

Dublin City School District Board of Education
Resolution Regarding Boundary Criteria

WHEREAS the Dublin City School District Board of Education has adopted Board Policy 5120, Assignment Within District, which states, in pertinent part:

The Superintendent assigns students to schools within this District consistent with the best interests of students and/or the best use of the resources of this District, as set forth in this Policy.

The Superintendent shall determine annually the school attendance areas of the District and shall assign students to the proper schools and grades.

The Superintendent shall periodically review existing attendance areas and make such changes as may be justified by:

- A. student enrollment and building capacity;
- B. considerations of safe student transportation and travel;
- C. convenience of access to schools;
- D. financial and administrative efficiency;
- E. the effectiveness of the instructional program;
- F. other relevant factors, including those required by law.

WHEREAS the Board met on February 9, 2026, to discuss providing direction to the administration for redistricting of the high school student population effective with the 2027-28 school year. The meeting was open to the public and minutes were taken;

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed and considered the Focus Group Qualitative Data as presented by Planning NEXT. 153 individuals participated in Focus Groups facilitated by Planning NEXT in March 2026. The Focus Group Qualitative Data is available on the District's website for review by the public;

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed and considered the studies completed and presented by Fallon Research. 604 community members and 500 parents participated in studies completed by Fallon Research in March 2026 regarding the district, including questions related to redistricting. The results of the Fallon Research studies are available on the District's website for review by the public;

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed and considered the community-wide survey completed by Planning NEXT. 3,484 responses were submitted in response to the survey in April 2026. The results of the survey are available on the District's website for review by the public; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has requested additional guidance related to Board Policy 5120 as he considers redistricting the high school student population effective for the 2027-28 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DUBLIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board hereby provides the Superintendent with the following direction related to the factors identified in Board Policy 5120:

- A. student enrollment and building capacity: The priority objective is balanced enrollment with respect to student-count among the three high schools, taking into account potential growth, including growth on undeveloped land, over the next 5-10 years. While taking into account all other factors in this resolution, the Superintendent should minimize the impact by reassigning as few students as possible.
- B. considerations of safe student transportation and travel: In evaluating proposed attendance areas, traffic patterns and the availability of safe and practical routes for students and families should be considered. Following the redistricting decision, the Superintendent is directed to coordinate with the appropriate local governmental entities regarding practicable infrastructure and traffic-safety measures that could be implemented prior to the 2027-28 school year to improve student transportation safety (e.g., traffic signals, traffic patterns, traffic calming, crosswalks, speed-limits, signage, bicycle lanes, and bicycle/pedestrian paths).
- C. convenience of access to schools: Students in current nontransport zones should not be moved as a part of the redistricting process. In considering proximity, travel time by bus and by private transportation, and student travel routes where walking or biking may reasonably occur, should be considered, as well as actual mileage to a school building.
- D. financial and administrative efficiency: While there may be an administrative efficiency to redistricting all high school students effective with the 2027-28 school year, the Board directs the Superintendent to phase in redistricting beginning with freshmen only for the 2027-28 school year. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors should be given the option to remain in the high school where they started (student's family must provide transportation) or go to the high school to which they have been redistricted.
- E. the effectiveness of the instructional program: The Board affirms that all students should have access to the same high-quality Dublin educational experience regardless of which high school they attend. To ensure the effectiveness of instructional programming, the Board directs the Superintendent to evaluate and allocate resources and staff to meet the needs of the students at all three high

schools and Emerald Campus and provide quarterly updates to the Board. The Superintendent's work should be consistent with Board policy and Journey 2030, the district's strategic plan.

- F. other relevant factors, including those required by law: The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that any recommended attendance-area changes comply with all applicable federal and state legal requirements, including anti-discrimination and equal educational opportunity laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent that if redistricting middle schools is necessary to minimize split-feeder patterns so a middle school is split to no more than two high schools, keeping the splits as equitable as possible, then the Superintendent should consider that at the same time high school redistricting is completed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to take all necessary steps to work cooperatively with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) firm that the Board is retaining relating to the high school redistricting consistent with Board Policy 5120 and this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to direct the work of the GIS firm consistent with Board Policy 5120 and this resolution and to review the high school redistricting map, and middle school redistricting maps as applicable, as prepared by the GIS firm to confirm that the map(s) meet the direction as identified in Board Policy 5120 and this resolution. If the map(s) do not meet these requirements, then the Superintendent should provide further direction to the GIS firm. The Superintendent should present the Superintendent approved map(s) to the Board and community on June 29, 2026.