



**Eastover Elementary
Student Assignment Options for
Overcrowding Relief**

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Introduction:

Eastover Elementary has experienced enrollment resurgence the past few years. Earlier in the decade, Eastover struggled to maintain enrollment; and was designated a workplace transfer school in 2001 and on the vacant schools list in years 2002 through 2005 in order to attract students. Eastover is a geographically large attendance area that includes Eastover, Myers Park, Dilworth, Elizabeth and Midtown. There are three magnet elementary schools located within the Eastover attendance zone: Myers Park Traditional, Elizabeth Traditional, and Dilworth Visual and Performing Arts. A significant number of students who live in the attendance boundary attend magnet programs.

Below is a chart based on 20th day 2009 data that shows the enrollment dynamic of the school. Since 2006, the kindergarten class has been the largest grade with 5th grade the smallest. For 2009-10, the entry age for kindergarten was moved back from five years of age on or before October 16th to August 31. Kindergarten class for 20th day 2009 is 114 students.

| 20 th Day 2009 Enrollment | Enrollment History |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students in home school area = 848• Total non-magnet assigned in = 81• Total non-magnet assigned out = 40• Total magnet students assigned out = 297• EC self-contained assigned in = 2• EC self-contained assigned out = 5• Total attending = 589 (incl. EC self-contained) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2003-04 = 392• 2004-05 = 411• 2005-06 = 395• 2006-07 = 448• 2007-08 = 521• 2008-09 = 563• 2009-10* = 589 <p>*20th day data.</p> |

To further compound overcrowding at Eastover, the space on-site to add mobile units is extremely limited. All instructional classrooms must be contained within the existing facility. To accommodate growth for 2009-10, the auditorium has been temporarily converted to classrooms.

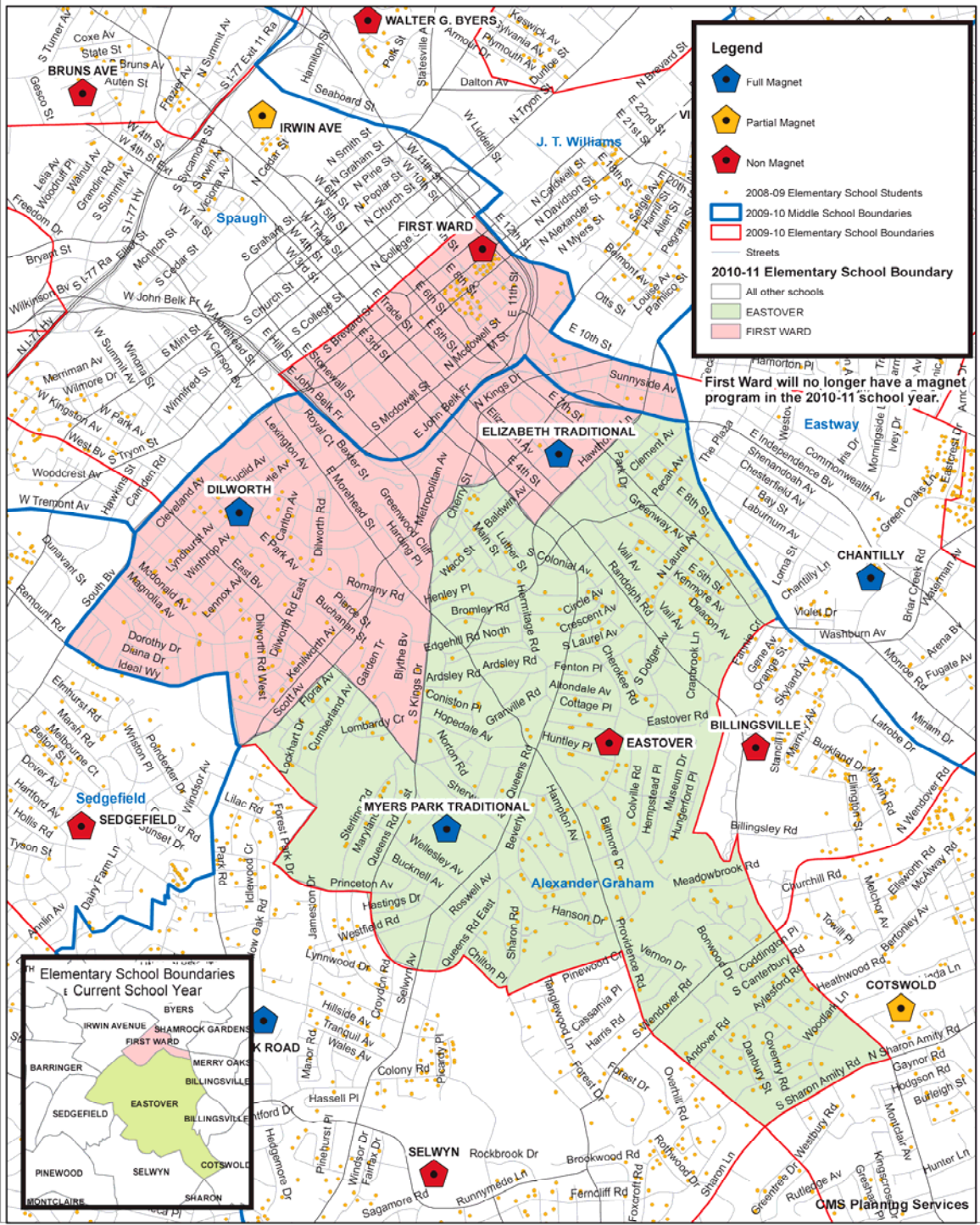
The following describes three distinct discussion options which address the issue of overcrowding at Eastover 1) boundary change involving Eastover and First Ward 2) boundary change and facility swap between Dilworth Arts and First Ward 3) facility swap between Myers Park Traditional and Eastover.

