

Stone Mountain, Stephenson, and Redan Clusters

Summary

The eastern area of the District did not have as much change as other areas in Round 1. Most of the feedback requested clarity on proposed actions. Round 2 changes for this area are not very different than round 1. The largest single difference from Round 1 is that in Round 2, Redan HS converts to a 6-12 campus. This is because in Round 2, Lithonia HS has no change. Additionally, because Lithonia MS is not cascading down to an elementary school. Rock Chapel ES remains open.

It should be noted that converting a high school to a 6-12 increases utilization of the facility, but it does not improve resourcing for high school programming. If a high school struggles to offer programs due to lower enrollment, it would continue to do that at the high school level. The 6-12 conversion trades resourcing and programs for the ability to keep more high school clusters.

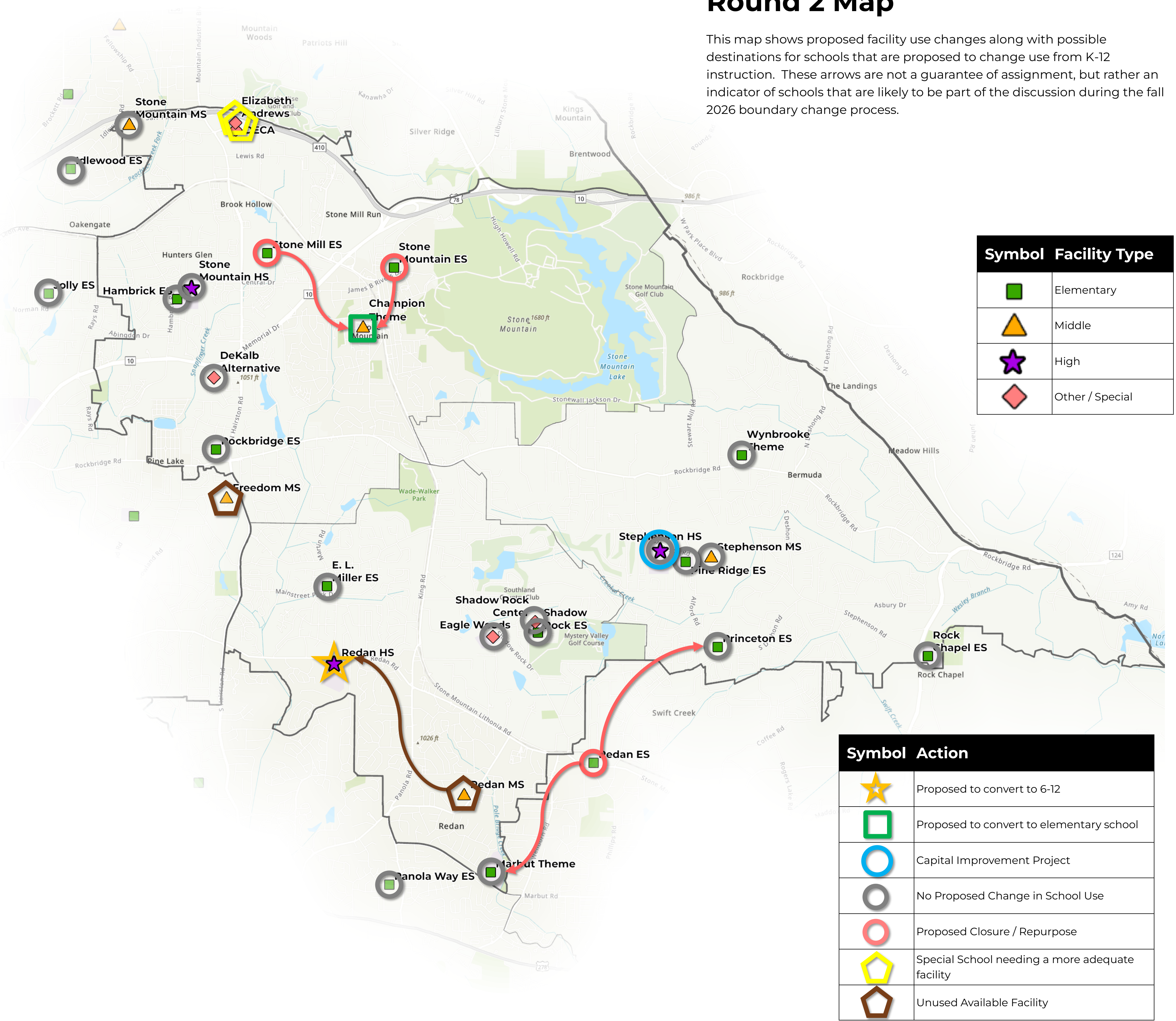
As a result of Redan HS converting to a 6-12, Redan MS becomes available for some other school or program in need of a better facility.

