

# Rezoning Issues



Grand Prairie, Texas

# WHAT DRIVES THE NEED TO REZONE?

- Recommended enrollment levels for Elementary/ Secondary Schools.
- Building capacities.
- Population growth or decline.
- Long term financial health.
- Re-purposing of facilities use.
- Educational - Grade level configuration.

# FREQUENCY OF REZONING IN GRAND PRAIRIE ISD

- Depends on growth i.e. 700 students/year.
- Elementary zones every three years.
- Middle School zones every six years.
- High School zones maintained for the foreseeable future.

# OBJECTIVES

- **To articulate what the community values in attendance zones**
- **To articulate reasonable standards to annually apply**
- **To articulate procedures for rezoning**

# PROCESS

- Use small and large group meetings to ensure broad-based participation.
- Timeline of approximately 14 weeks
- Identify options.

# PROCESS (continued)

- Present preliminary recommendations.
- Appropriately revise recommendations.
- Large group presentations.
- May 14, 2009 Board Action on 2009-10 attendance zones.



# CONSIDERED VALUES

- Full utilization of facilities.
- Geographic proximity to school.
- Need to minimize use of portables.
- Minimize hazardous crossings.
- Keep neighborhoods/subdivisions together if possible.
- Ethnic/socio-economic diversity.
- Minimize transportation costs.

# CONSIDERED STANDARDS

- **Should not drive through other zones as shortest route.**
- **Drive time should be reasonable (10-20 minutes).**
- **Use natural or major barriers as zone.**



# CONSIDERED STANDARDS

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- **Functional Building Capacity**
  - **Students accommodated in 3 lunch periods.**
  - **Core facilities such as library large enough to handle enrollment i.e. library with 10% at any time.**
  - **Careful use of temporary buildings as needed.**



# CONSIDERED STANDARDS

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- **Student options.**
- **Feeder patterns when possible.**
- **Zone should be logically, not politically set.**

# CONSIDERED STANDARDS

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- Leave some room for growth of undeveloped areas.
- Set zones as far in advance as possible -i.e., effective fall 2010-2011.
- Maintain a commitment to long-range planning decisions.

# GOALS

- **Appeal to common sense and rational judgment.**
- **Be as sensitive as possible to concerns of all stakeholders including non-parents.**
- **Cost effectively provide for facility needs for educational programs.**
- **Facilitate a regular process for addressing rezoning needs in a way that is fair, equitable and as painless as possible.**

# IMPORTANT POINTS FOR GPISD ZONING

- **The current school funding climate in Texas is forcing many school districts to prioritize their use of declining dollars.**
- **Maintaining Quality Educational programs for the students of Grand Prairie ISD means that consolidation of campuses must occur so that this can be maintained due to the high cost of continuing to operate smaller less efficient campuses. Many school districts statewide are facing the same challenge.**

# IMPORTANT POINTS FOR GPISD ZONING

- **Rising cost of transportation is driving the consideration of attendance zone revision because it is more cost effective to travel fewer miles than to accommodate existing zones.**

# IMPORTANT POINTS FOR GPISD ZONING

- **Some GPISD facilities are entering the last phase of their useful life cycle and must be renovated or replaced in conjunction with repurposing or retrofitting some for the most efficient and effective use of GPISD dollars.**

# IMPORTANT POINTS FOR GPISD ZONING

- **Educational Consideration** - Test score analysis indicates that many GPISD fifth grade students have struggles in math and science won't pass to the next grade level unless they pass all exams. Therefore as a pilot we are changing the grade level configuration by opening a fifth grade center to provide a focus on students at that grade level with a greater emphasis on math and science to give them the best chance for success.



