

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shaping Our District's Future

**Redistricting Proposal
Board of Education Meeting**

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March 9, 2026

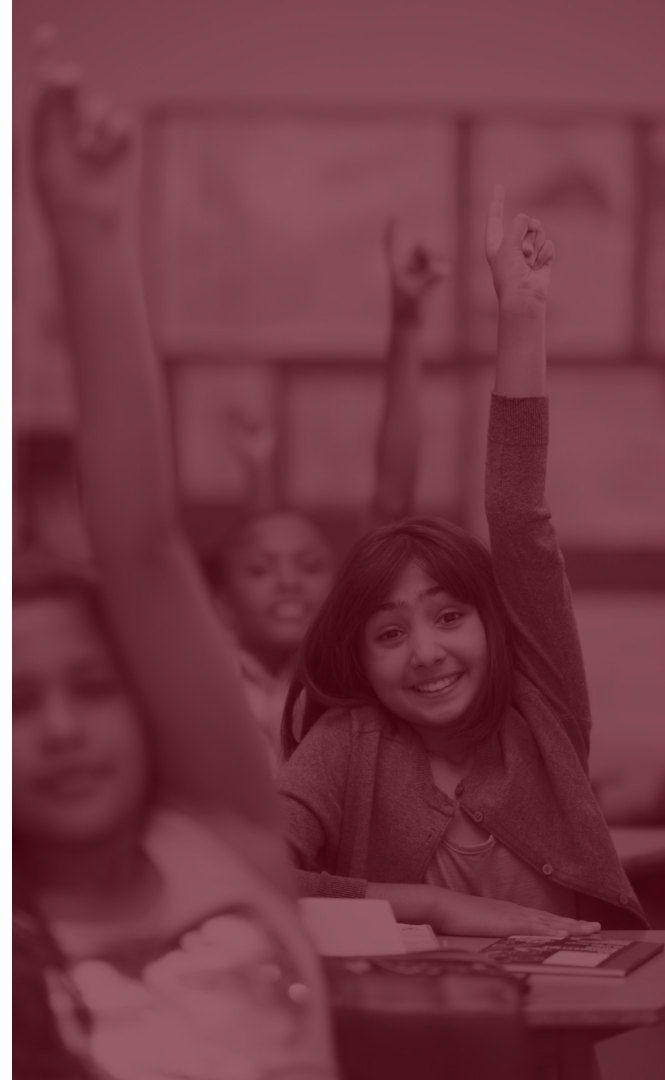


Tonight's Agenda

- Let us begin with....gratitude
- This evenings' format:
 - CityGate
 - Work Completed & The "How" behind it
 - The "Why"
- What to Expect
 - From sample school hours to schedules
 - From enrollment to class sizes
 - From student experiences to opportunities



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Recommended plan configuration

PreK-5 Schools:

Ravine Drive
Strathmore
Cliffwood

K-5 School:

Lloyd Road: K-5

PreK only:

Cambridge Park



WORK COMPLETED THUS FAR



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About the process

- Demographic Study (July 2025)
- Enrollment & building capacity review
- Evaluated transportation routes with new boundaries
- Community Feedback
 - Comments posted on the map software
 - Board parent/community form
 - FAQ
 - Redistrict email
 - Parent conversations with administration
 - Staff conversations with administration
 - Historical information & feedback
- Cross-Department Planning



KEY FAQ THEMES

- School Start Times
- Programming for Special Education Services
- Equitable Access to 4-5 Programs
 - Clubs/Extracurricular
- Preschool Programming
- Student Experiences
 - Class sizes, specials, WIN, Transitions
- Transportation



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING

School	Preschool Expansion Aid (General Education Classrooms)	Preschool Disabled Classrooms
Cambridge Park	18	2
Strathmore	2	1
Cliffwood	2	1
Ravine Drive	2	1
Lightbridge	2	0

- Accepting fewer students than projected “universe”
- 3F students will stay-put at their current school (some specific exceptions)

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

- All placements are determined by student IEP
- All elementary buildings will have special education programming
- In-Class Support and Pull-out replacements are in each building depending on grade level
- Each building will have self-contained programs
- Related services will be offered at ALL buildings



LLOYD ROAD SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian Survey: Rising Grade 5 students

If the District were to consider to have **all** projected 5th graders at one location for one additional year it is important we collaborate as one community and that families are aware of the following.

- Class size for 5th graders would increase to 27-28 students per class.
- Currently, we have 24-26 students per class in Grade 4.
- If all current 4th graders go to their newly assigned schools and not all stay at Lloyd Road next year for 5th grade, class size would be 18-20 students per class.
- Transportation may also be impacted for this building as well.



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The survey
provided
background info

Student Experiences

Consistent experiences and offerings at each elementary school

- Curriculum resources and materials
- Instructional minutes
- Intervention block
- Enrichment
- ESL
- Clubs and extracurricular
 - **Age appropriate grade level activities**



School ENROLLMENT

School	Total Enrollment SY25-26*	Total Enrollment SY26-27*
Lloyd Road	514	476
Strathmore	484	424
Cliffwood	382	408
Ravine Drive	399	403
TOTALS	1,779	1,711
	Difference in totals is a reflection of MARSD accepting fewer PreK students at CL and RD	

*Based on data from March, 2026. Subject to change.



