SDRP III: School Closure Proposal

January 9, 2026

EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

Scenarios: One-School Closure

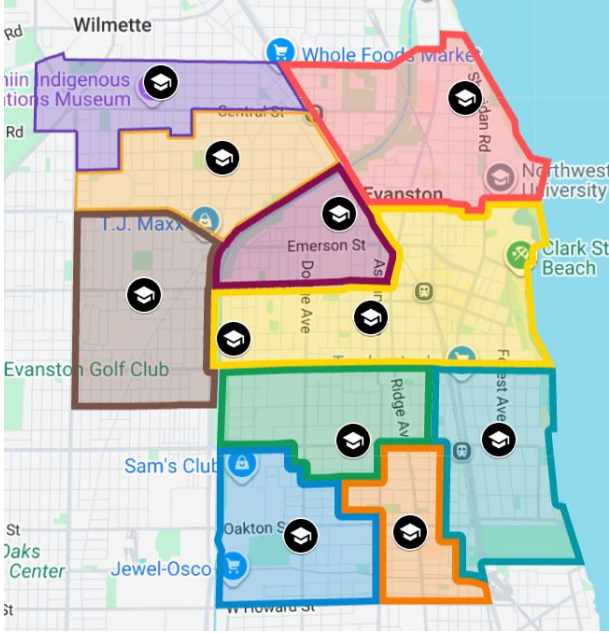
1A-R2 Close Kingsley

Kingsley closes after the 2025-26 school year. (Districtwide Utilization: 69%)

- Willard and Bessie Rhodes TWI strands are consolidated at Foster School
- STEP remains at Lincolnwood

Revisions:

- Oakton's boundary was revised back to its current boundary.
- TWI students remain in school cohorts (Oakton, Dawes, Dewey, Washington)
- All Willard TWI students are assigned to Foster regardless of home school.



Strengths

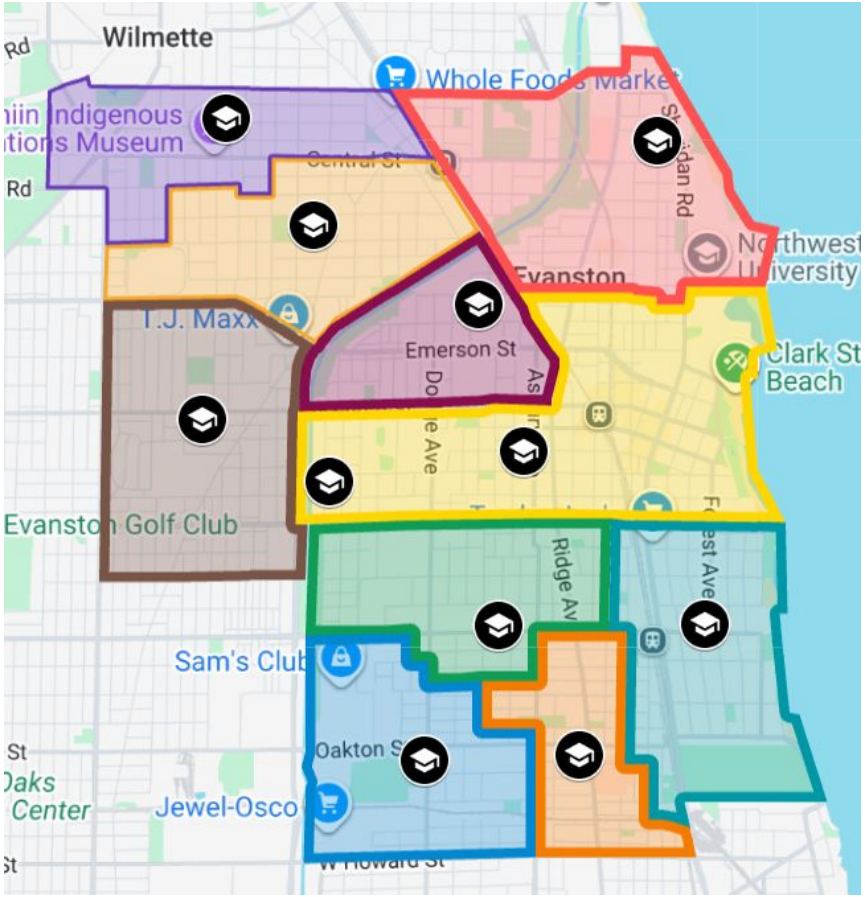
- School is in close proximity to the new Foster School.
- The closure and reassignment can be achieved with minimal on hazard crossings and creates transportation savings (approx. $300,000).
- Maintains boundaries similar to the Board-approved 2026-2027 boundaries.
- Building was successfully leased in a previous closure.
- STEP program remains at Lincolnwood School.

