Planning for the Future

Community Rezoning Meeting
North / Northwest Knoxville Sector

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WELCOME

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Our GOALS for Today



REVIEW:
Path to Rezoning



EXPLORE:
Zoning Scenarios



ENGAGE:
Zoning Scenarios

How We Got Here

Increased Development in North Knoxville

Limited Capacity for Growth at Powell Elementary

Identification of **Capacity for Growth in Surrounding Areas**

Opportunity to Strengthen **Middle/High School Feeder Patterns**

COMMUNITY ZONING MEETING

BOE Zoning Proposal

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ZONING IMPLICATIONS

POTENTIAL **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** IMPACT

- → Amherst Elementary
- → Brickey-McCloud Elementary
- → Karns Elementary
- → Powell Elementary

POTENTIAL **MIDDLE SCHOOL** IMPACT

- → Karns Middle
- → Powell Middle

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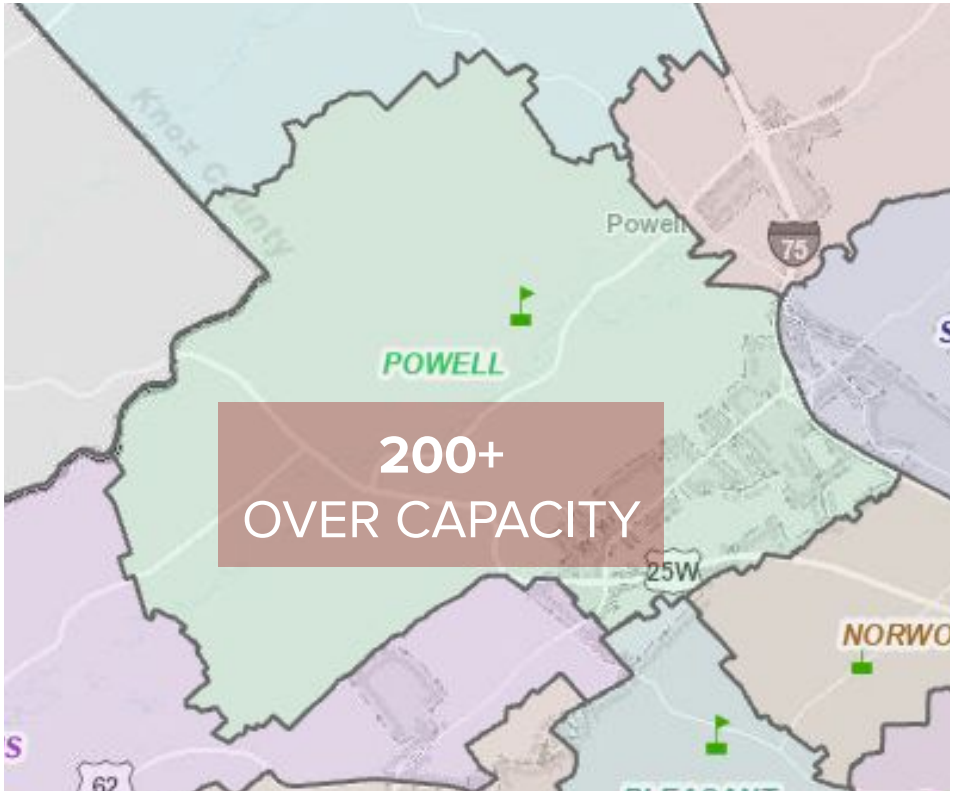
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **CONSIDERATIONS**

Amherst | Brickey-McCloud | Karns | Powell

Elementary School: **Challenges**

- ➔ Anticipated growth with limited capacity at Powell Elementary
- ➔ Congested traffic patterns and limited parking at Powell Elementary

Opportunity: *Eliminate need for portable usage*



Zoning Scenarios:
We Want Your Feedback

Using the sticky notes provided, take note of **strengths** and **considerations** for each zoning scenario.

