

Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting

February 4, 2026

7:00pm

TEAO

- I. Review of January 2026 Minutes
- II. Discussion of Steering Committee Selection Process

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR REDISTRICTING MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2026
Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices, Room 200
7:00 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Dr. Roberta Hotinski (Chair), Kenneth Hong, Maryann Piccioni, Rachel Weil

Other Board Members: Dr. Julie K. Mesaros, Nicole Scherer, Sue Tiede, Henry Zink

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, John Mull, Jacqui Rothera, Mike Szymendera

Community Members: Erika Cardamone, Tim Hennessey, Stephanie Hughes, Richard Kelly, Meaghan Klagholz, Kristen VanDeBoe, Katie Walter, Amanda Wollick, Pamela Zakielarz

Public Comment:

Amanda Wollick commented on kindergarten enrollment projections.

Erika Cardamone commented on approaches to redistricting.

Stephanie Hughes commented on factors to consider in a proportional approach to redistricting.

Stephanie Hughes commented on the impact of rental units on enrollment projections.

Amanda Wollick commented on enrollment trends following the last elementary redistricting effort in TESD.

Kristen VanDeBoe commented on enrollment projections with full-day kindergarten.

Meaghan Klagholz commented on enrollment projections with full-day kindergarten.

Matt Holt commented on parameters the board might consider when redistricting.

Matt Holt commented on middle school attendance boundaries.

Tim Hennessey commented on location of BHES with respect to middle school attendance boundaries.

Meaghan Klagholz commented on communication efforts to public about redistricting.

Katie Walter commented on timeline for redistricting and next steps.

Stephanie Hughes commented on District processes for gathering feedback on experiences in different schools.

Richard Kelly commented on redistricting for current Hillside families living in the VFMS attendance region.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

Dr. Hotinski welcomed committee members, presenters, and community members, and provided an overview of the agenda, which included reviewing the redistricting timeline, finalizing parameters, discussing approaches to redistricting, and establishing next steps.

Dr. Towle reviewed the background of the redistricting process that is necessitated by the construction of Bear Hill Elementary School (BHES), the first new school in TESD in over 50 years. She provided a review of material presented at previous meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting, including a multiphase timeline for redistricting and parameters to

consider during the current redistricting efforts. The goal of redistricting remains to create six school enrollment areas for the new building configuration where all students and families can have similar experiences and feel connected to their school communities.

Dr. Gusick provided a review of two approaches for redistricting that were presented for consideration at the October Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee meeting. The parity approach to redistricting distributes students evenly among the six schools, but would require changes to middle school attendance areas. The proportional approach to redistricting establishes enrollment targets for each school that are proportional to each school's classroom inventory. Updated projections showed that the proportional approach more accurately reflects individual school capacities, allows schools to better manage future population shifts, and would allow the existing middle school attendance areas to remain the same.

After reviewing the approaches to redistricting with updated enrollment projections and listening to public comment, board members discussed and adopted the following parameters to guide the redistricting process: meet population target ranges for each school, abide by all legal requirements, create reasonably drawn boundaries, avoid dividing neighborhoods, align with best practices for bus transportation, and adjust the middle school feeder patterns so that TEMS will receive students from the new attendance regions for Beaumont, Devon and Hillside, and VFMS will receive students from the new attendance regions for Bear Hill, New Eagle, and Valley Forge Elementary. Further, the committee directed that a proportional approach be used to establish enrollment targets for each school when redistricting, and existing boundaries for middle school attendance should remain unchanged.

The meeting concluded with a review of next steps. At its February 4, 2026 meeting, the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee will establish the process for selecting members for the Redistricting Steering Committee. Those steering committee members will be selected during Spring 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next meeting: **February 4, 2026**