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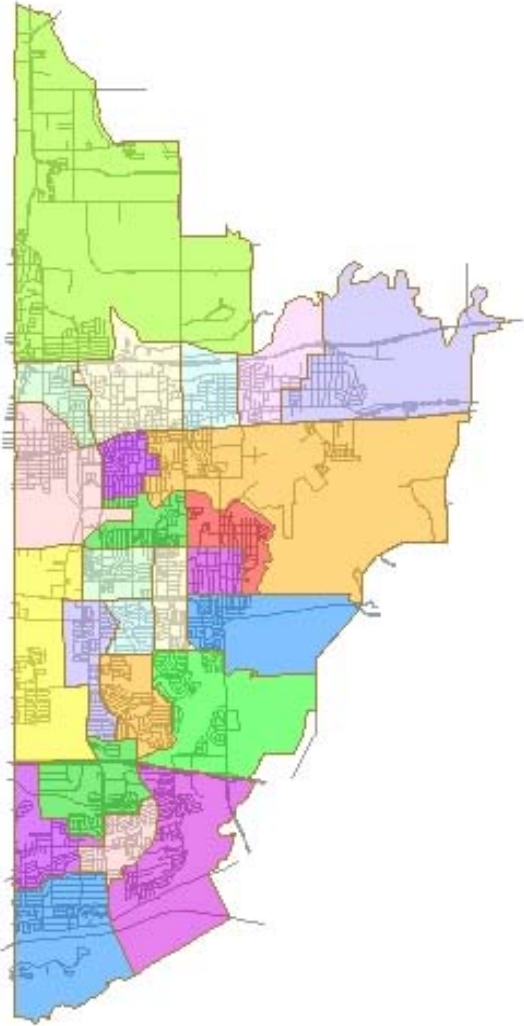
- **The opening of newly expanded campuses requires the attendance zones to be re-examined to populate the students who will attend that campus.**
- **The regeneration of some neighborhoods promotes the opportunity to examine the efficiency of the current use of campus capacities and to deal with the shifts of population in the district.**

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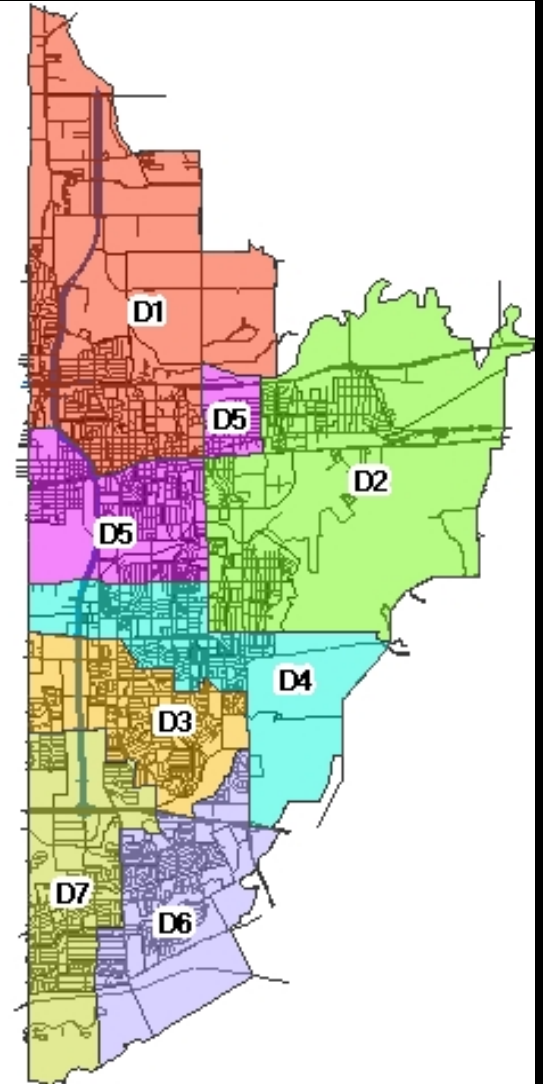
- **In May 2007, voters approved a \$222M bond referendum, which provided funds to build new campuses and renovate other campuses for the best use of facilities. The district will need to consider another one in the future to further accommodate the changing needs of the district.**



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Current Elementary Zones



Current Middle School Zones

# GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ENROLLMENT HISTORY

Year (OCT)	Elem. Total	Elem. Total Growth	Elem. % Growth	Middle School Total	Middle School Growth	Middle School % Growth	High School Total	H.S. Total Growth	High School % Growth	Total	Total Growth	Total %
2002	10,903			4,955			5,669			21,527		
2003	11,147	244	2.24%	5,156	201	4.06%	5,756	87	1.53%	22,059	532	2.47%
2004	11,458	311	2.79%	5,337	181	3.51%	6,038	282	4.90%	22,833	774	3.51%
2005	12,082	624	5.45%	5,445	108	2.02%	6,426	388	6.43%	23,953	1,120	4.91%
2006	12,307	225	1.86%	5,606	161	2.96%	6,689	263	4.09%	24,602	649	2.71%
2007	12,666	359	2.92%	5,768	162	2.89%	6,885	196	2.93%	25,319	717	2.91%
2008	13,035	369	2.91%	5,971	203	3.52%	7,031	146	2.12%	26,037	718	2.84%