IMPORTANT:

- ➔ Note *which scenario* your feedback pertains to;
- ➔ There will also be an opportunity to provide **general feedback.**



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Future Planning: **Powell**

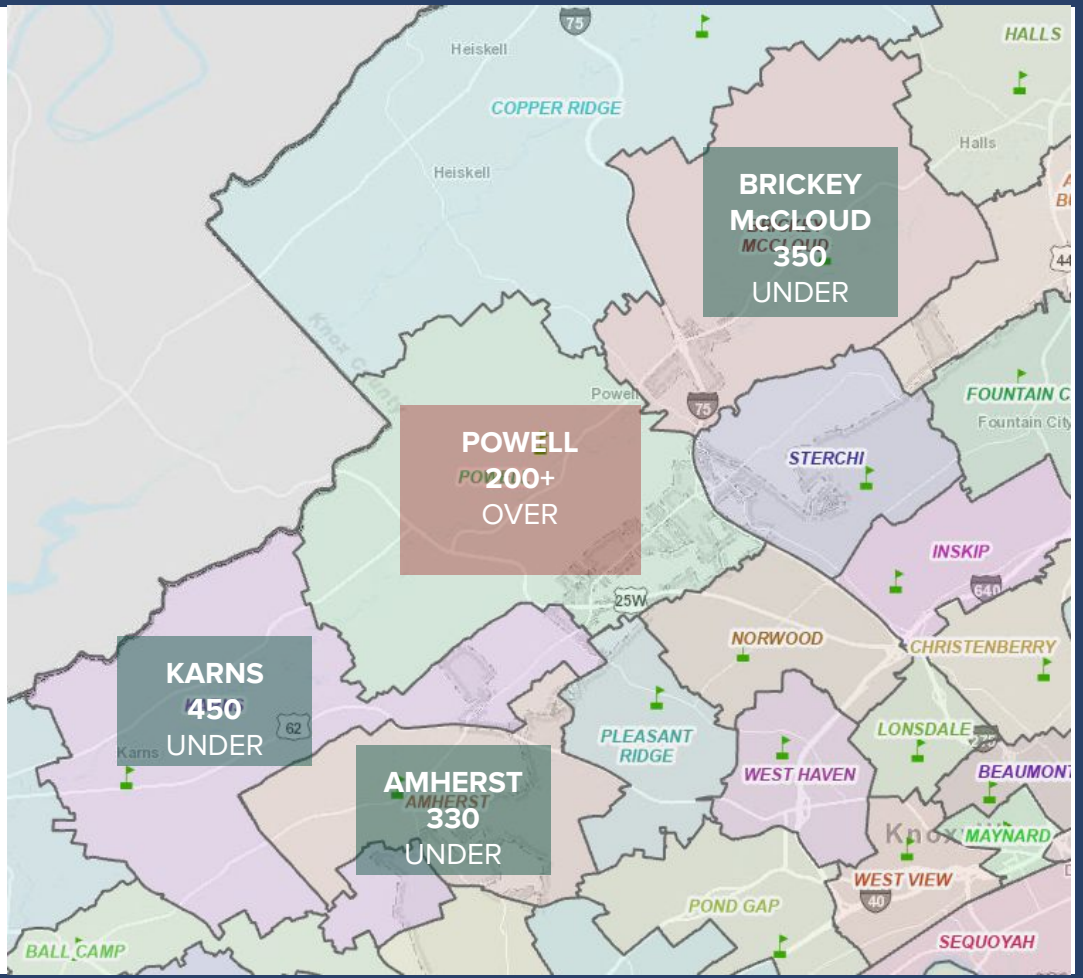
REZONE	Underutilized capacity in the target area	Surrounding schools have long-term viability	Feasible transportation
	✔	✔	✔

ADDITION	*Existing school has long-term viability*	*Space to support an addition*	*Acceptable cost compared to new build*