As part of Round 2, major capital improvement projects have been identified including Stephenson HS.

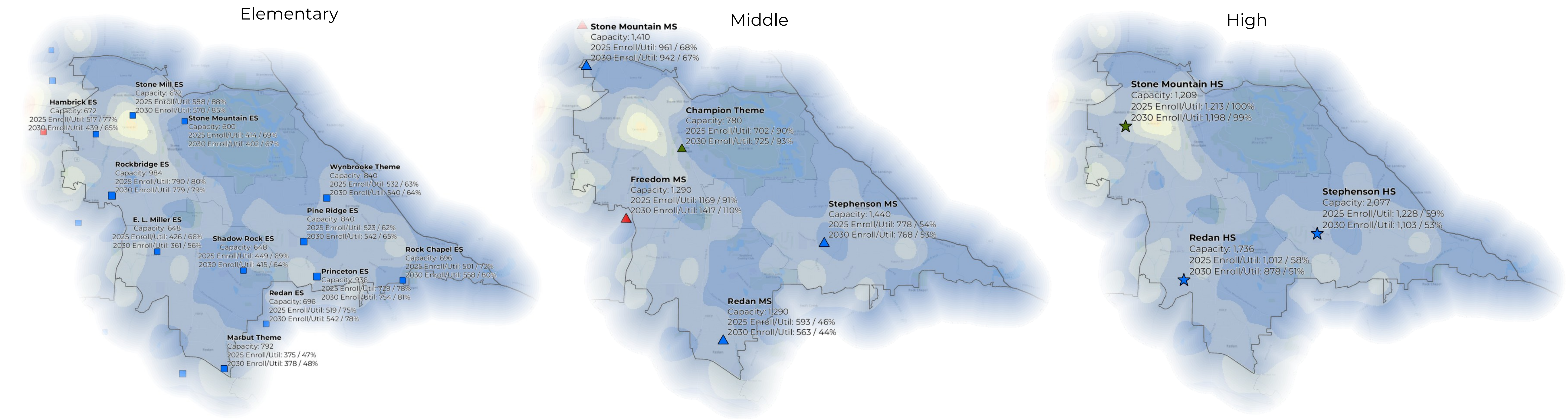
Campus	Cluster	Original Scenario 1 Action	Original Scenario 1 Rationale	Frequent Survey Feedback	Scenario 1 Refinements / Clarification	Scenario 2 Action	Map Symbol	Scenario 2 Rationale	Capital Project Consideration	Phasing Consideration
E. L. Miller ES	Redan	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Marbut Theme ES	Redan	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Redan ES	Redan	Close or Repurpose	Redan ES is proposed to be closed or repurposed due to low forecasted enrollment (\$42 in 2030) along with excess capacity in the area from cascading use.	Resistance to closure, strong perception that small schools = small class sizes		Proposed to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Near-Term
Shadow Rock ES		No change in school use				No change in school use				
Redan MS	Redan	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation on Lithonia HS, boundaries would change also impacting middle schools	Proposed to become available				Medium-Term
Redan HS	Redan	No change in school use			Enrollment would increase through the consolidation on Lithonia HS, boundaries would change	Proposed to convert to a 6-12 school		Because enrollment is projected to remain low and Lithonia HS would stay open, Redan HS is proposed to convert to a 6-12 to increase utilization. This makes Redan MS available for another school or program.		Near-Medium Term
Eagle Woods Center	Redan	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Hambrick ES	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Rockbridge ES	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Stone Mill ES	Stone Mountain	Close or Repurpose	Stone Mill ES is proposed to be closed or repurposed due excess capacity in the area from cascading use.	Strong perception that small schools = small class sizes, concerns around longer travel times		Propose to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Medium-Term, dependent on finding a destination for middle grades for the theme program.
Stone Mountain ES	Stone Mountain	Close or Repurpose	Stone Mountain ES is proposed to be closed or repurposed due excess capacity in the area from cascading use.	Strong perception that small schools = small class sizes, concerns around longer travel times		Proposed to close or be repurposed		Unchanged		Medium-Term, dependent on finding a destination for middle grades for the theme program.
Stone Mountain MS	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Stone Mountain HS	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Champion Theme MS	Stone Mountain	Convert to ES	Champion Theme MS is proposed to convert to an elementary school due to low building adequacy (66%), it makes a more adequate elementary facility. This will allow for the consolidation of multiple smaller elementary facilities. The program will be relocated to another location to be determined.	Concerns around long travel times, desire to keep communities together, requests for clarity around where the program would go.		Proposed to convert to elementary school		Unchanged	Minor fixture replacement	Medium-Term, dependent on finding a destination for middle grades for the theme program.
DECA	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				Proposed to move to a more adequate facility		DECA is in need of a more adequate facility right sized for the program		
DeKalb Alternative	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Elizabeth Andrews	Stone Mountain	No change in school use				Proposed to move to a more adequate facility		Elizabeth Andrews is in need of a more adequate facility right sized for the program		
Pine Ridge ES	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Princeton ES	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Rock Chapel ES	Stephenson	Close or Repurpose	Rock Chapel ES is proposed to close due to excess capacity in the area.	Concerns around long travel times, resistance to closure, desire to keep communities together	Lithonia MS cascading to an elementary school adds capacity to the area allowing for the consolidation of Rock Chapel ES.	No change in school use		Because Stoneview is staying open and Lithonia MS is not cascading to bring additional capacity to the area, Rock Chapel ES is proposed to remain open		
Wynbrooke Theme ES	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Stephenson MS	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use				
Stephenson HS	Stephenson	No change in school use				No change in school use			Capital Improvement Project	Medium-Term

