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Board of Education Approves “Plan Blue”

January 28, 2026

Dear **Abney, Dallas, Northside, Roberts, Russom, and Shelton Elementary** School Families,

At its January 27, 2026 meeting, the Paulding County Board of Education approved the proposed elementary school boundary realignment for the 2026–2027 school year. The approved boundary maps and a list of impacted addresses outlining the new attendance zones for affected students can be found here: [Boundary Realignment Final Plan Info](#).

We understand that a boundary change can bring questions and concerns, and we want to ensure that families impacted by this adjustment are well-informed and supported throughout the transition process. Below is important information regarding options that may be available to students whose attendance zones are changing.

School Choice Options for Impacted Families

Families who wish for their student(s) to remain at their currently zoned school may consider the following options. Please note that the Paulding County School District does not provide transportation for students attending a school outside of their assigned attendance zone. If you have questions about any of these options, please contact Marie Sellers at msellers@paulding.k12.ga.us.

Request to Remain

In accordance with Paulding County School District Regulation JBCCA-R, when attendance zone changes occur, students currently enrolled in 5th grade may request to remain at their present school. A Request to Remain application will be sent directly to parents/guardians of impacted rising 5th-grade students. The application window will be open from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, *January 28*, through 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, *February 11, 2026*. Please note that only impacted 5th-grade students are eligible for this option.

School Choice

Once the Request to Remain window closes on February 11, schools available for School Choice will be identified. The School Choice application window will be open from

February 12 through February 27th. Applications must be submitted through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Hardship Transfer

Any student, including incoming kindergarten students, may apply for a hardship transfer if extenuating circumstances exist. Hardship requests are reviewed on a space-available basis, and additional documentation may be required. More information about this process can be found on the district website under the PCSD Hardship Process.

Transition Support and Open Houses

To assist with the transition, Open Houses are scheduled at receiving schools to assist families transitioning to a new school for the 2026–2027 school year. These events will offer families the opportunity to tour the school, meet staff members, and learn more about the programs and opportunities available.

Open House Dates:

- ***Abney Elementary:*** March 26th @ 6:00pm in conjunction with STEM Night
- ***Northside Elementary:*** May 7th @ 6:00pm in conjunction with new Kindergarten families
- ***Roberts Elementary:*** May 7th @ 6:00pm in conjunction with new Kindergarten families
- ***Russom Elementary:*** April 16th @ 6:00pm in conjunction with STEAM Night
- ***Shelton Elementary:*** May 5th @ 4:00pm in conjunction with new Kindergarten families

We are committed to keeping families informed and ensuring a thoughtful, smooth transition for all students. If you have additional questions about the transition, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

School Leadership Division