# SCENARIO 1 ASSUMPTIONS

- Houston repurposed for non-instructional use.
- Crockett repurposed as Crockett Fifth Center
- Fannin ES repurposed as Fannin Middle School.
- Lee MS repurposed as Lee Elementary School PreK-5.

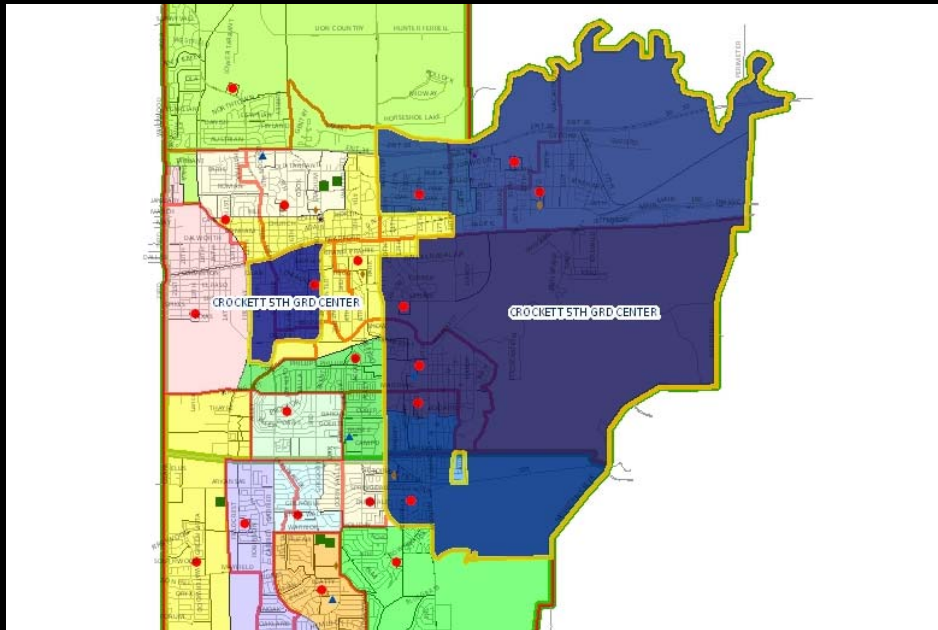
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- Crockett repurposed as Crocket Fifth Grade Center for students at Bowie, Garcia, Williams, Travis, Bonham, and Rayburn.
- Crockett Pre-K through 4 students rezoned to:
  - Williams Elementary = PreK-4
  - Lee Elementary = PreK-5
    - (currently Lee MS)

# SCENARIO 1 ASSUMPTIONS

- Houston kids will transition to the attendance zones for Daniels, Austin, and Eisenhower.
- Fannin kids will most likely go to Garcia.
- The current Fannin 3rd graders will be 5th graders at Crockett.

# CROCKETT 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CENTER



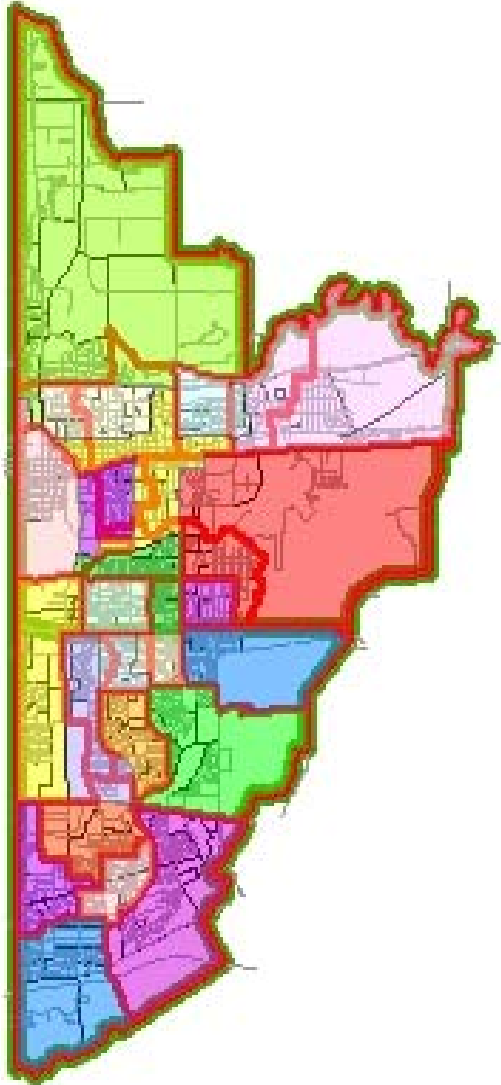
Note: based on 2010/2011 proposed boundary changes

