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Hays CISD to Create Attendance Zone for New Elementary

The process is underway to create an attendance zone to accommodate the opening of the district's 17th elementary school – Ramage Elementary. At its meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, the Hays CISD Board of Trustees voted to declare its intent to begin an elementary school zoning process. The new campus, located at 575 Gristmill Road in Kyle, Texas, will open in August 2025. The Board of Trustees will review proposed maps, receive public input, and create a recommendation for a final map that will be considered for adoption as early as November of this year. Once adopted, the new map would not take effect until August 2025.

While the Board intends to make the minimum number of possible changes to the current attendance zone maps, during a zoning process, all maps are subject to change for next school year. The primary focus of this process will be creating an attendance zone map for Ramage Elementary School. However, the Board may also consider adjustments to current maps at other schools to help balance student populations and to minimize potential school overcrowding. Additionally, the focus of this process will be at the elementary level, but minor adjustments to middle school maps may also be needed to accommodate changes to the elementary maps.

“Board policy requires the district administration to create at least two starting-point maps for consideration,” said Hays CISD Chief Communication Officer Tim Savoy. “We encourage everyone who has an opinion to engage in the process by using the special ‘Zone Talk’ button on the rezoning process webpage or attending one of two in-person public forums that will occur. People can also follow along as the process progresses, view the prevailing draft maps, and see all of the materials presented during the process on a dedicated webpage.”

The process webpage is www.hayscisid.net/zone2024.

When the Board votes on recommendations for a new attendance zone map, they will consider changes in three categories: 1. Changes necessary to create an attendance zone map for the new elementary school campus (Ramage Elementary); 2. Changes that would affect areas not yet developed and where no students currently live (pre-zoning); 3. Changes to areas that may affect existing students, but would not be necessary to create a zone for Ramage Elementary.

Hays CISD establishes attendance zones for schools to: 1. Maintain the neighborhood school concept; 2. Prevent, reduce, and eliminate overcrowding; 3. Allow for future growth; 4. Keep distances traveled by students as short as possible; 5. Minimize the need for student transportation; and 6. Allow campuses to house students safely and provide adequate services to all students.

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