

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EVANSTON/SKOKIE
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65 REGARDING THE
CLOSURE OF KINGSLEY ELEMENTARY AND REASSIGNMENT OF ATTENDANCE
AREA BOUNDARIES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to ensuring that all students residing in the District have access to a high quality educational experience; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that the closing of a school is a difficult process creating a significant loss for the impacted school community and is empathetic to those concerns; the board must make decisions in the best interests of the district as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has sole discretion to close school buildings within the District after holding three public hearings pursuant to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.13; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after providing the statutorily required notice, held three public hearings in accordance with Section 10-22.13 of the Illinois School Code on January 21, 2026 at 6 p.m., January 22, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. and January 22, 2026 at 7:15 p.m., where the Board heard public comment regarding closing Kingsley Elementary School (“Kingsley”); and

WHEREAS, after three public hearings, the Board has determined that, based on: (1) declining student enrollment across the District; (2) the District’s commitment to financial sustainability following several consecutive years of expenditures exceeding revenues; (3) significant capital and maintenance needs across District school facilities; and (4) the need to preserve and protect investments that support a high-quality student experience for all students, the closure of Kingsley by July 1, 2026, is necessary and in the best interests of the District as a whole ; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code and Board Policy 7:30, *Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*, recognizes the Board’s right to draw and change its attendance boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026 when Kingsley is closed, its attendance area boundaries must be reassigned; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the 2026–2027 school year and continuing until modified by the Board, Kingsley’s current attendance area boundaries be reassigned as outlined in Exhibit A

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the impact of the Kingsley community’s transition and to establish community and maintain a welcoming, inclusive school climate, the Board directs District administration to implement a thoughtful transition plan for all impacted students and school communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD EDUCATION OF EVANSTON/SKOKIE COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution providing the reasoning for the Board's decision.

Section 2. Closing of Kingsley Elementary School. The Board has held the required public hearings under Section 10-22.13 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.13, and based on the recitals set forth above, and further within its discretion, has determined that by July 1, 2026 that Kingsley Elementary School will be closed. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the District to close the Kingsley Elementary School building located at 2300 Green Bay Rd, Evanston, IL 60201, by July 1, 2026. The Board further directs the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designees, and attorneys to take all necessary actions to close the Kingsley Elementary School building by July 1, 2026, for the purposes of student attendance. The Board will at a later date determine how best to address the use of the building and the surrounding property, which may include, without limitation, leasing, selling, or converting it to another use, as determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the District.

Section 3. Reassignment of Attendance Area Boundaries. That the Board approve the reassignment of attendance area boundaries recommended by the Superintendent in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

Section 4. Relation to other Board Resolutions. If any conflict arises between this Resolution and any other resolution adopted prior to this Resolution, then this Resolution shall control.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its adoption.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSENT: _____

Adopted January __, 2026.

President

ATTEST:

