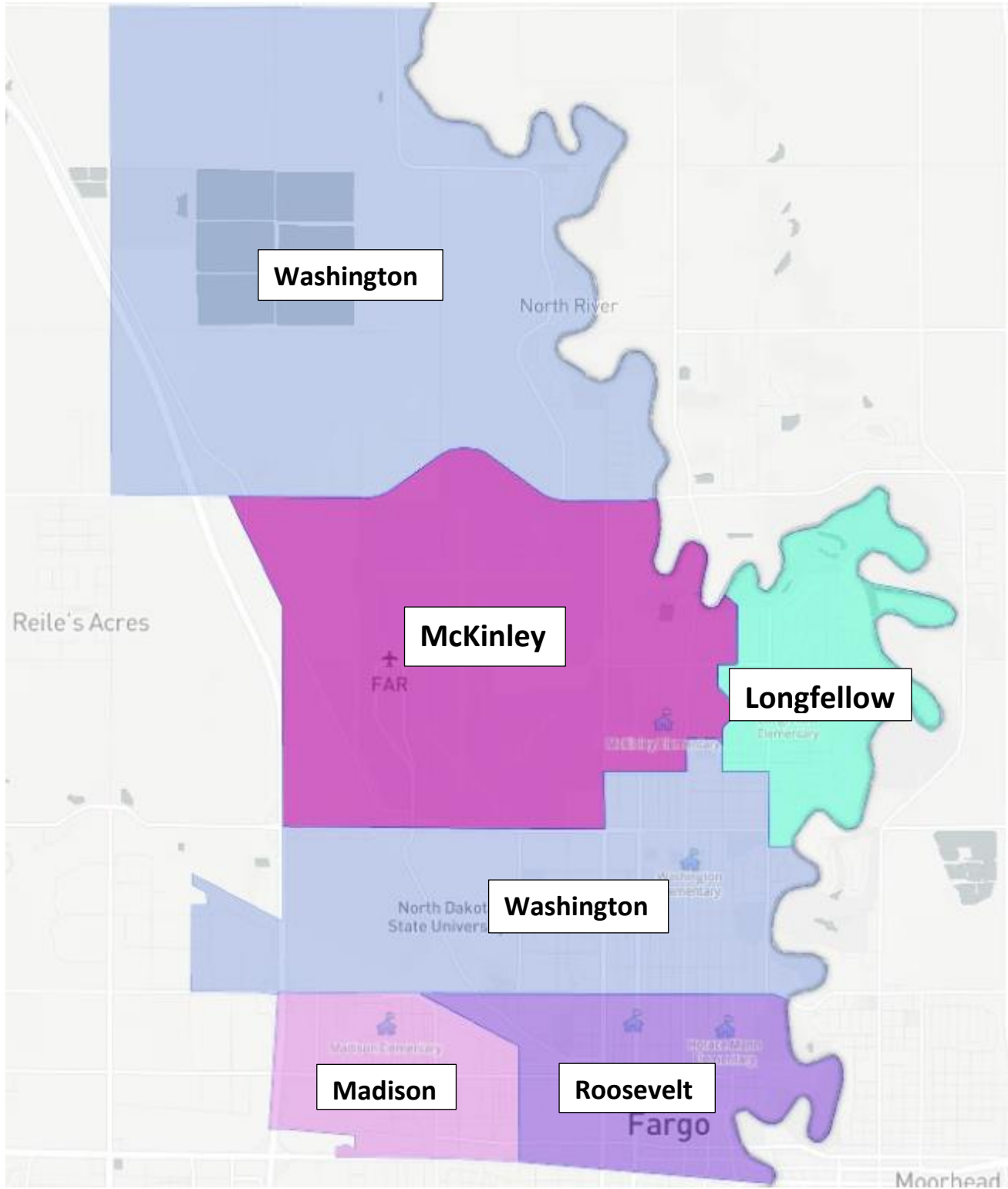
At the October 7, 2025 Planning Committee meeting, the committee directed administration to draft proposed attendance boundary changes for the northern portion of the District, applicable only to elementary schools for approval at a future meeting. Boundaries for secondary schools will remain unchanged at this time.