•The following Campuses will be feeding into Crockett 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Center and will become PK-4<sup>th</sup> Campuses.

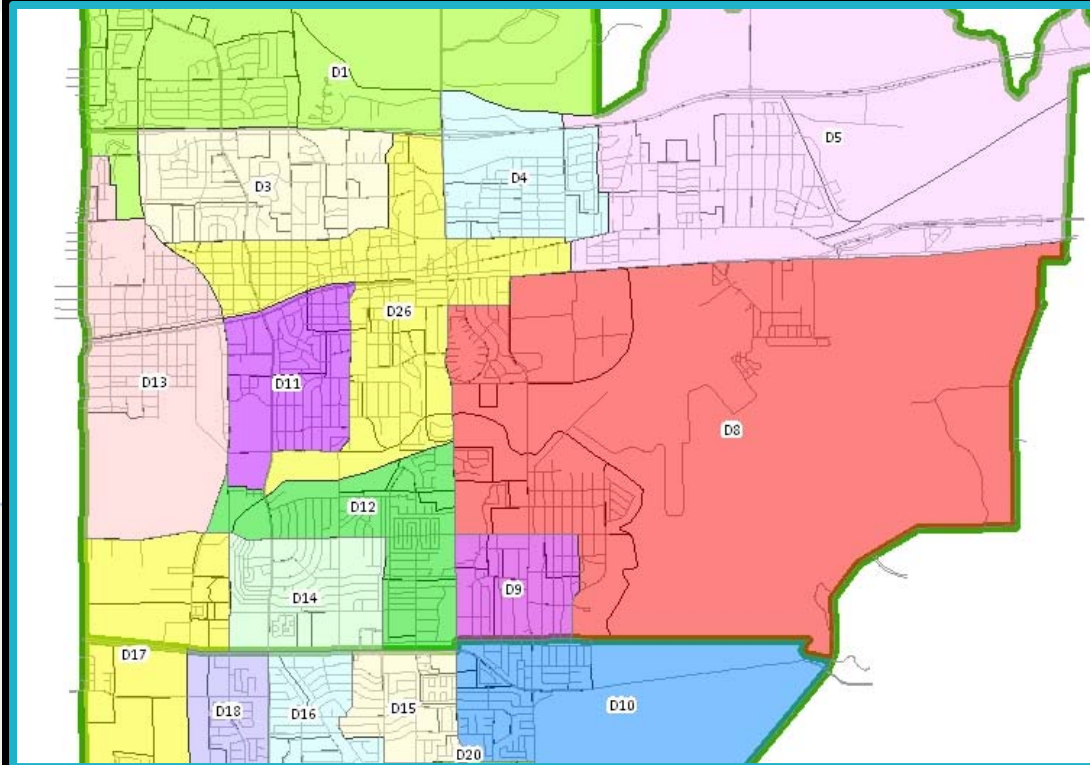
- Garcia
- Travis
- Williams
- Rayburn
- Bonham
- Bowie



# SCENARIO 1 ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES (Houston repurpose, Crockett 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Center)



- D1 - EISENHOWER
- D2 - HOUSTON
- D3 - AUSTIN
- D4 - TRAVIS
- D5 - GARCIA
- D6 - FANNIN
- D7 - CROCKETT
- D8 - WILLIAMS
- D9 - BONHAM
- D10 - RAYBURN
- D11 - BOWIE
- D12 - SEGUIN
- D13 - DANIELS
- D14 - MILAM
- D15 - BUSH
- D16 - JOHNSON
- D17 - MOORE
- D18 - MARSHALL
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- D26 - NEW