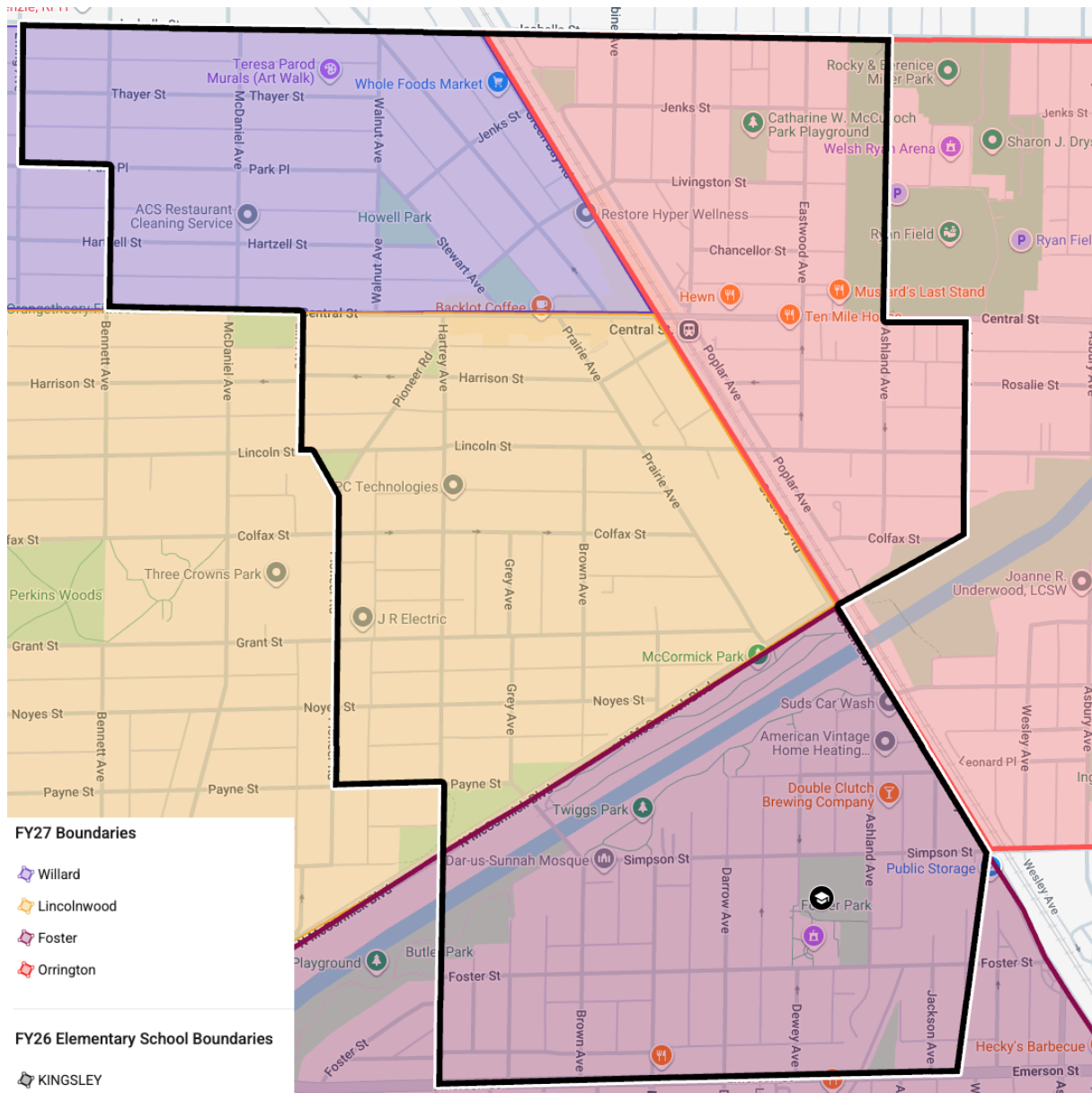
Secretary

Exhibit A
New School Boundaries after Closing of Kingsley Elementary School

Boundaries:

2025-26 Kingsley School Boundary (Black Lines) Overlaid on Proposed 2026-27 Boundaries

As of 1/8/26

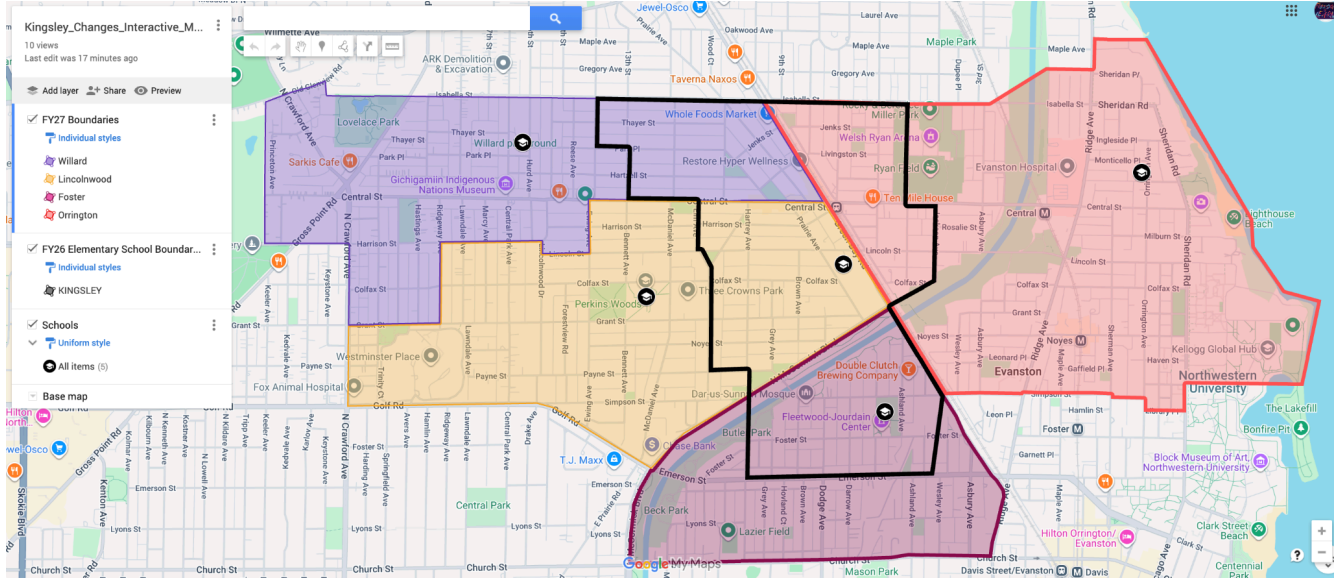


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Reference: January 8, 2026 Memo to the Board 'DRAFT Boundaries for 2026-27 with Kingsley Closure'