Challenges

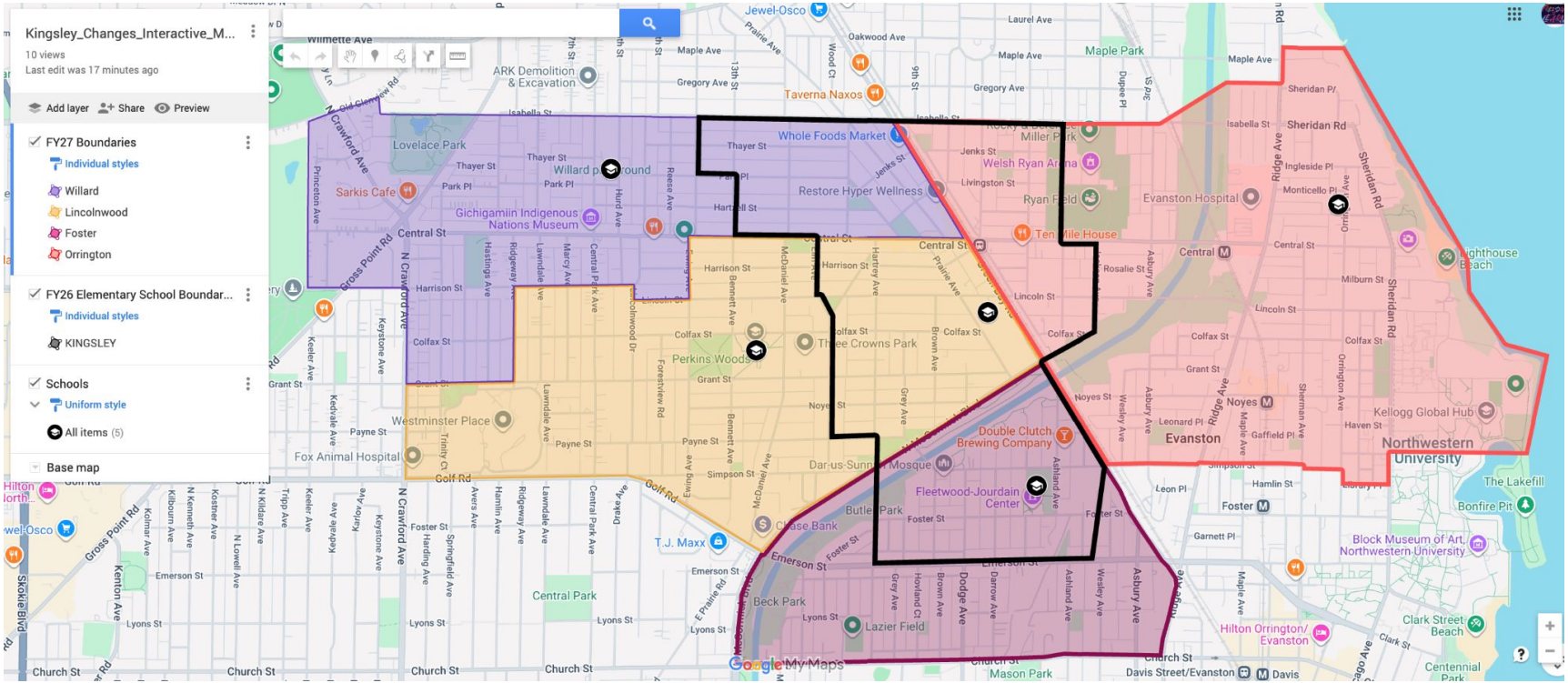
- Single school closure makes less progress towards financial sustainability.
- Average overall utilization rate is below 70%.
- Schools with Title I designation have an average utilization rate of 72% compared to 59% for non-Title 1 schools (excludes Foster).
- The property is adjacent to a District middle school, which requires additional consideration for type of reuse.

Note: 10/1/25 enrollment data used for modeling as well as revised capacities.

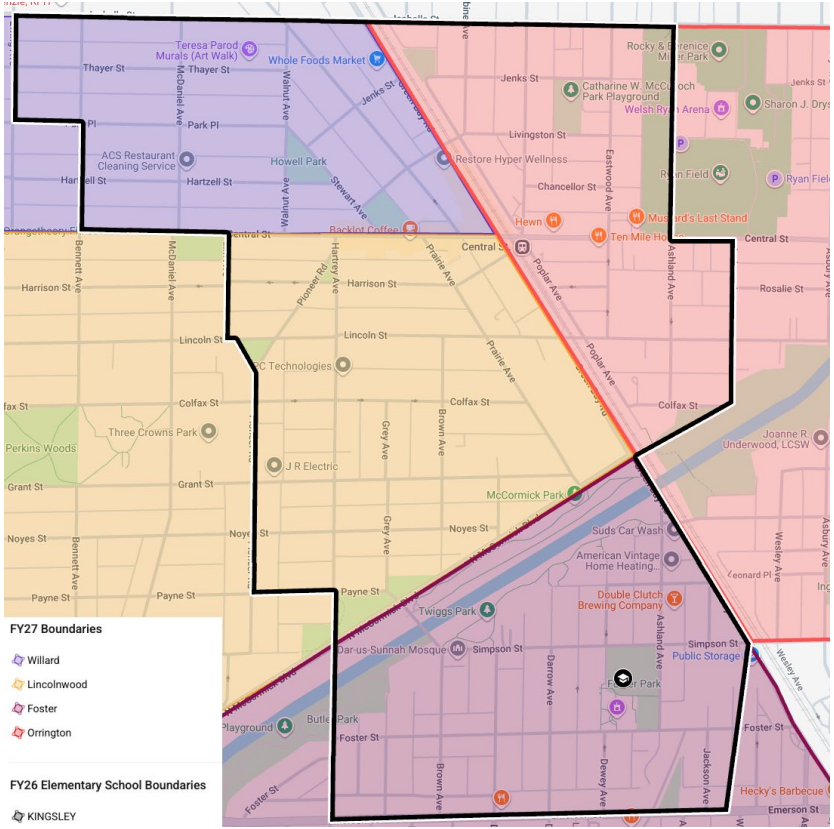
Haven Overlay: Draft Boundaries



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Kingsley Overlay: Draft Boundaries



Next Steps: Public Hearing Dates

Date	Time	Purpose
January 21, 2026	6pm	Public Hearing #1
January 22, 2026	9:30am	Public Hearing #2
January 22, 2026	7:15pm	Public Hearing #3

All hearings will be held at the Joseph E. Hill Education Center (1500 McDaniel Ave).

Public comment sign up will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Spanish interpretation will be provided.

KINGSLEY