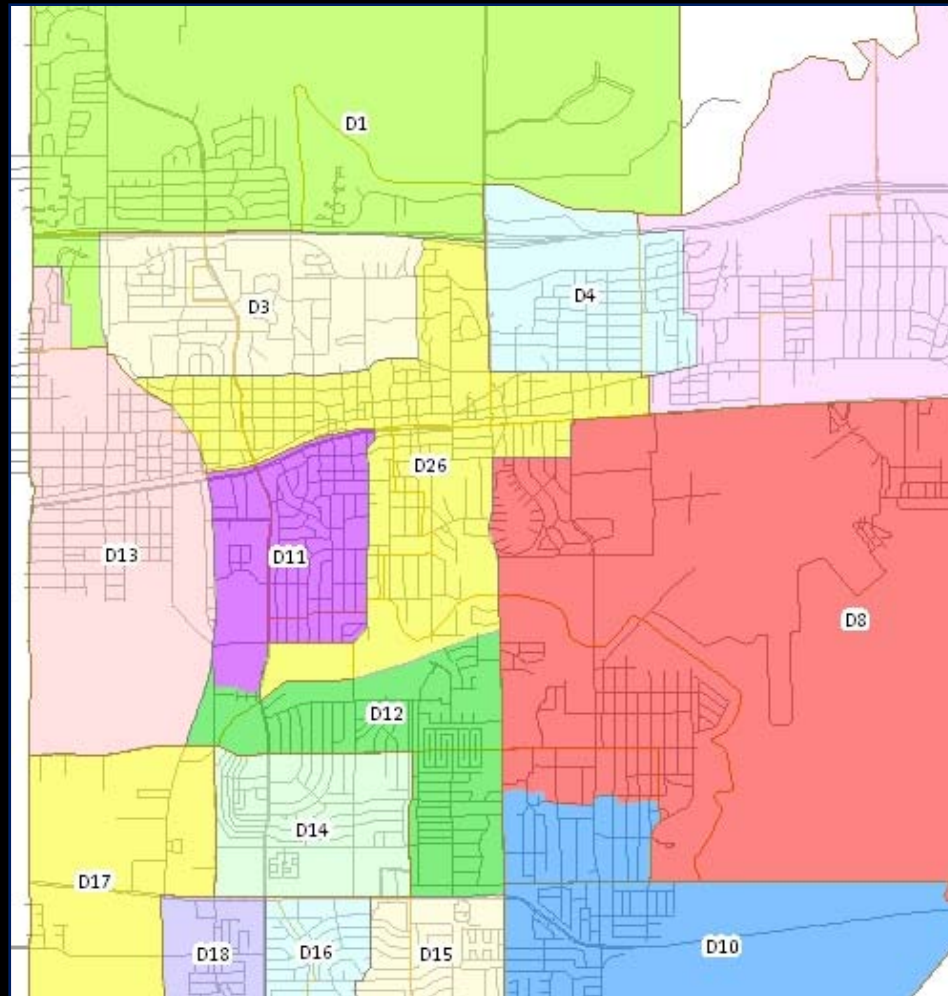
# SCENARIO 1 PROS AND CONS

- **It will work.**
- **Not necessarily the best long term financial benefit.**
- **Not as beneficial to the north side community.**
- **Making Fannin a middle school does save transportation dollars.**

# SCENARIO 2 ASSUMPTIONS

- Same as Scenario 1 plus++.
- Bonham repurposed as DAEP rather than an elementary & CEC.
- Lamar DAEP campus repurposed as Lamar Early Education Center PreK-K