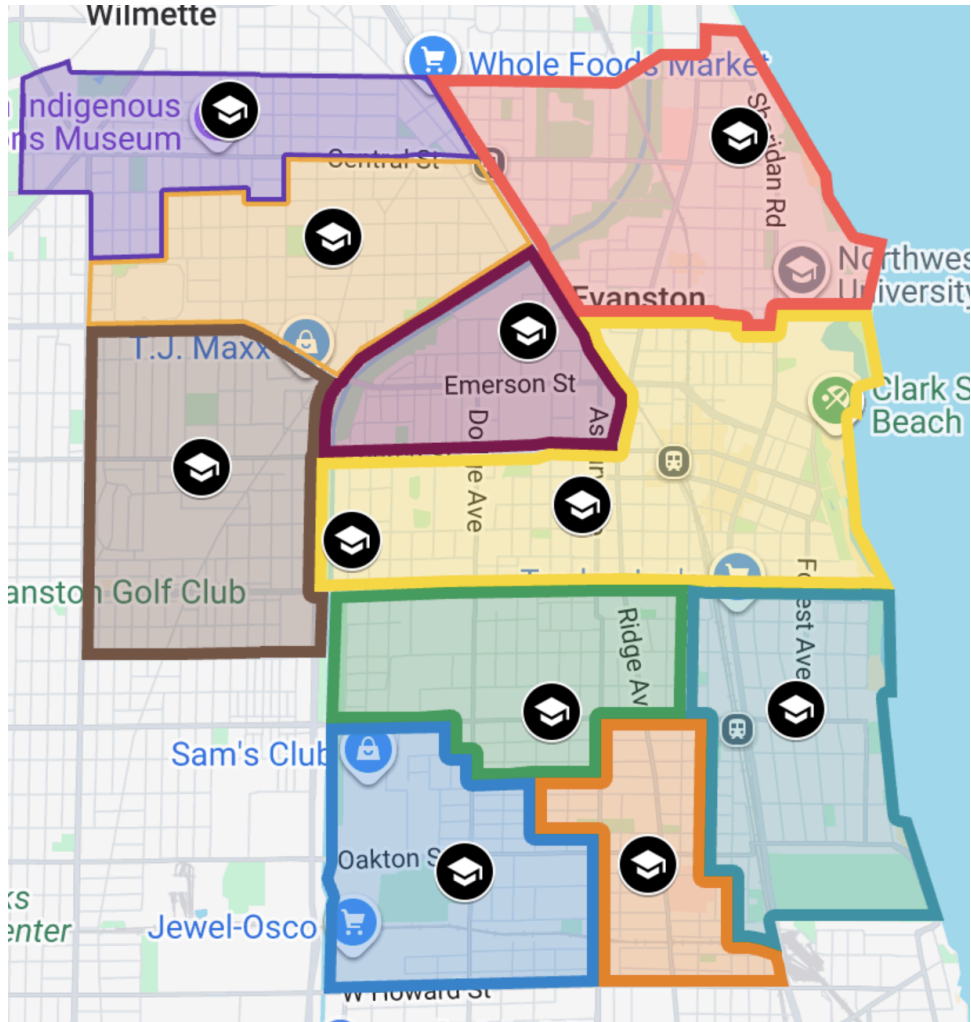
2025-26 Kingsley School Boundary (Black Lines) Overlaid on Proposed 2026-27 Haven Feeder Boundaries

As of January 8, 2026



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Proposed 2026-27 District 65 Boundaries
As of January 8, 2026



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Boundary Exceptions:

The November 17 memo provided a detailed analysis of enrollment exceptions. Please refer to that memo for additional information. The administration is recommending the following exceptions be adopted.

Previous Exception	1A- R2 Recommendation	Explanation
Bessie Rhodes Exception	Yes	Kindergarten through fourth grade students at Bessie Rhodes are assigned to Foster School through fifth grade. Families may complete a return to home school request if they wish to exit Foster. (Previously Board Approved: Bessie Rhodes Resolution, 6/10/24)
Foster Exception	Yes with a condition highlighted.	Students who live in Foster but attend another D65 K-5 elementary school during the 25-26 school year will be assigned to Foster school for 26-27 and a family may complete a permissive transfer to stay at their 25-26 school and the District is to accept this request until the grade level is at enrollment capacity. (Board recommendation and commitment, 3/7/22 and 3/14/22)
7th and 8th Grade Legacy	Yes	Legacy status would allow current sixth and seventh graders to remain at their current middle school through graduation.

Recommendation: The administration is recommending that the Foster exception is revised to include that permissive transfer requests will be accepted unless a grade level has reached enrollment capacity. If a grade level gets close to capacity the District will use enrollment levers (section adjustments, King Arts or permissive transfers to other schools) to manage enrollment. In an effort to approve boundary related permissive transfer requests. Due to the uncertainty of student/family selections, the revision to the Foster exception provides a clarity.

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