NEW SCHOOL	*Land available in target area*	*Market value land rate available*	*Estimated cost supported through debt service*

Available **Capacity**

*There are approximately **1,130 currently available seats** in zones adjacent to Powell Elementary School.*



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Recommended Solution: **Zoning**

- ☑ Immediate solution
- ☑ Fiscally responsible
- ☑ Eliminates need for portable usage
- ☑ Relieves traffic congestion
- ☑ Addresses parking concerns
- ☑ Strengthens school feeder patterns

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ZONING SCENARIOS

Amherst | Brickey-McCloud | Karns | Powell

Elementary School: **Rezoning Goals**

- ➔ Relieve current capacity pressures at Powell Elementary School;
- ➔ Create space for future growth; and

TARGET REZONE:

at least 200 Students from Powell Elementary School to adjacent schools with capacity

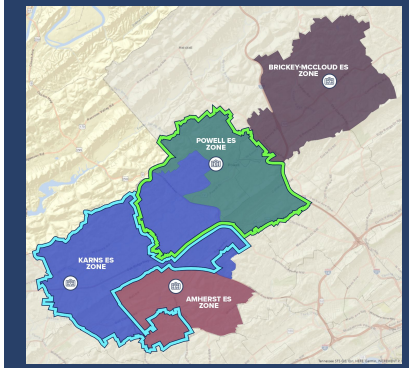
- ➔ Create a unified zone by drawing lines that are contiguous and follow natural features and obvious barriers where possible

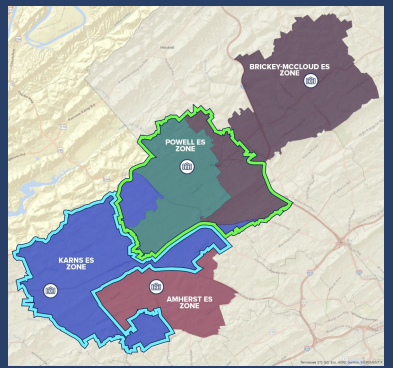
Elementary School: **Rezoning Scenarios**

- Scenarios are designed to generate feedback, and are **not final proposals**.
- All identified scenarios generate the relief needed at Powell Elementary School and maintain capacity for growth at other impacted schools.
- Scenarios **will not identify whether a specific house would be impacted**, but will indicate neighborhoods.

