

R-7 School District Board of Education sets elementary attendance boundaries for 2009-10

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District Board of Education approved the "green" option as the new elementary attendance boundary to be implemented in the 2009-10 school year. The decision came at the board's Jan. 22 regular monthly meeting and followed a comprehensive study by a broad-based team and extensive opportunities for community input.

Elementary boundary changes will relieve overcrowding at several elementary schools and will allow the district to open a new elementary school in August 2009.

A Lee's Summit R-7 Elementary Boundary Study Team formed in early October. The group studied current and projected enrollments and examined numerous attendance boundary options. Options were presented at two initial public boundary forums, held Nov. 17 and 18, and citizens had the opportunity to speak at the forums. Parents and community members were also able to provide written input at the forums and through a district e-mail address.

Following the boundary forums and a Board of Education workshop focusing on boundary changes, the Boundary Study Team reviewed comments from the community and from the Board of Education. Additional opportunities for public comment were provided at a Jan. 15 boundary forum and through e-mail. After reviewing boundary options and input from the Boundary Study Team and community, R-7 administration recommended that the "green" option as presented at the Jan. 15 public forum be sent forward to R-7 School District administration. This green version was approved by the Board of Education on Jan. 22.

Following the elementary boundary decision, families affected by the changes are being notified by the school district. Students and families who will change schools next year will also have the opportunity to participate in orientation and transition activities. Attendance boundaries for middle schools and high schools will not change.

A team of parents and community members will form during February to recommend a name, mascot and colors for the new elementary school. Students attending the new school will also be involved in this recommendation.

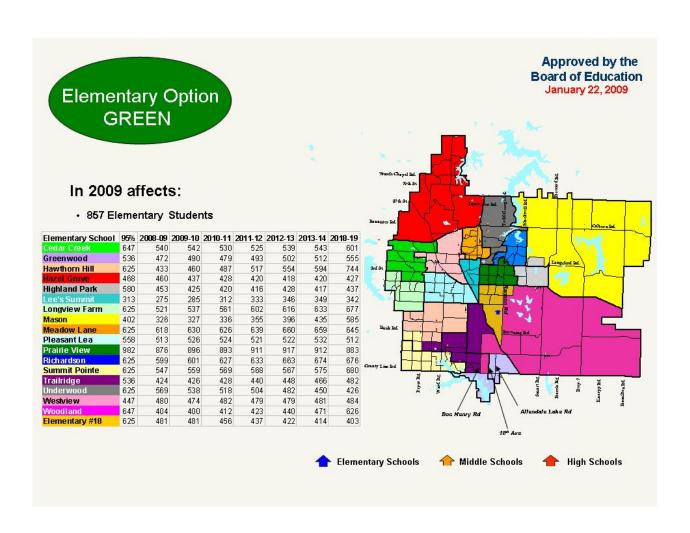
The modified 2009-10 elementary boundary map and a description of the boundaries is available on this website.

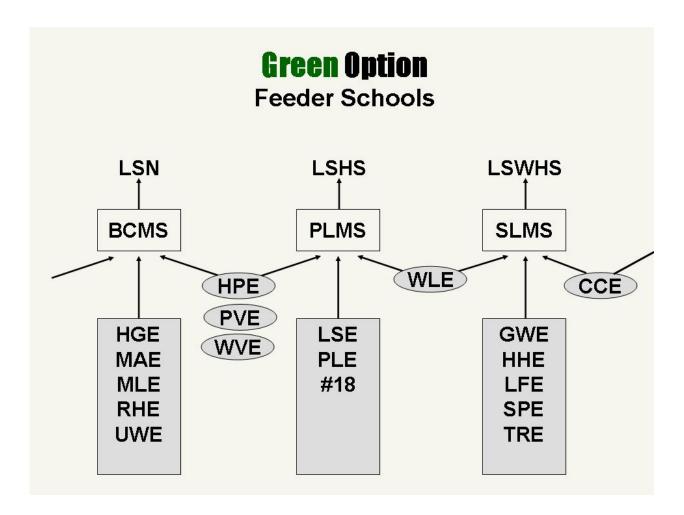
The Elementary Boundary Study Team included representatives from the Board of Education, a parent representative from each elementary school, a parent representative from the district's middle and high schools and R-7 staff members.

The district's 18th elementary school is currently under construction in southeast Lee's Summit on Ranson Road. The school, along with a number of new facilities and school improvements, is funded by an April 2008 voter-approved, no-tax-increase bond issue.

As one of Missouri's fastest growing school districts, the R-7 School District has gained close to 8,000 students and opened 16 schools since 1990. The school openings result in boundary changes while reducing overcrowding. Community involvement has been a key part of the district's success, and parents and community members have had a vital role in boundary recommendations for a number of years.

Current R-7 School District enrollment projections indicate that elementary boundaries will not change again until 2013.





Green Option:

- Impacts Greenwood, Hawthorn Hill, Highland Park, Mason, Summit Pointe, Trailridge, and Woodland
- Cedar Creek, Hazel Grove, Longview Farm, Lee's Summit, Meadow Lane, Pleasant Lea, Prairie View, Richardson, Underwood, and Westview do not change boundaries
- South portion of Mason which includes Legacy Woods and Wildflower, move to Highland Park
- Hawthorn Hill sends students south of Hook, west of Ward, and north of Highway 150 which includes Pryor Meadows, to Summit Pointe and an area which includes Arborwalk to Trailridge
- Princeton Heights, Oak Hill, and areas south on Ranson move from Woodland to #18
- The area south of 150 Highway and west of Doc Henry Road to 291 Highway which includes Saddlebrook and Belmont Farms, would be assigned to Trailridge
- The area south of 150 Highway and west of 16th Avenue South which includes Cheyenne Estates and Sunrise Estates, Makayla Lane, 20th Street and 20th Terrace would go to Woodland. (Other streets in this area include: Tyler Lane, Brent Lane, 17th Avenue South, Joyce Lane, Blackfoot Court, Arapaho Court, Cheyenne Court, Cherokee Court, Pawnee Court, Apache Court, Lynne Circle, Peggy Drive, Keagan Avenue, Gunner Avenue, Wallene Court, Trevor Lane, Austin Lane, Chestnut, Lee)

- An area north of 150 Highway, west of Ranson Road and south of the railroad tracks would go to Woodland. The area includes Gambrel Street, 17th North to 20th North, Elm Street West, Harris Drive North, 10th Avenue North to 14th Avenue North, and Hamblen north to the railroad tracks
- Woodland and Highland Park are split between 2 secondary feeder schools