Boundary Change Option

The following map and datasheet show moving a portion of the Eastover attendance area to First Ward. There are a total of 113 students (non-magnet, non self-contained Exceptional Children). The effect on total enrollment, capacity utilization and free and reduced priced lunch is described in the corresponding data table.



Discussion Option Eastover and First Ward Elementary 2010-11 School Year



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2009-10 School Year - 20th Day Demographic/Student Data

| Elementary Schools | ADM 20th Day 2009-10 | Building Classroom Capacity | Building Utilization (without mobiles) | Number of Mobiles | White | African American | Latino | Asian | Native American | Multi Racial | Free or Reduced Price Lunch |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|-------|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Eastover | 589 | 573 | 103% | 0 | 82% | 10% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 4% | 13% |
| First Ward | 376 | 500 | 75% | 0 | 1% | 95% | 1% | 0 | 1% | 2% | 88% |

Enrollment includes transfer and choiced-in students as of 20th day 2008-09

ADM= Average Daily Membership

Future Growth - CMS Students After Proposed 2010-11 School Boundaries

| | 2009-10 | | | 2010-11 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Number of Students in the Proposed School Boundary as of 20th Day 2009-10 | Building Classroom Capacity | Building Utilization (without mobiles) | Number of Students from Growth (per year) | Total Students with Growth | Building Classroom Capacity | Building Utilization (without mobiles) |
| Elementary Schools | | | | | | | |
| Eastover (non ec, non magnet) | 419 | | | | | | |
| Eastover (choice in) | 83 | | | | | | |
| Eastover (total including choice in) | 502 | 573 | 88% | 40 | 542 | 573 | 95% |
| First Ward (total including magnet) | 447 | | | | | | |
| First Ward (magnet) | 179 | | | | | | |
| First Ward (non ec, non magnet) | 268 | 585 | 46% | 50 | 318 | 585 | 54% |

First Ward will no longer have a magnet program in 2010-11 school year.

2010-11 Demographic/Student Data as of 20th Day 2009-10

CMS Students After the Proposed boundary change

| | Demographic /Student data as of 20th day 2009-10 | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number of Students in the Proposed School Boundary as of 20th Day 2009-10 | White | African American | Latino | Asian | Native American | Multi Racial | Free or Reduced Price Lunch |
| Elementary Schools | | | | | | | | |
| Eastover (total including choice in) | 502 | 83% | 11% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 14% |
| First Ward (total without magnet) | 268 | 38% | 56% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 4% | 57% |

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Facility Swap Between Dilworth Arts Magnet and First Ward Option:

In conjunction with the boundary option above, this option simply swaps the location of the magnet program from Dilworth Arts to First Ward. Dilworth becomes the school that serves the attendance area, and First Ward serves as the Visual and Performing Arts magnet. If the student/teacher ratio of 14.7 at First Ward (boundary option is applied to the classroom count at Dilworth (26), the capacity is 382. With a projected enrollment of 318, Dilworth (with attendance zone) is 83.2% utilized. If the student/teacher ratio of 20.3 at Dilworth (magnet) and applied to the classroom count at First Ward (34), the capacity is 690. With a 20-day 2009 count of 538, First Ward (magnet) is 78% utilized. This could provide for additional room to admit students into the magnet program or allow workplace transfers.

As a result of the magnet review and Board approved plan, the Accelerated Learning program will be eliminated from First Ward for the 2010-11 school year. As of the 20th day 2008, there were 179 students (school total 447) from outside the attendance area enrolled in the magnet program. The magnet program represented 40% of the total enrollment for First Ward. This option supports maintaining a strong magnet presence at the school and in the immediate community.

Facility Swap Between Eastover and Myers Park Traditional Option:

Without a boundary change, this option swaps Eastover (26 classrooms) with a larger building Myers Park Traditional (37 classrooms), a school that doesn't have an attendance boundary since it's a full magnet. Myers Park Traditional is projected for 2009-10 to have 724 students (non-EC self-contained). Based on preliminary 2009-10 data, the table below shows a grade progression for 2010-11. Through the 2009-10 lottery, 51 siblings (guaranteed admission) were assigned. Assuming that approximately the same number of siblings would be assigned for 2010-11, this shows a conservative estimate of students attending Myers Park Traditional at 655. This exceeds the capacity of the Eastover building (573).

Cohort Projection for 2010-11

| Grade | Total Count | Half Mile Radius Count | Net Total |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Kg (sibs only) | 51 | 0 | 51 |
| 1 | 115 | 15 | 100 |
| 2 | 116 | 11 | 105 |
| 3 | 120 | 23 | 97 |
| 4 | 126 | 17 | 109 |
| 5 | 127 | 12 | 115 |
| Total | 655 | 78 | 577 |

Current Eastover capacity 573 (26 classrooms x 22.03 = 573) .

However, other factors may influence a smaller enrollment in the traditional magnet program, such as natural attrition at all grades from year to year; and the decision families may make to change the assignment from Myers Park Traditional to remain at the current facility. Under this option, Myers Park Traditional would become the neighborhood school. In the table above, the “Half Mile Radius Count” column represents students assigned to Myers Park Traditional magnet that live within a half mile radius from the school. If all students within this area elected to attend the new attendance area school, the number of students in the Traditional magnet program will be reduced from 655 to 577. Conversely, the number of students at the attendance area school will increase by 78 students, adding to the existing 20-day 2009 count of 589 to a total of 667. The capacity at Myers Park building is 815 (37 classrooms multiplied by 22.03) for a capacity utilization of 82%.