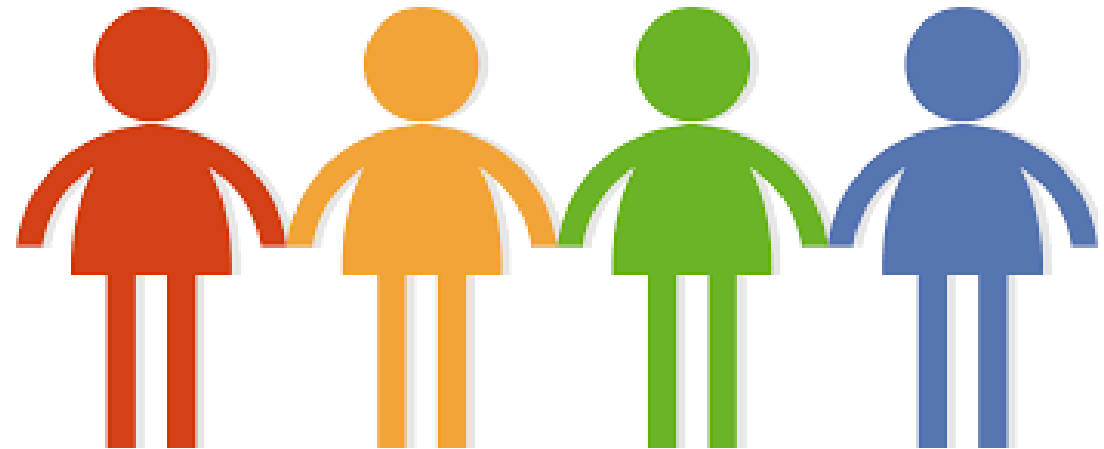
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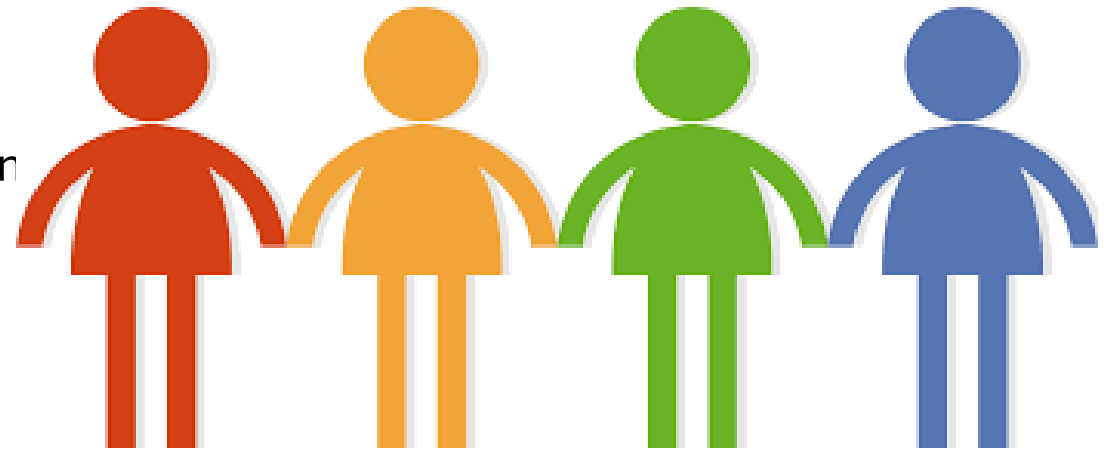
TESD Redistricting Timeline (May 2025)

- ✓ Summer 2025 –District administration gathers information for Ad Hoc Committee
- ✓ Fall 2025 – Ad Hoc committee develops parameters and work plan
- *Spring 2026 – Selection of District steering committee members*
- Summer & early Fall 2026 – District steering committee work
- Late Fall 2026/Winter 2027– Presentation of plan & Board vote
- Winter/Spring 2027 – Implementation of transition activities



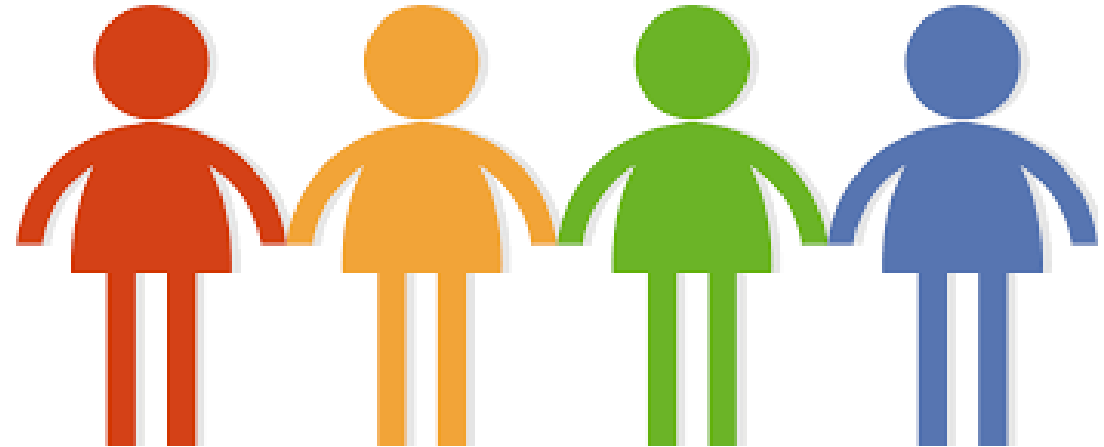
Parameters for Redistricting (January 2026)