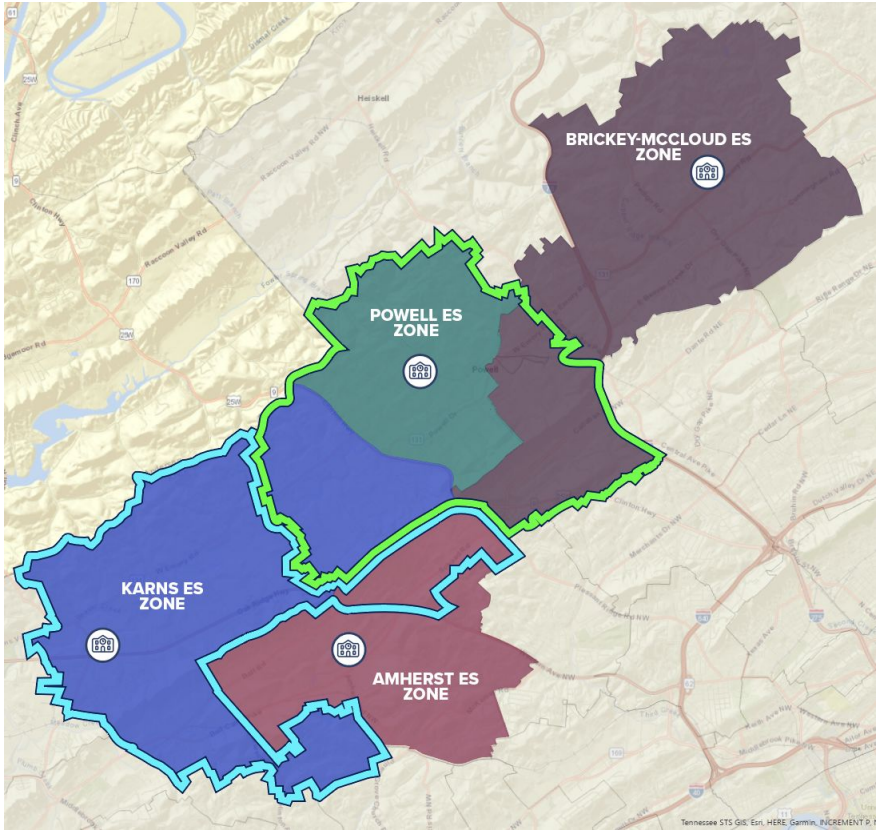
Three Scenarios
for feedback







Elementary **Scenario ONE**

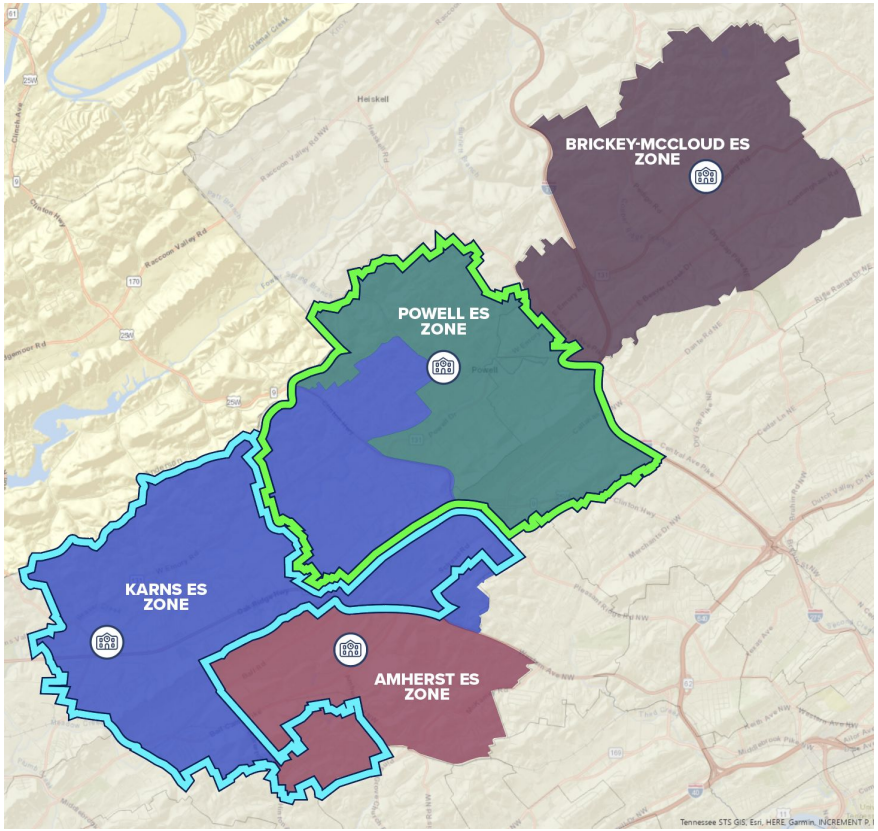


	Capacity	2026 Enrollment	2030 Enrollment
Amherst	**948**	725	800
Brickey	**1,180**	950	1,025
Karns	**1,417**	1,110	1,350
Powell	**600**	500	525

Commute Snapshot *(Estimates)*

	Current	Rezone
Belltown	10 mins (Powell)	10 mins (Karns)
Cherrybrook	10 mins (Powell)	13 mins (Brickey)
Legacy Pointe Apts	15 mins (Karns)	6 mins (Amherst)