Round 2 Map

This map shows proposed facility use changes along with possible destinations for schools that are proposed to change use from K-12 instruction. These arrows are not a guarantee of assignment, but rather an indicator of schools that are likely to be part of the discussion during the fall 2026 boundary change process.



Capacity, Utilization, and Student Density Heatmaps



- Please note:
- 2030 enrollment forecast figures and utilization figures do not assume any boundary changes.
 - Capacity includes any projects that are currently under construction.

Additional Consideration for Future Iterations	Benefits / Challenges / Trade-offs
Consider PK-6 / 7-12 as an alternative to PK-5 / 6-12 campuses	- Better alignment with developmental needs of students. - Reduces enrollment in high school buildings further diluting resources. - Some elementary schools may need additions to get to 700 (4 sections per grade PK-7)
Instead of converting Redan HS, MLK HS, and Miller Grove HS to 6-12's to better utilize the buildings, consider closing Miller Grove HS and distributing the students among MLK HS, Redan HS, and Southwest DeKalb HS.	- Maintains 9-12 grade configuration. - Remaining high schools would well resourced compared to 6-12's - Reduces a high school cluster
For Theme Schools, consider a series of PK-8's located around the District. Example: Theme programs at Marbut Theme and Wynbrooke Theme could be consolidated in the available Redan MS.	- Gives more structure to the Theme school concept. - May result in the closure of additional elementary schools because this could be adding overall capacity.