This report summarizes the considerations and processes undertaken by administration to implement the recommended elementary school boundary changes. This report reviews all items considered by administration for the boundary implementation process.

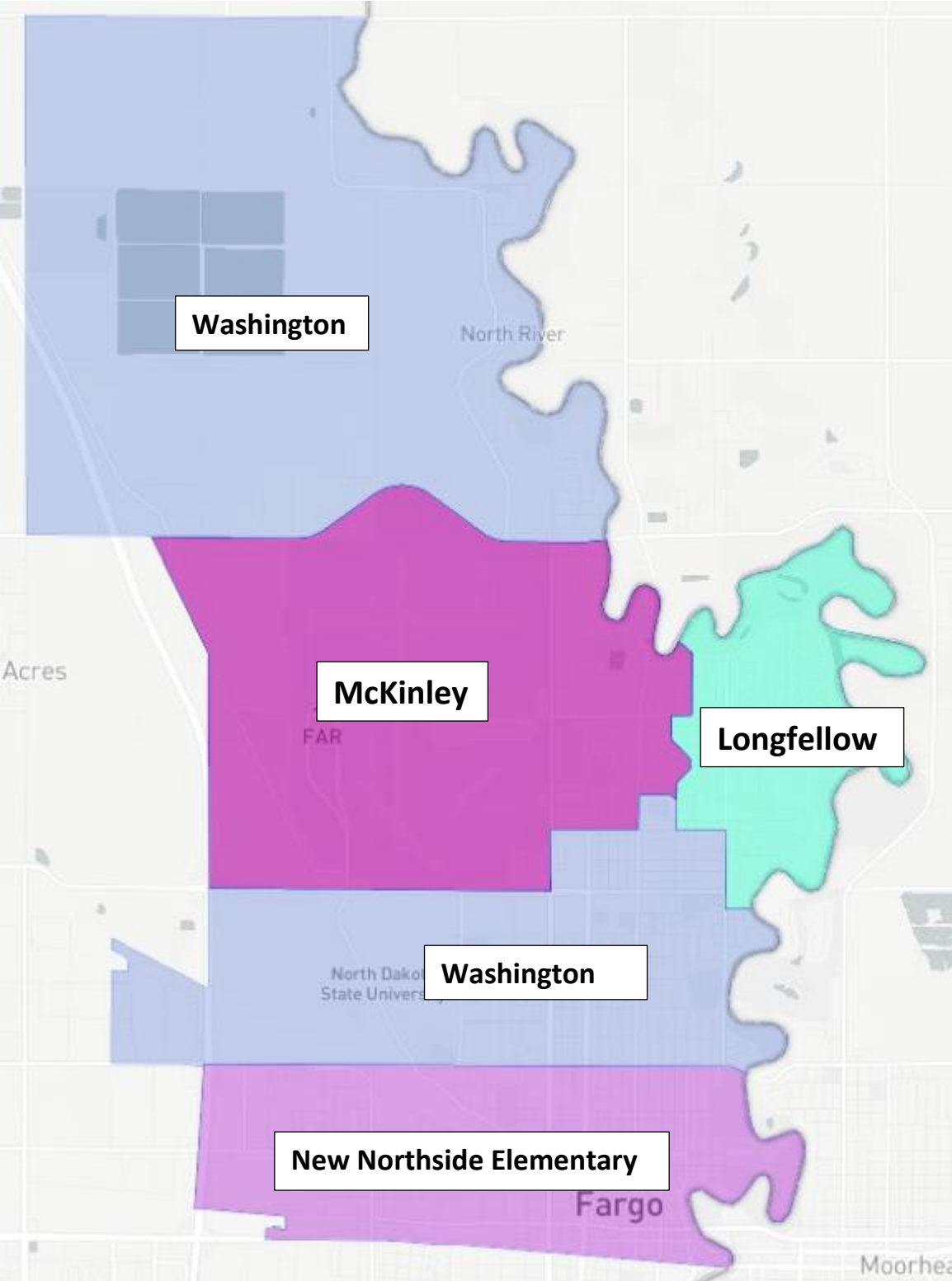
# CURRENT ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES



**ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES 2026-27 & 2027-28 SCHOOL YEARS**



**ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES FALL 2028**



## **LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY**

- Removal of the northern, not contiguous, portion of the attendance area

## **MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY**

- No adjustments

## **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY**

### *North portion (Expanded)*

- North Boundary: 90th Ave. Northwest
- South Boundary: 40th Ave. North
- East Boundary: River
- West Boundary: 45<sup>th</sup> St. North

### *Surrounding Washington Building Portion (Expanded)*

- North Boundary: 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., University Drive, 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Broadway, 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N., 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Veterans Memorial Park
- South Boundary: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- East Boundary: River
- West Boundary: I29, Railroad Tracks, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

## **HORACE MANN-ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY (REDUCED)**

- North Boundary: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- South Boundary: Main Ave.
- East Boundary: River
- West Boundary: 17<sup>th</sup> St. N. and the Railroad Tracks

## **MADISON ELEMENTARY (REDUCED)**

- North Boundary: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- South Boundary: Main Ave.
- East Boundary: 17<sup>th</sup> St. N. And The Railroad Tracks
- West Boundary: I-29 And 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.

## **NEW NORTH SIDE ELEMENTARY (BY SEGMENT LEFT TO RIGHT)**

- North Boundary: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
- South Boundary: Main Ave.
- East Boundary: River
- West Boundary: I-29 and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.

## COMPARISON OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND PROPOSED ENROLLMENT

School	Current Enrollment (2025/26)	Projected Enrollment (2028/29)	Enrollment with Boundary Adjustments (2026/27)	Projected Enrollment (2029/30)
Washington Elementary	277	227	350	310
Horace Mann Elementary	158	174	375 New Elementary	390 New Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary	169	170		
Madison Elementary	121	124		

School	Student Capacity	Sections Capacity	Current Utilization (2024/25)	Projected Utilization under current boundaries (2029/30)	Proposed Utilization	Proposed Projected Utilization (2029/30)
Washington Elementary	416	18	67%	55%	84%	75%
Horace Mann Elementary	256	9	62%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roosevelt Elementary	241	10	70%	71%	N/A	N/A
Madison Elementary	192	11	63%	65%	N/A	N/A
New Elementary	408	18	N/A	N/A	92%	96%

School	% Free & Reduced Current	% of Special Education Students Current	% Free & Reduced Proposed	% of Special Education Students Proposed
Washington Elementary	29%	20%	36%	21%
Horace Mann Elementary	51%	22%	64%	26%
Roosevelt Elementary	51%	22%		
Madison Elementary	69%	39%*		

\*Note: Madison hosts two district special education programs on site.

## 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

School boundaries are established regarding 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 Horace Mann and Roosevelt Elementary Schools in grades 2-4, who are affected by the proposed boundary change be permitted to complete their elementary education 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 October 29, 2025, until the deadline of April 1, 2026. Petitions can be turned into the principal of the requested school.

**The grandfathering petition form (see page 9) for the 2026-27 school year will be available starting October 29, 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 north side. Currently, Fargo Public Schools, through Valley Bus, 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

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A. Student #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Student #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Student #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Requested \_\_\_\_\_

B. School Requested to Remain at:

\_\_\_\_\_ Roosevelt (students entering grades 3-5 in the fall of 2026)

C. Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### Enrollment Granted

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Principal Requested School Signature and Date	New Boundary School for 2026-2027

Note: Only students from North of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. N to 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. N are affected by this boundary change. The families that live in this area are moving from HMR to Washington. Students currently attending Horace Mann in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade not affected by the boundary change will be moved due to construction to a neighboring elementary for the 26-27 and 27-28 school year. The implementation plan for construction of the new elementary will not be published until early December 2025 and will outline the student placement.