Elementary **Scenario TWO**

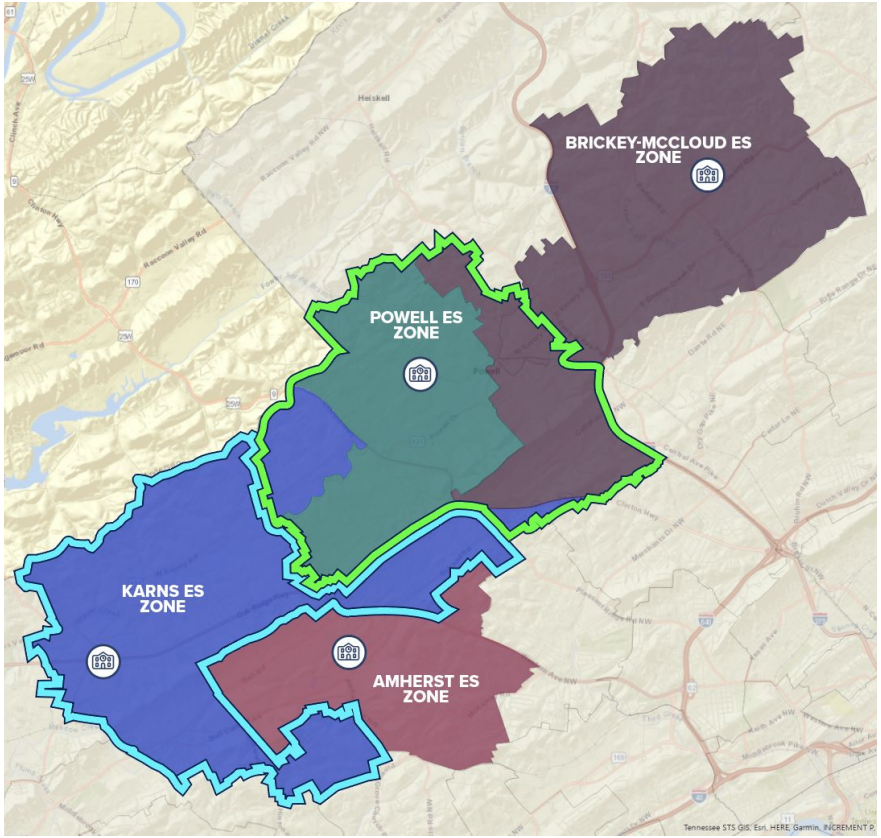


	Capacity	2026 Enrollment	2030 Enrollment
Amherst	**948**	870	940
Brickey	***1,180***	–	–
Karns	**1,417**	1,130	1,350
Powell	**600**	450	480

Commute Snapshot *(Estimates)*

	Current	Rezone
Belltown	10 mins (Powell)	10 mins (Karns)
Broadacres	6 mins (Powell)	14 mins (Karns)
Bradford View Apts	16 mins (Karns)	9 mins (Amherst)

Elementary **Scenario THREE**

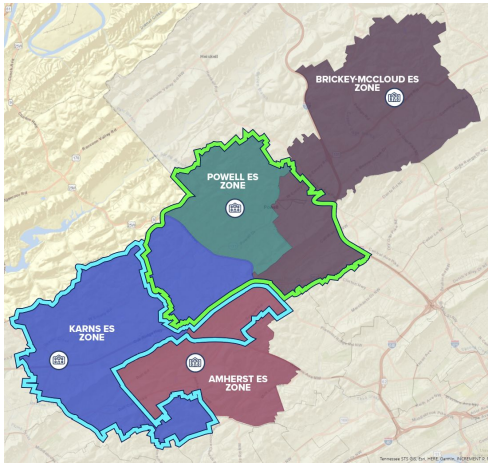


	Capacity	2026 Enrollment	2030 Enrollment
Amherst	*948*	—	—
Brickey	**1,180**	978	1,064
Karns	**1,417**	1,114	1,347
Powell	**600**	546	578