SAMPLE SCHOOL TIMES

School	Times
MRHS	7:35 AM - 2:34 PM
MAMS	8:25 AM - 2:48 PM
CP PreK	7:45 AM - 2:00 PM
RD/CL/ST/LR	9:05 AM - 3:30 PM

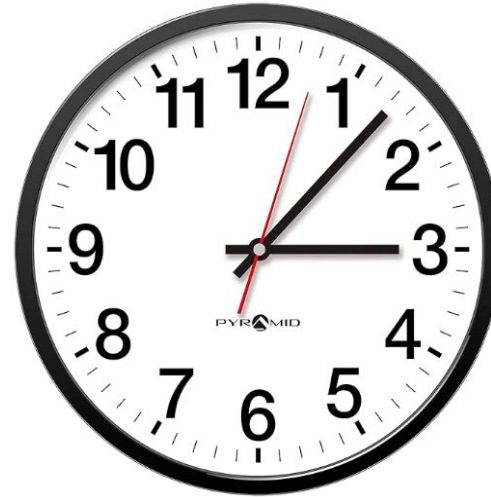
School Hours - Times reflect when schools open for students to enter the building in the morning and when students exit the building for afternoon dismissal **Please note this is subject to change**



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Why the change to start times?

- Alignment of elementary schools
- Peer models on bus
- Family logistics (Multi-building households)
- Before/After Care Programs
- Athletics & Out-of-District Activities



CLASS SIZES

Cliffwood Elementary		
GRADE	Sections	Class Size
PreK	3	(15 per class)
Kindergarten	3	(17-18 per class)
Grade 1	3	(22 per class)
Grade 2	3	(20-21 per class)
Grade 3	3	(21-22 per class)
Grade 4	3	(20-21 per class)
Grade 5	3	(19-20 per class)

Lloyd Road Elementary		
GRADE	Sections	Class Size
PreK	n/a	n/a
Kindergarten	4	(18-19 per class)
Grade 1	4	(18-19 per class)
Grade 2	4	(20-21 per class)
Grade 3	4	(19-20 per class)
Grade 4	4	(22-23 per class)
Grade 5	4	(18-19 per class)

Strathmore Elementary		
GRADE	Sections	Class Size
PreK	3	(15 per class)
Kindergarten	3	(21 per class)
Grade 1	4	(19-20 per class)
Grade 2	3	(21-22 per class)
Grade 3	3	(17-18 per class)
Grade 4	3	(21-22 per class)
Grade 5	3	(19-20 per class)

Ravine Drive Elementary		
GRADE	Sections	Class Size
PreK	3	(15 per class)
Kindergarten	3	(22 per class)
Grade 1	3	(20 per class)
Grade 2	3	(22 per class)
Grade 3	3	(22 per class)
Grade 4	2	(24 per class)
Grade 5	3	(18-19 per class)

WHAT WILL CLASSROOMS LOOK LIKE?

School	Racial Demographics					Free/Red.
	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	M-Race	Meals
Cambridge Park ES	63%	23%	4%	4%	5%	26%
Cliffwood ES	42%	26%	14%	10%	7%	47%
Lloyd Road ES	70%	17%	3%	4%	5%	22%
Ravine Drive ES	53%	25%	12%	5%	6%	36%
Strathmore ES	54%	31%	6%	5%	4%	30%



SAMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

SAMPLE		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		GRADE 5 SAMPLE Schedule Times may change based on adjusted school start and end time					
Arrival	9:10-9:20	Students enter the building					
HR	9:20-9:30	Class Meeting					
1	9:30 - 10:10	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	
2	10:15 - 10:55	Writing	Writing	Writing	Spanish	PE	
3	11:00 - 11:40	Art	STEAM	Music	Writing	Health	
4	11:45 - 12:25	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	
5	12:30 - 1:10	Reading/SS	Reading/SS	Reading/SS	Reading/SS	Reading/SS	
6	1:15 - 1:55	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	
7	2:00 - 2:40	Math 2:00-3:00	Math 2:00-3:00	Math 2:00-3:00	Math 2:00-3:00	Math 2:00-3:00	
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8	2:45 - 3:25	Science 3:05-3:25	Math Science 3:05-3:25	Math Science 3:05-3:25	Math Science 3:05-3:25	Math Science 3:05-3:25	
Dismissal	3:25 - 3:35	Students exit the building					

TRANSPORTATION

Two Options:

Option A: Four tiers to Three tiers

- Allows us to bring some routes in district (\$\$)

Option B: Keep all Four tiers

Should families qualify for transportation and choose not to take transportation we will ask families to sign waivers to improve efficiency



STAFFING PLANNING

- Professional Development
 - for specialized programming
 - for articulation
- Review staff certifications
- Staff will know in the spring their assignments & locations



LOOKING AHEAD

SPRING 2026

- End of year activities
- Grade level celebrations
- Transition Committee created to offer support and resources to students

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

- District-wide 5th grade activities/experiences
- Preparation for MAMS Experience
 - 5th Grade 2027 Special Activities



THANK YOU!



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