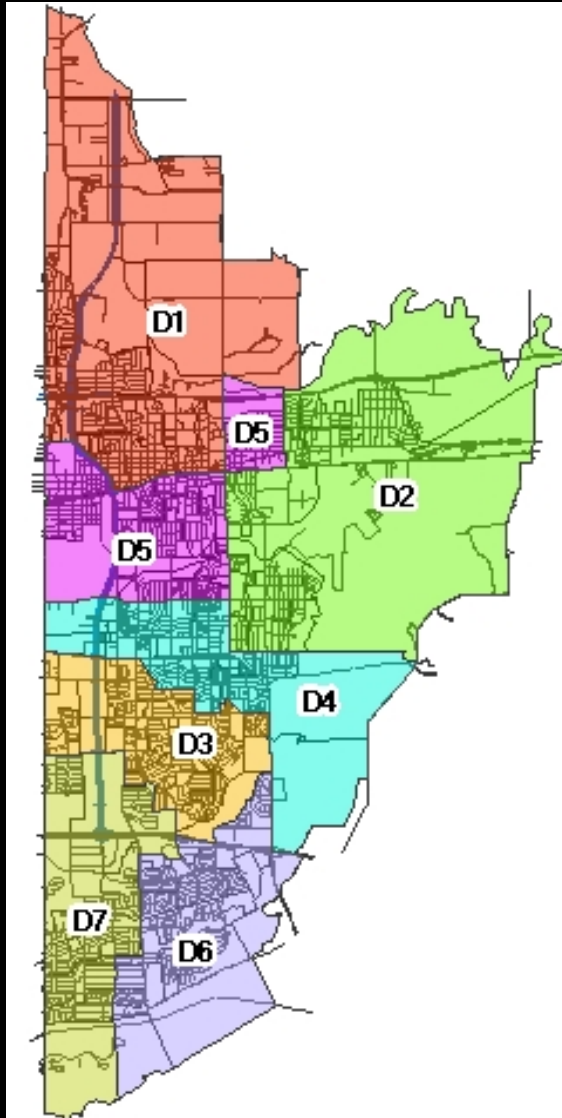
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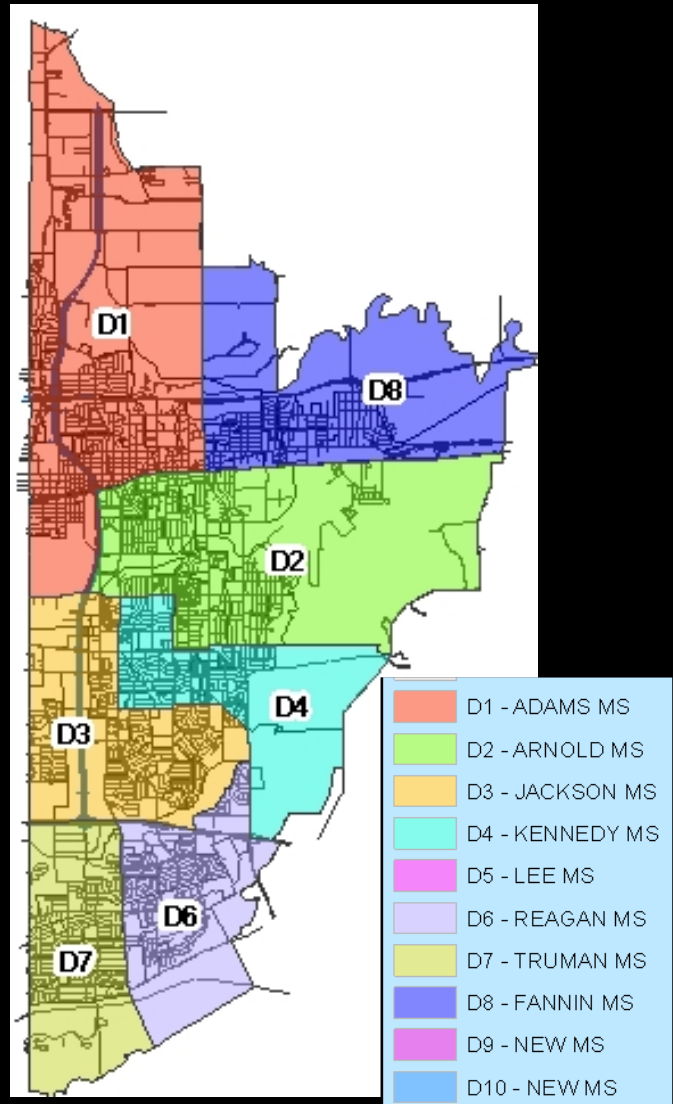
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