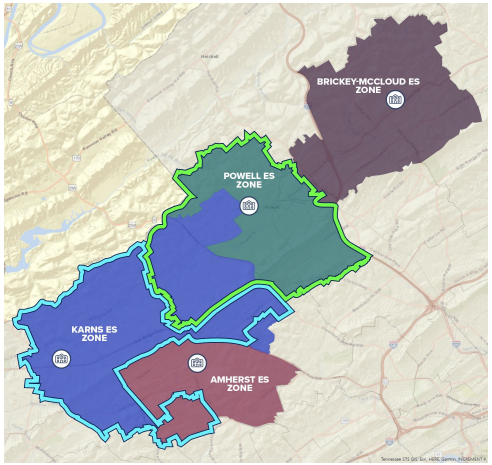
Commute Snapshot *(Estimates)*

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Belltown	10 mins (Powell)	10 mins (Karns)
Cherrybrook	10 mins (Powell)	13 mins (Brickey)
Vista Hills	5 mins (Powell)	12 mins (Brickey)

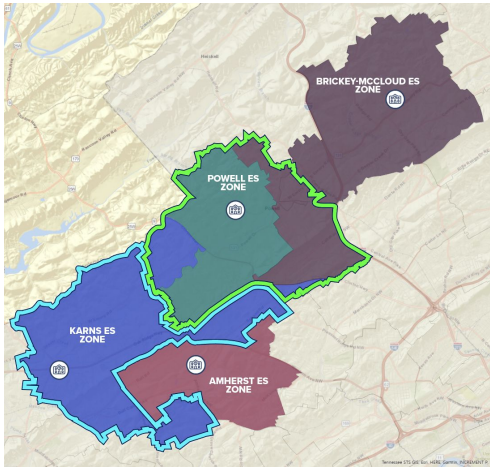
Elementary School: **Rezoning Scenarios**



SCENARIO 1



SCENARIO 2



SCENARIO 3

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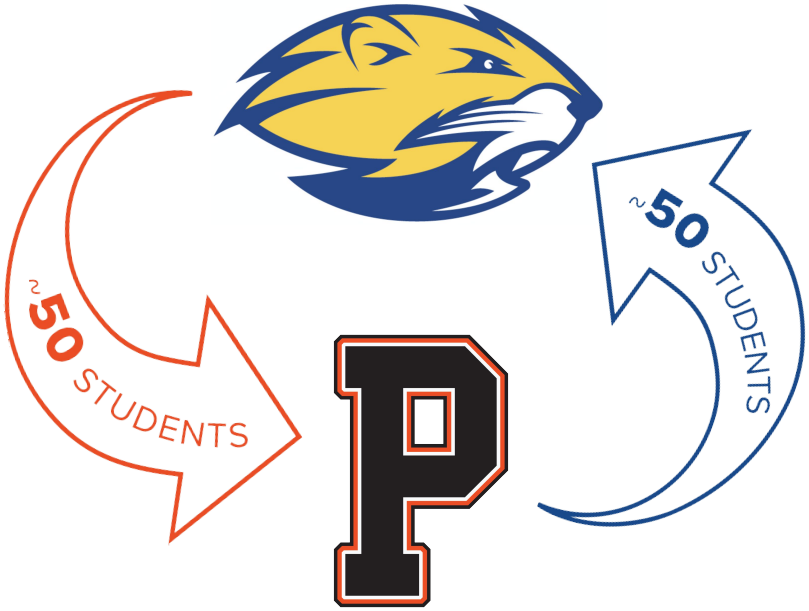
MIDDLE SCHOOL
ZONING SCENARIO

