

# **CMS 2009-2010 School Boundary Options Public Engagement Meeting Northeast Region**

## **University Meadows Elementary School September 25, 2008**

Purpose: to involve parents & community in the development of new school boundaries

Discussion: boundary options for-

- new Salome Church Road elementary, opening 2009-2010 school year
  - Schools possibly impacted: University Meadows, Newell and Hidden Valley Elementary schools
- new Ridge Rd. Middle School, opening 2009-2010 school year (*recommendation to amend adopted "new Ridge Road Middle" 2009-2010 boundary so that it aligns with adopted 2008-2009 elementary school boundary*)
  - Schools possibly impacted: Alexander Middle School

CMS Personnel Present:

Scott McCully, Executive Director, Planning Services & Student Placement  
Scott Muri, Area Superintendent, Northeast Learning Community  
Christine Hamlett, Planning Specialist, Planning Services Department  
Jennifer Dean, Planning Specialist, Planning Services Department  
Jovetta Dennis, Assistant Principal, University Meadows Elementary School  
Warren Miller, Consultant, Fountainworks, Inc.

Attendance: approximately 85 (47 new Ridge Road middle, 38 new Salome Church Road elementary)

Welcome: Scott McCully opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and expressing appreciation for their participation in the boundary process.

New Ridge Road Middle School: Attendees were reminded that the boundary for the new Ridge Road middle school was adopted by the School Board on November 12, 2007. Public engagement meetings for community input were held on September 18, 2007 at David Cox Elementary and September 27 at Highland Creek Elementary. Currently, there is one recommendation to amend the adopted 2009-2010 boundary for new Ridge Road middle so that it aligns with adopted 2008-2009 elementary school boundaries in the area. Based on the 2008-2009 20<sup>th</sup> day data, the 2009-2010 projected building utilization for new Ridge Road middle is 106%. J.M. Alexander is being renovated, so next year's building utilization will be no more than 80%. There may be an opportunity for boundaries to be reviewed after the renovation is complete, if warranted (and Board approved).

Parents present requested documentation from the public engagement meetings held in September 2007 in which the new Ridge Road boundaries were discussed.

New Salome Church Road Elementary: Each person attending received an informational brochure, maps of the boundary options, and demographic datasheets for each option. Each table received a worksheet to be completed by small groups and turned in at the conclusion of the meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation explained the boundary options as shown by the maps provided. It was stressed that the maps are options, not proposals or scenarios. The maps and datasheets are provided as a starting point for discussions/options. Several questions were asked to clarify boundary options and to help understand the maps. It was explained that several things are taken into consideration when creating the boundary options: natural boundaries, contiguous boundaries, student stability, and the student data file.

The process timeline was shared —

- Public engagement meetings are held during September & October
- October 14 - Boundary recommendations report is presented to the School Board\*
- November 12 – Public hearing and School Board vote\*

Attendees were then asked to review the 3 options. Option 1 splits the University Meadows attendance area between University Meadows and new Salome Church Road elementary. Option 2 and Option 3 includes shifting some students in the Newell and Hidden Valley elementary schools attendance areas.

The remainder of the meeting was used for individual and group discussion. Planning Services staff was available to answer questions and discuss options with individuals and small groups as needed. Attendees were encouraged to provide feedback by completing their individual comment card. Each small group submitted their worksheet sharing input on the boundary options.

\*dates are tentative