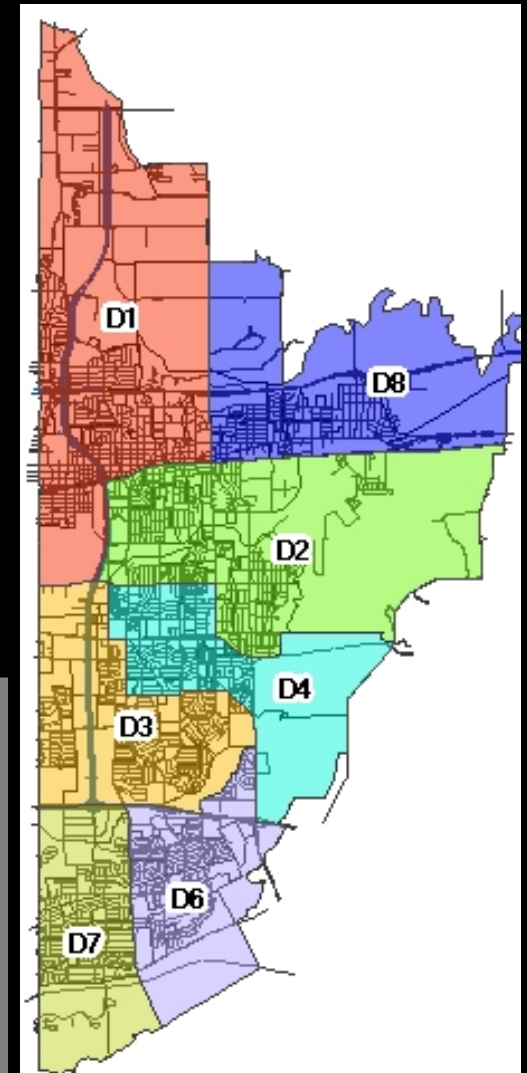
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Scenario 1



Scenario 2



- D1 - ADAMS MS
- D2 - ARNOLD MS
- D3 - JACKSON MS
- D4 - KENNEDY MS
- D5 - LEE MS
- D6 - REAGAN MS
- D7 - TRUMAN MS
- D8 - FANNIN MS
- D9 - NEW MS
- D10 - NEW MS

# SCENARIO 2 PROS AND CONS

- **Enables long term financial benefit to GPISD.**
- **Moves the middle school to where the children live yielding significant transportation costs savings and saving the children many hours on a bus.**
- **Returns a middle school to those neighborhoods.**
- **Reduces overhead costs of operating many small schools.**

# SCENARIO 2 PROS AND CONS

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- Saves significant transportation costs due to more efficient routing using natural barriers in some zones.
- Provides an Early Education Center.
- Provides a pilot Fifth Grade Center for student enrichment of struggling students in math and science.
- More effective use of program space.
- More DAEP flexibility.
- Central location for DAEP.



# **GPISD STRENGTHS**

- ◆ **GPISD has an excellent school system.**
- ◆ **GPISD has a very well educated public.**
- ◆ **GPISD parents and public support quality education.**
- ◆ **GPISD has a board and administration committed to working hard to find acceptable solutions to problems.**



# GPISD NEEDS YOUR HELP

- **Patience.**
- **Trust.**
- **Brain power.**
- **Common sense and rational thought.**
- **Absence of special interest pressure.**

# NEXT STEPS

- **Allow the administration and board to work the process without pressure tactics, i.e. media, phone calls, email, etc.**
- **Let us know what information you need.**
- **Assist in rumor control.**
- **Please support the process and the ultimate decision.**

# GPISD Zoning Timeline 2009

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish	Duration	Feb 2009		Mar 2009			Apr 2009			May 2009				
							3/1	3/8			4/5			5/3			
1	Board Adopts Zoning Policy	2/12/2009	2/12/2009	1d													
2	District Press Release	2/13/2009	2/13/2009	1d													
3	Small Group Meetings	2/24/2009	3/3/2009	6d													
4	First Community Forum	3/3/2009	4/7/2009	26d													
5	Second Community Forum	4/7/2009	4/21/2009	11d													
6	Third Community Forum	4/21/2009	4/30/2009	8d													
7	Final Forum: Superintendent Recommendation	4/30/2009	5/14/2009	11d													
8	Board Adopts New Zones	5/14/2009	5/14/2009	1d													
9	District Press Release Announcing Zones	5/15/2009	5/15/2009	1d													



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