- Meet population target ranges for each school
- Abide by all legal requirements
- Create reasonably drawn boundaries
- Avoid dividing neighborhoods
- Align with best practices for bus transportation
- Adjust Middle School Feeder Patterns:
 - T/E Middle – Beaumont, Devon, Hillside
 - VF Middle – Valley Forge, New Eagle, Bear Hill
- Utilize the proportional approach to redistricting
- Maintain current middle school attendance boundaries



Proposed Composition of Elementary Redistricting Steering Committee

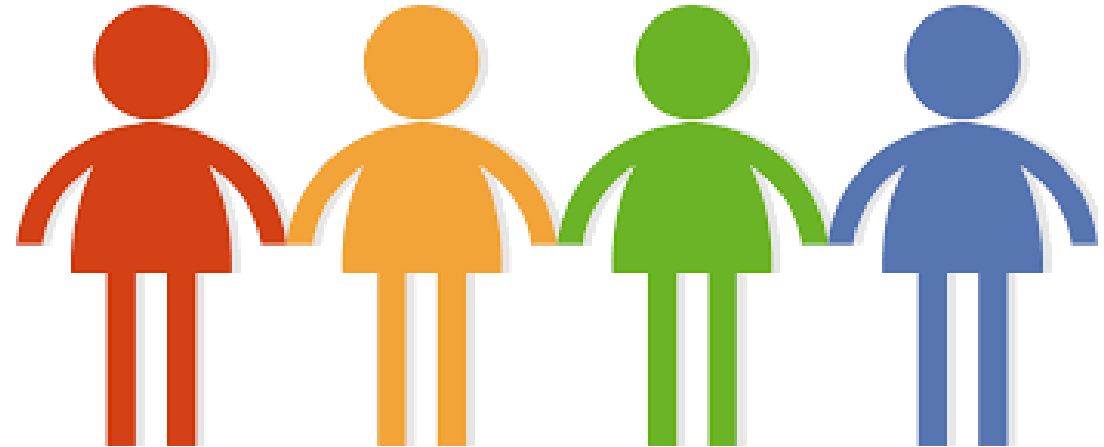
- Administrative Staff – Dr. Wendy Towle
- 10 Parents
- External Facilitator
- Observers (Board Members, District Staff)



Proposed Parent Steering Committee Members Eligibility Criteria

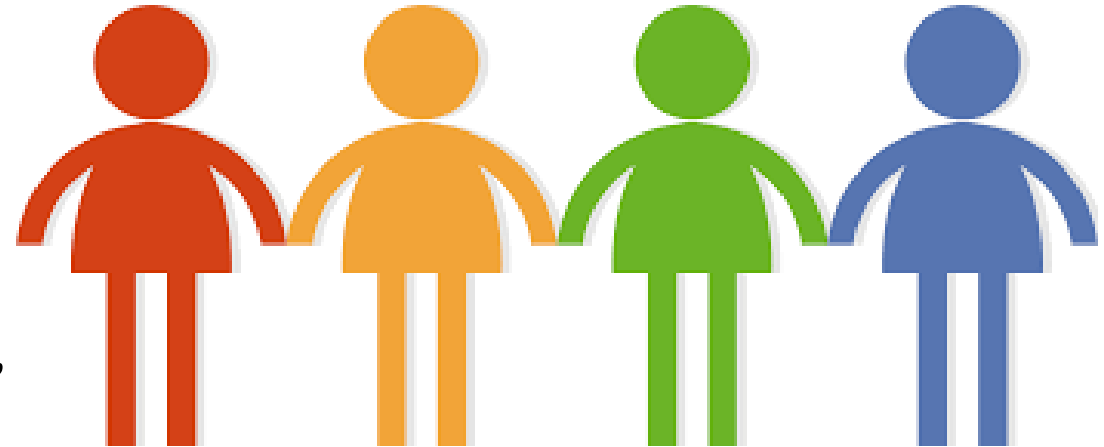
Must meet one of the following:

1. Child currently enrolled in Grades K-2
OR
2. Child currently enrolled in Grades 3 or 4
AND a child not yet school age



Proposed Steering Committee Parent Selection Process

- Members randomly selected from applicant pool
- Two parents from each current elementary catchment area
- One parent alternate from each current elementary catchment area
- Application window: April 6, 2026 – April 24, 2026
- Selection and Notification date: Week of May 4, 2026



Proposed External Facilitator

- District administration will recommend an external facilitator
- Not to exceed \$7,000