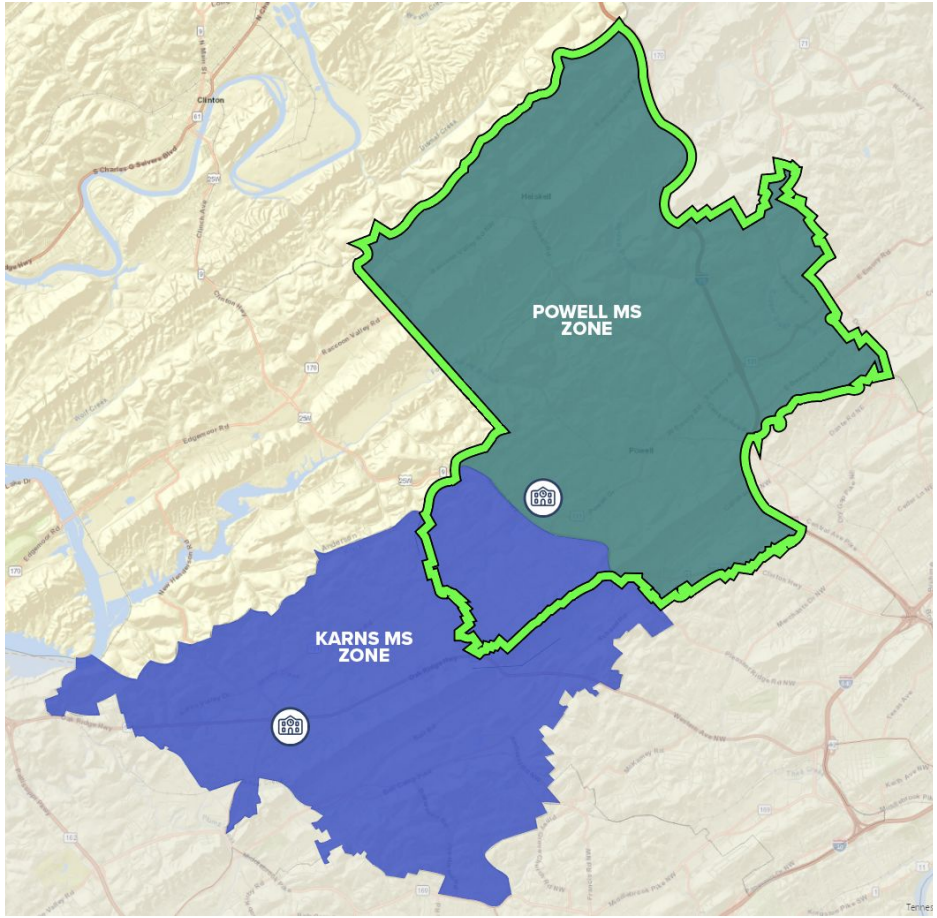
Karns | Powell

Middle School: **Rezoning Opportunity**

Strengthen feeder patterns to the extent possible to:

- ➔ Build continuity across graduating classes;
- ➔ Program continuity (academics and extracurricular) ;
- ➔ Mitigate *transfer flip.*





Middle School **Rezone**

	Capacity	2026 Enrollment	2030 Enrollment
Karns	**1,680**	904	952
Powell	**1,632**	722	640

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REZONING
TRANSFER PROCESS

Rezoning: **Transfer Process**

GRANDFATHER TRANSFER

- ➔ Offered to rising **“terminal grade”** students (i.e., rising fifth graders in elementary and rising eighth graders in middle school)
- ➔ **Does not include district transportation**
- ➔ Process exists outside of standard KCS transfer window to expedite decision-making

TRADITIONAL TRANSFER

- ➔ Open to all KCS families, including those impacted by rezoning
- ➔ Priority categories (**including sibling**), dates, and process are detailed on the KCS website
- ➔ Does not include transportation

Rezoning: **NEXT STEPS**

February 19:
Community Feedback

March 5:
Zoning Proposal submitted to Board of Education

Month of March:
Communication and next steps to families





Questions

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